

# South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors*

**CHRISTMAS PLAY**

December 16, 2012 -- 10:30 AM

**\*\*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand (PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)**  
**Child Nursery available – Just Ask an Attendant**

## WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Christmas Carols*

*SHUMC WIND & STRING ENSEMBLE*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE** *(Al, Gloria, Easel, Trip) Valledor Family*

**WELCOME**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice”.  
God’s salvation is at hand. Isaiah and Zephaniah invite us to  
sing aloud and shout for joy. Through God, the warrior  
receives victory while the lame and outcast no longer live in  
shame.

**\*\*INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Sing aloud, daughters of the living God.  
Shout to the Lord, sons of the God of hosts!  
**Christ is the fountain of our salvation.**  
Shout for joy, daughters of the living God.  
Sing your praises, sons of the God of hosts!  
**Christ is the one who leads us home.**

**\*\*INVOCATION (unison)**

Redeemer God, we come to you with laughter in our hearts and  
joy in our very bones, for you save the lame and take away  
the shame of the outcast. When we think all hope is lost,

you gather us in and bring us home. Restore our fortunes, O  
God, that we may show everyone we meet your power to  
transform the world. Amen.

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”* **UMH#203**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD TO US

### CHRISTMAS PLAY

**“A Holy Hogwarts Christmas”**

**Directed by: Ed Keller**

**SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (V 1, 2)* **UMH#211**

**PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE’S PRAYER** *(V4)*

### WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Our God overflowing with love and joy, provide all that the  
world needs– not for us to keep but to share our gifts  
around. May these offerings be a sign of our willingness to  
be good stewards of God’s bounty, sharing what we have with  
those in need that we may escape the destruction that  
selfishness brings to our lives.

**OFFERTORY** *“The First Noel”* **arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad**

**OFFERING**

**\*\*DOXOLOGY** **UMH#94**

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*\*HYMN OF BENEDICTION**     *Angels We Have Heard on High*     **UMH#238**

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**     *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*     *arr. Gordon Young*

*(Please be seated until postlude is complete)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship**

**Bishop:** *Rev. Warner Brown*     **District Superintendent:** *Renae Extrum-Fernandez*

**Pastor:** *Rev. Elmar De Ocera*

**Lay Leader:** *John Jandoc*

**Council Chair:** *John Jandoc (Interim)*

**Offering Counters:** *Irene Potter*

*Jully Laxamana*

*Evelyn Russell*

*Cynthia Elliott*

**Ensemble Director:** *Ed Keller*

**Choir Director:** *Exie Granadosin*

**Nursery:** *Gloria Morales*

*Allison English*



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