

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

December 23, 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

Cape Family

WELCOME

The long-awaited promised one comes. Micah prophesies this Shepherd-Ruler will bring security and peace to God's people. Mary sings the ancient song of fortune's reversal when God enters our world with hope for the despairing and humility for the proud. Elizabeth's child leaps in her womb, and Elizabeth proclaims with joy the blessing of Mary's child. The long-awaited promised one comes.

****INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Leap for joy! Christ is coming!

Christ comes into our lives!

Rejoice and praise! God's promises reign!

Christ comes into our lives!

Sing songs of old! Proclaim ancient truths!

Christ comes into our lives!

INTROIT

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

****INVOCATION (unison)**

As Christmas comes, enter our hearts, O God; make us reflections of your love. As the hurriedness of the season rushes to meet us, remind us to enter the homes of loved ones

in anticipation of joy. In this season of celebration, help us be signs of celebration for others, that in us they may find generous friends. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH#234

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

CHILDREN'S TIME

****THE PEACE OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL**

CHILDREN: The peace of the living Christ be with you all!

ALL: And also with you.

ANTHEMS

"We Welcome you, Emmanuel"

CHANCEL CHOIR

"My Eyes Have Seen the Child"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-55

THE WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Elmar

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"What Child Is This" (V 1, 2)

UMH#219

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

(V3)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Jesus, making himself poor, freely gave God's mercy and grace. May we scatter seeds of abundance and compassion, as we share the richness of generosity and love to a world in need.

OFFERTORY

"Carol of the Bells"

CHANCEL CHOIR

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY**

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION** *“There’s a Song in the Air”* **UMH#249**

****BENEDICTION**

As Mary before us, we set out with haste on the journey of life!

We go forth to a world in need.

As Jesus before us, offer hope and love.

We go forth with gracious and generous hearts.

As Elizabeth before us, let us prepare for the good news.

We go forth rejoicing in praise, for Christ is coming soon.

****POSTLUDE** *“Hallelujah Chorus”* **CHANCEL CHOIR**

(If you are able, please remain standing 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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