

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for

The Transformation of the World

CHRISTMAS PLAY/Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2013 – 10:30 AM

****Those Who Are Able, Please Stand**

(PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christmas Carols

SHUMC ENSEMBLE

ANOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Acayan Family

WELCOME

Au Castro

"Do not be afraid," the angel says to Joseph. This message of courage is the message we discover when we trust God's promises, even in the face of fear. Into the direct circumstances, God comes to be with us. Emmanuel is more than just a name for Jesus or a song of praise: Emmanuel is the promise that we are not alone.

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Shine forth dear friends, for God is with us.

God is with us now.

Sing praise, sisters and brothers, for God is present.

God is with us here!

Dry your tears, children of God, for Christ has come, and comes again.

God is with us in every time and place.

**HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH#234

**INVOCATION (Unison)

Emmanuel, let your face shine upon us, that we might sense your presence and rest in your love. During this holy season, comfort and strengthen us in our worship, as we rejoice in the promise revealed in your birth. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD FOR US

**PEACE OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

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CHRISTMAS PLAY

"THE NIGHT SHIFT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

Starring: Young People of South Hayward UMC

Directed by: Ed Keller

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (IX)

UMH#204

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

(IX)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Come, Emmanuel come. Bless our gifts with your presence, that we may be an Emmanuel people; nourished by your grace, imbued with your love, and entrusted with your calling.

OFFERTORY

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Redner/Kaminski

OFFERING

E-mail: southhaywardumc@gmail.com

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

****THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

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WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION** *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”* *UMH#220*

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”* *arr: John Innes*
Please be seated until postlude is complete

Bishop: *Rev. Warner Brown*

District Superintendent: *Rev Schuyler Rhodes*

Pastor: *Rev. Elmar De Ocera*

Ensemble Director: *Ed Keller*

Lay Leader: *Alde Sarmiento*

Choir Director: *Exie Granadosin*

Council Chair: *Alde Sarmiento*

Nursery: *Gloria Morales*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*

Alison English

Jully Laxamana

Evelyn Russell

Cynthia Elliott



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