

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Woodland  
Bulletin, December 27, 2020  
Zoom Worship

**Musical Prelude**—Jay Surdell

**Greeting**—Larry Love

**Song**—“*I Wonder as I Wander*” *Chalice Hymnal #161 (verse 1)*

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
for poor ordinary people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky

Words: Traditional Appalachian carol; coll. John Jacob Niles;

Music: Traditional Appalachian melody; coll. John Jacob Niles; Public Domain.

**Our shared life together, aka, announcements—**

*“Here are some things our church is doing this week  
which just might lead us into life-giving wonder.”*

**Call to Worship**—Larry Love

**Opening Song**—“*Angels from the Realms of Glory*” *Chalice Hymnal #149*

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
you who sang creation’s story,  
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.
2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations,  
you have seen his natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

4. Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
here among us shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

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### **Opening Prayer**—Unison—Pastor Larry

Inhabit our minds and hearts, God of history,  
as you once inhabited human flesh.  
Be here among us with all of your wisdom,  
all of your power,  
all of your mercy,  
all of your love,  
that we might learn to be like God from our God who came to be like us.  
Holy are you. Holy are we who are one with you forever. Amen.

### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.

### **Advent Candle Revisited**—Larry Love

### **Song of Advent and Christmas and Beyond**—“*One Candle Is Lit*” *Chalice Hymnal # 128*

1. Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,  
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.  
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.  
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.
2. Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare  
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.  
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.
3. Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,  
join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.  
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.  
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.
4. Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,  
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,  
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.  
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.

5. Come, listen, the sounds of God-with-us ring clear,  
and signs of a cross in the distance appear.  
The Word once made flesh, yet the Word ever near.  
One candle is lit for the Christ-birthday here.

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## **A Story for Children of All Ages**—Larry Love

**Scripture Text**—*Luke 1:22-38*—Sue Tarleton

**Piano Solo**—Jay Surdell

**Message**—“*The Wisdom of Questions*”—Luke 2:41-52—Pastor Larry Love

**Song of Commitment**—“*Joy to the World*” *Chalice Hymnal #143*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: Attr. Georg

**Prayers of the Community...and Lord’s Prayer**—Pastor Larry Love

**Responsive Song**, “*Away in a Manger*” *Chalice Hymnal #147 (verse 3)*

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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## **Call to Stewardship and Prayer—Sue Tarleton**

### **Doxology**

### **Communion—Call—Larry Love**

### **Words of Institution—Communion—Peace—Prayer**

### **Closing Hymn—“*Silent Night, Holy Night*” *Chalice Hymnal #145***

1. Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child,  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night,  
wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing,  
alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Words: *Stille Nacht*; Joseph Mohr, tr. John F. Young.  
Music: Franz Gruber

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude and Fellowship**

## Announcements:

- Today—Live stream worship at 8:30 a.m.
- Today—Zoom worship, 10 a.m.
- Monday—Larry on vacation until January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Monday—Monday fellowship in the courtyard, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday—Book study of **Brian McLaren's** *The Galapagos Islands*, 7 p.m. (Chs. 7-8)
- Next Sunday—Welcome Table Worship, 8 a.m. Contact **Beja Springer** for Zoom link.
- Next Sunday—No Live stream worship while Larry is on vacation.
- Next Sunday—Zoom worship, 10 a.m. Jeanelyse Doran preaching.
- You can also watch our worship services anytime on the church's Facebook page or on our church's website—christianchurchofwoodland.com.
- Copies of the January/February *Upper Room* are here. Contact Pastor Larry for a copy.
- Zoom instructions and etiquette—Click on the highlighted Zoom link in the email Jeanelyse sent...Download the Zoom app if it asks you to (it is safe)...Please make sure you click the mute button on the bottom left of the zoom screen. It looks like a microphone. If you are not muted, everything you say can be heard by everyone else. You can unmute temporarily by pressing the space bar on your computer or by clicking on the microphone icon.
- If you would like to join in the sharing of communion, please have some bread, crackers or cookies and some juice, water or milk within reach.
- If you have announcements or prayer requests, please contact Larry (530-666-2069 or [pastorlarrywcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorlarrywcc@sbcglobal.net)). You can also write announcements or prayer requests in the "Chat" box at the bottom of the Zoom screen.
- Larry's work hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. He is now working mostly from home again. Please call him at 530-666-2069.
- Greg Hayakawa's work hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact # 530-304-5153
- Though church life is dramatically changed, our ministry continues in new and exciting ways. Please continue to support the life and ministry of the Christian Church of Woodland. You can mail your offering to 509 College Street, Woodland, 95695...or you can give electronically through our website.

## Prayer Requests:

- Thanks to God that **Janese Jenkins' niece, Jenny Bietel's** recent scan shows no sign of tumors on her liver. Ongoing prayers appreciated.
- Thanks be to God for **Melissa Paulucci, Katie Wilmot, Steven Wong**, our church elders, our children and youth and their families, and **Melissa's neighbor, Jeremy (editing)** for producing a wonderful Christmas Eve service video...and for Jeanelyse for providing the Zoom tech support to allow us to watch it together on Christmas Eve.
- Prayers as the COVID-19 pandemic surges nation-wide. Please remember doctors, nurses and other hospital workers...and all essential workers, the unemployed, struggling businesses, people in danger of losing their housing.
- Prayers for **Brian Frank's former co-worker** who is hospitalized with a ruptured appendix. Prayers too for his young family.
- Prayers for **Steven Wong's sister, Sandy, and her son, Cody**, as they are trying to care for **Sandy's ex-husband, Cody's father, Danny**, after he has suffered a debilitating stroke and requires almost constant care. These caregivers are exhausted.
- Prayers for **Doyle and Linda Tuman, Elaine Morrison (Larry Love's aunt), Lucas Eggers (Diana Fallbeck's son-in-law), and Mark Dunn (Megan Shull's uncle)** as they recover from COVID-19.
- Prayers for **Sue Holland** as she is concerned with some technical issues around the bar exam she took several week's ago.
- **Tom Siftestad**, our church's next door neighbor fell recently...and cracked his hip.
- **Heather Craig's friend, Iris Deznan**, dealing with complications related to a knee surgery.
- **Beth Erickson's mother, Dorothy**, enduring added restrictions at her senior housing facility in North Bend, Oregon.
- **Leigh Dieckmann** dealing with new health concerns.
- Prayers for **Jim and Mary Johnson** as Jim is dealing with tongue cancer. Jim is the cousin of **Susie Hardman's brother-in-law**.
- **Polly Swilley, Linda Tuman's cousin** who recently had her arm and shoulder removed.
- **Bill and Jan Powell's friends, Eric and Sean**, both dealing with cancer.
- Prayers for the healing of our country in this difficult post-election time.
- Our county's convalescent hospitals as they deal with COVID-19 outbreaks...especially Cottonwood Rehab and Alderson's here in Woodland
- Students and teachers, parents and grandparents dealing with online school.
- Our country's ongoing struggle with racism.
- Ongoing prayers for: **Joyce Henning, Deanna Hinkle, Leigh Dieckmann, Ana Mangandi, Katharine (Patty Overfield's mother), Edith (Pam Prater's mother), Becky Holland, Flo Tinsley, Jenny Bietel**