

# Manteca Presbyterian Church

*December 15th, 2019*

## *\*Call to Worship*

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: Praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

Leader: Let all God's children rejoice in their King.

People: Rejoice in our God! Give glory to God's holy name.

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

## *\*Hymn of Praise*

"The Word Made Flesh"

## *Advent Candle Lighting*

Debbie Rudolph & Joann Harcharik

## *\*Songs of Praise*

"Prepare the Way"

"Welcome to Our World"

## *Prayer of Confession*

All: Almighty God, You are eternal, gracious, loving, and steadfast. We come into Your presence knowing that Your mercy is beyond our deserving. None of us is worthy of Your tender care. We confess before You our sins of self-righteousness, pride and possessiveness. Remove our blinders to our faults and increase our sensitivity to those around us. Renew Your peace within us, that we may approach You with confidence and serve You with joy. We ask that You will search our hearts as we quietly obey You.

## *Assurance of Pardon*

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Amen.

## *Choir Anthem*

"A Christmas Folk Song"

## *Passing the Peace of Christ*

Time for greeting one another while children in grades 1-5 are invited to

Konnnect for their own worship service upstairs.

You may come with your child or pick him/her up after the service.

## *Scripture Reading*

Luke 2:8-20

## *Today's Message*

"God's Love for Shepherds"

## *\*Hymn of Response*

"Adoration"

## *Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer*

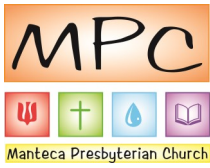
## *Gifts, Tithes, & Musical Offering*

## *\*Doxology*

## *Church Life*

## *\*Benediction*

## *\*Choral Response*



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### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

We hope that you will stay after the service today and participate in both our congregational meeting and Christmas celebration. Both will be held immediately following worship.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us at 6:00 pm on December 24th to celebrate the coming of Christ. Together let us spread God's word, love and joy. We encourage you to bring your friends and family. All are welcome!



**Thursday, December 19th**

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, December 24th**

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service 6:00pm

**Pastor Larry is regularly in Manteca on Thursdays from 2:00-8:00. He is also available all day on Tuesdays at his San Jose office. To make an appointment or for emergencies, Pastor Larry can be reached by phone or text at 510/967-5371 or email: [thorson@mantecapc.org](mailto:thorson@mantecapc.org).**



**Maki:** Prayers for his caregiver, Donnia.

**Evelyn A.:** Thanks for prayers. She is having more tests next week.

**Jackie G.:** Friend Tru, had a stroke.

**Doris L.:** Thanks to everyone who helped with Santa's breakfast.

**Karen K.:** Continued prayers for daughter's fiancé, Jeff, who is recovering from his kidney/pancreas transplant.

**Emelie D.:** Gilbert is going to a blood specialist.

**Carl W.:** Brother Jerry, has sciatic nerve problems.

**Larry T.:** Malik's wife and four children got cleared to come from Pakistan.

### Persons Assisting with Worship Today

Minister	Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Larry Thorson
Ushers	Jim & Jackie Garcia
Music Director	Emelie Diaz

# WELCOME TO Manteca Presbyterian Church



## "God's Love for Shepherds"

*We are a caring church, committed to Christ through Prayer,  
Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship and Outreach.*