

MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 3, 2023

1st Sunday in Advent

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Christmas Waltz”; “Angels We Have Heard”

Kate Crellin, piano and voice; Annie Ranzani, bassoon

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Makena James, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mike Spitters
Senior Minister

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Munro

One: The Lord of hosts redeems us when we stray.

All: With a mighty arm, God comes to save us.

One: We stumbled and strayed in God’s absence.

All: God has fed us with the bread of tears.

One: Yet, through Christ, God calls us back from the pit and restores us.

All: God shines upon us with love, that we might be saved.

*HYMN 125, “Come, O Long-expected Jesus” (verses 1 and 2)

INTROIT

ADVENT READING, CANDLELIGHTING AND PRAYER

Rachel and Taylor Bennett

TIME WITH CHILDREN “Sparkle Box Intro”

Nancy Hesterberg

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Mike

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:24-37

Pam Munro

SPECIAL MUSIC “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Kate Crellin, piano and voice; Annie Ranzani, bassoon

SERMON

“Expectant Watchfulness”

Pastor Mike

MISSION MOMENT

Jerry and Tatenda Johnson

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Pam Munro



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OFFERTORY “Nun komm der Beiden Heiland”

arr. Makenna James

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We give thee but thine own, what e’re the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

Pam Munro

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

Pat Edwards, director; Makena James, accompanist arr. John Leavitt

COMMUNION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Improvisation on “Comfort Ye My People”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jodi

BENEDICTION

Pastor Mike

*CLOSING HYMN 127, “Creator of the Stars of Night”

POSTLUDE “Fugue in A Minor”

J.S. Bach

*please rise if you are able

GREETERS: Rich and Jackie Perkins

ACOLYTE: Jilly Montes

USHERS: Rick and Susi Farrell; Neil and Deb Dipprey

Pastor Jodi is available to pray with you on the chancel area immediately following the worship service. For other prayer requests, please contact the church office.

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