

CONGREGATIONAL

Church *of* Soquel



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7:30 pm

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**Christmas Eve
Story, Song & Light**

GATHERING AROUND THE LIGHT

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candles & Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

Advent Candle Song *Candle of Light*

The Christ candle's light that shines for us here
Tells out the good news that God has come near!
God came, a poor baby, in one time and place,
To show all creation the wealth of God's grace.

SONG

**Do You Hear What I Hear*
by Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne

Do you hear what I hear?
Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see?
(Do you see what I see?)
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see?
(Do you see what I see?)
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?
(Do you hear what I hear?)
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?
(Do you hear what I hear?) *cont'd on next page*

* Stand as you are able

Do You Hear What I Hear (cont'd)

A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)
In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

Church Folk - Gabriel's Message

by Good Shepherd Band

STORY

"All Generations" (Luke 1:46-49)

Church Folk - Canticle of the Turning

by Rory Cooney

STORY

"In Those Days" (Luke 2:1-5)

SONG

***No. 155** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymnal No. 1

STORY

"The Time Came" (Luke 2:6-7)

Church Folk - Child In the Manger

by Mary MacDonald, 1888

SONG

***No. 147** *Away in a Manger* Hymnal No. 1

STORY

"And On Earth Peace" (Luke 2:8-14)

SONG

***No. 171** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Hymnal No. 1

Welcome and Offering

Offertory

I Wonder as I Wander

by John Jacob Niles

Camille Couture-Carter, vocals and Susan Bass, piano

Evening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

SONG

There Was A Little Baby

by Yanni

1. There was a little baby, O my Lord (3x)

Chorus

Way down in Bethlehem
Way down in Bethlehem.

2. They laid him in a manger, O my Lord (3x)

Chorus

3. They named the Baby Jesus, O my Lord (3x)

Chorus

4. The Angels came to praise Him, O my Lord (3x)

Chorus

5. The Wise Men came to see Him, O my Lord (3x)

Chorus

6. He made His Mama happy, O my Lord (3x)

Chorus

STORY

“With Haste (Luke 2:15-18)

SONG

No. 151 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Hymnal No. 1

STORY

“Heard and Seen” (Luke 2:19-20)

SONG

No. 146 *Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come* Hymnal No. 1, vv 1, 2 & 4
Mark Hanson, trumpet

Invitation - Carols in the Courtyard

This evening we will conclude our Christmas Eve celebration with a brief tradition we call “Carols in the Courtyard.” Candles and instruction will be provided as you exit at the main door of the Sanctuary. Our Ushers will direct you.

Interlude

Carols in the Courtyard

1. *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
2. *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

This is a family service. Everyone is welcome! The Nursery will be staffed with a Sunday School Teacher for younger children and infants if needed.

Participants

Candlelighters: Jack Hanson, Mark Hanson & Rio Lucas

Ushers: Joyce & David Trybom

Guest Soloist: Mark Hanson, trumpet

Church Folk: Bill Abraham, guitar and vocals
Matt Abraham, guitar and vocals
Kitchy Burdette, percussion and vocals
Katharine Burke, violin and vocals
Camille Couture-Carter, percussion and vocals,
Lynette Hamby, vocals

Piano: Susan Bass

Music Director: Camille Couture-Carter

Senior Lighting Technician: Scott Hamby

Media Team: Laura Hamby, Scott Hamby & Cindy Ruhsam

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Mark Fountain & Rev. Patti Haaheim





O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

- O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!
- Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!

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,
heav'nly 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!





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At Congregational Church of Soquel, we value the past with a sense of gratitude, but welcome the present moment with expectation and joy! Please join us Sundays at 10:00 am. The bell ringing from atop our historic church, established in 1868, reminds us of a rich and meaningful past. However, as our logo suggests, a living tradition of life, worship and progressive Christian faith lifts our hearts as we reach in the direction of an exciting future.

With this vision, we seek to live as Jesus taught, loving God and neighbor in ways that embrace the opportunities and needs of our time and place: creating a sustainable environment for the earth, addressing food insecurities among our neighbors, supporting families, celebrating the arts and creating a spiritual home for people of all ages and backgrounds. Together, we discover friendship and meaning through the interplay of faith, life, and service within the greater Santa Cruz community and beyond.

Join us as we unite a meaningful past with a hopeful vision moving forward.

Peace,

Mark Fountain

Minister



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OUR CHURCH STAFF

Minister.....	Reverend Dr. Mark Fountain
Ministry Associate.....	Reverend Patti Haaheim
Office Manager.....	Kristin Ard
Music Director.....	Camille Couture-Carter
Pianist.....	Susan Bass
Maintenance Supervisor.....	Ricardo Perez
Ministers to the Community.....	Congregation