



Burns Memorial
United Methodist Church
Candlelight Service
 December 24th, 2024

Prelude **Meditation on 'Conditor Alme'** *Joanna Nguyen*
by Alec Rowley

Welcoming the Holy Spirit *Acolytes*
 * **Advent Candle** **Christ Candle** *Tonga Fellowship*

One: There are four candles on our Advent Wreath that circle around the Christ Candle. Remember Hope.

All: Our Hope is in the Lord, born a baby among us.

One: Remember the candle of Joy.

All: Joy is in the Lord, born a baby among us.

Our: Remember that we belong to the Prince of Peace.

All: Let peace begin with me.

One: "Now Faith, Hope, and Love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is Love."

All: Grant that we might share Christ's love for us with everyone we meet.

One: The Christ Candle is in the center of our wreath.

All: May we center of our lives on Christ the Lord.

Welcome *Pastor Peter*

* Hymn **Oh Come All Ye Faithful** *Hymnal #234*
(v.1,3)

Action Song **My Life, My love, My All** *Tonga Fellowship Youth*

Scripture **Titus 2:11-14** *Pew Bible N.T. #202-203*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God.

* Hymn **What Child is This?** *Hymnal #245*

Prayer Time – Sharing prayers of concern and celebration.

Unison Prayer

One: Loving gracious God.

All: Hear Your people gathered in worship and prayer.

One: On this, the eve of the birth of Your Son, on this magical

evening; may our hearts be opened as never before.

All: We gather tonight with our brothers and sisters, Your children. Melt divisions that divide us, show us how to build bridges of Love and Compassion.

One: Hear our prayers for our loved ones. Hear our prayers to heal an injured world.

All: Open us, O God, to hear again the message of the angels, the shepherds, Mary and Joseph and the Newborn lying in a manger. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer *Pastor Nio*

The Lord's Prayer (unison) *Hymnal #881*

Offertory **And Glory Shone Around** *Ensemble*

* Scripture **Luke 2:1-20** *Pew Bible N.T. #54-55*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God.

* Hymn **Hark the Herald Angels Sing** *VBS*

Sermon **Can You Imagine?** *Pastor Peter*

* Hymn **Silent Night (with Candles)** *Hymnal #239*

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.

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.

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!

(ACAPPELLA)

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.

* Benediction **Go Now In Peace** *Congregation*

Postlude *Joanna Nguyen*

**(Please stand if you are able.)*

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

This Week's Calendar:

Office Hours:

Monday & Friday: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday: Office is Closed

Next Sunday, December 29, 2023

11:00 a.m.: Worship Service

12:30 a.m.: Tongan Service

Merry Christmas!

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Joyous New Year. - Paea

Prayers In Our Church Family:

- Blake family loss of Will's brother Larry
- Mary Boylls' younger brother, Dick, hospitalized in California.
- Deb Gunther's sister-in-law, Nancy, recovering at home.
- Sandy Tinney's son Don recovering from a stroke.
- Amelia Kelemen Paula bone marrow biopsy on 12/26/24.
- Prayers of Peace in the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine
- Prayers for families suffering loss, divorce and division.

Senior Pastor: *Peter Freytag*

Office Manager: *Paea Kelemen*

Lay Leader: *Mark Dockter*

Ad Council Chair: *Mike Sumrall*

Accompanist: *Joanna Nguyen*

Hospitality: *Carol Danielson, Debbie Gunter*

Communion Stewards: *Melba Taylor, Ellen Smith-Dockter*

Tongan Pastor: *Atonio Toluta'u*

Christian Ed: *Stephanie Iverson*

Tongan Lay Leader: *Ngalu Kelemen*

Lay Delegate: *Melba Taylor*

Liturgist: *Sandy Tinney*

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