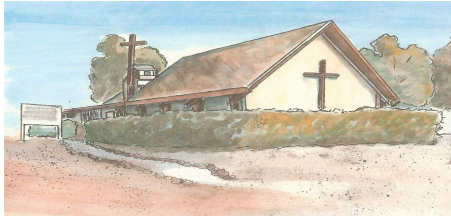


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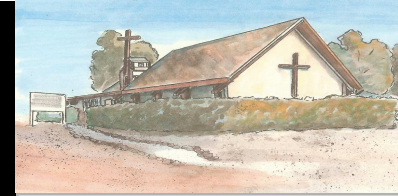


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A time of waiting...Pastor K.C.



How come it seems that all we do in today's world is wait for people? During the holiday season it seems all we do is wait, especially when we are shopping for those last minute presents for family and friends. I don't know about you, but for me patience is something I know I need as I enter the season of Advent. Advent, which comes from the Latin word for "arrival" or "coming", is a period of preparation for the birth of Christ.

The four Sundays prior to December 25th prepare us for the "celebration" of Christ birth on Christmas morning. December 2nd is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing. There really is not much that happens in the church during this time. There are a few things we can do while waiting, we can reflect a lot on the past year and what is ahead, and listen. In the Church we will read and hear the "Good News", of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This will involve lots of stories read from God's Word that will lead us to Christmas morning.

We will hear about places like Bethlehem, the birth place of Christ, and about the story of Mary and Joseph. We will sing lots of Advent hymns and Christmas carols that will help us reflect as we wait for Christ' birth. We will decorate our homes and many of us will put out a nativity scene. One idea you can do together as a family or with friends is If you have a nativity scene, set up the nativity scene but wait to put out the Christ child until Christmas morning. Again, it helps us remember that it is Christ we wait for and not for the presents we receive from family and friends.

We invite you to join us for worship this Season of Advent which begins on December 2nd. We have two worship services starting at 8:00am and 10:30am with Sunday school for all ages at 9:15am. friends, and family.

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History of Silent Night-Holy Night...

Sadly the young assistant pastor strolled through the snow-covered village of Oberndorf, Austria. In a few days it would be Christmas Eve, but Josef Mohr knew there would be no music in his church to herald the great event. Pausing, Reverend Mohr gazed at the scattered lights in the village. The sight of this peaceful town, wrapped in a blanket of snow, stirred his imagination. Surely it was on such a clear and quiet night as this that the hosts of angels sang out the glorious news that the Saviour had been born.

The young cleric sighed heavily as he thought, "If only we here in Oberndorf could celebrate the birth of Jesus with glorious music like the shepherds heard on that wonderful night!"

Standing there, his mind filled with visions of the first Christmas, Josef Mohr suddenly became aware that the disappointment was fading from his heart; in its place surged a great joy. Vividly, he saw the manger, carved from a mountain side; he saw Mary and Joseph and the Child; he saw the strangers who had been attracted by the light of the great star. The image seemed to shape itself into the words of a poem he had written in 1816 when he was assigned to a pilgrim church in the small Alpine village of Mariapfarr, Austria.

The next day he showed the poem to Franz Gruber, the church organist, who said, "These words should be sung at Christmas, but what could we use for accompaniment? Your guitar?" The curate replied, "Like Mary and Joseph in the stable, we must be content with what God provides for us."

Franz Gruber studied the poem, then softly strummed the melody that came to him. Next he put the words to the melody and

sang them. When he finished, his soul was ablaze with its beauty. Mr. Gruber's beautiful music added the final touch to the poem Mohr had written two years earlier. On Christmas Eve, 1818, in a small Austrian village, the Oberndorf choir, accompanied only by a guitar, sang for the first time the immortal hymn that begins, "Silent Night... Holy Night."



Silent Night

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!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

May it be so friends. When we gather on Christmas Eve let our hearts sing as that small Austrian choir did in 1818. See you on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Don't forget our Christmas Eve service will be at 6:30pm this year December 24th.

December Church Calendar

December 2nd - Deacons meeting immediately after church and Cookie decorating and Carol singing in the fellowship hall.
December 5th-Mariner's Fellowship 6:30pm, Bob & Jan Wise Host "Tying On" new members
December 9th- Session meeting immediately after church.
December 11th & 18th- Food Bank Distribution 5:00pm to 6:30pm
December 15th-Men's Breakfast 8:00am
December 16th- Deacon's Christmas Dinner immediately after church
December 22nd- Deacon's Christmas baskets 10:00am
December 24th- Christmas Eve Worship Lessons and Carols/Candlelight Service 6:30pm
December 30th- One worship service at 9:30am. We will resume to two services on January 6th, 2008.

January Church Calendar

January 1st- Happy New Year!!!!
January 2nd- Mariners Group 6:30pm
January 6th- Deacons meeting immediately after church
January 13th- Session meeting immediately after church.
January 8th & 22nd- Food Bank Distribution 5:00pm to 6:30pm
January 15th—Men's Breakfast 8:00am

EVERY WEEK!

**Sunday School 9:15am Worship Service 8:00am & 10:30am
Korean Fellowship 1:30pm**

**Nuevo Pacto Worship Service Sunday evenings 5:30 pm
Nuevo Pacto Bible Study every Tuesday 7:30 pm
NEW Pastors Study Group every Wednesday at 8:30am
Bible Study every Thursday 5:30pm Choir Thursday at 6:45pm**

Youth Group meets every Saturday 7pm - 8:30pm (Almost every Saturday)

December/January Birthdays

December

05– Monique Elwell
06– Eddie Ferry
07– Bill Grewell
11– Dotty Davenport
18– Terry Parsons
20– Mitchell Garcia
29– Dorothy Bones
31– Richard Dockus



January

07- Evelyn Beninati
08- Caleb Whitehouse,
08- Robert Witt
08- Joanne Fistman
20- Pete Ferry
20- Michael Garcia
22- Nancy Valdez
23- Shannon Sexton

**** If we missed your birthday, it is because you have not filled out a YELLOW Card yet. Please pick one up in the Narthex and return to Gail. Thank you!

Church Miscellany....

The Alpha Program is coming. Alpha is a ten week class that covers questions that are often asked by people looking at what it means to follow Jesus and what it means to be a Christian. It's another avenue for us "to make Christ known," in our community, with family and with friends. If you are interested in becoming a facilitator for the class please contact Pastor K.C. for more information. Information is also available on the Alpha web site at www.alphausa.org. Our goal is to start this program sometime in the New Year.



Alpha

December will be our annual "Tying On" ceremony. If you wish to join Mariner's please contact Gail at 944-3231 by December 3rd at 6:30pm. Our hosts for December are Jan & Bob Wise.

December 16th is the Deacons Christmas dinner immediately following the 10:30am service. Bring a friend and a dish to share!!!

If you know someone who might be in need of Christmas basket please let Sheila Whitehouse on our Deacons board know.

New Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Worship Service
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service

(Coffee time from 9:00am—9:15am and 10:15am-10:30am and right after the second service.)

December 30th we will have one service at 9:30am (No Sunday School that morning, regular schedule to resume

January 6th, 2008)

**Choir Practice: Thursdays at 6:45pm
Special Practices: Wednesday 12/12 & 12/19**

Poem by Rick Whitehouse

REVELATION

VICTORY ON THE NIGHTLY BREEZE,
CALMING OF THE FROTHING SEAS,
MOUNTIAN PEAKS ARE DRAWN TO
BOW, DARK FORCES CALLED TO GOD'S
DRAWN BROW.

KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD UNITE,
BATTLES DARK AND EVILS FIGHT,
RAIN OF HELL ON EARTH TO END,
MIGHTY ANGELS COME AGAIN.

MIGHTY TRUMPETS ECOED CALL,
UNTO THE EARTH ALL KNEES NOW FALL.
HEADS WILL BOW WITH DARK NOW
BANISHED, THE PIT IS FULL EARTH'S EVIL
VANISHED.

SAY YE PILGRAM RETURN TO LIFE,
FROM RESTING SLUMBER INTO THE
LIGHT, CHRIST ALMIGHTY HAS WON THE
FIGHT, NOW HEAVEN AND EARTH IN
ONE UNITE.

FROM EVERY COUNTRY, EVERY KIN,
THAT CALLED ON CHRIST SHALL ENTER
IN, JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, YOUR LAMP IS
LIT, THE GROOM RETURNS, THE BAN-
QUET SITS.

NIGHT BREEZE NOW COOL ON GOLDEN
DAWN,NO CORNERS DARK, THE TEM-
PEST GONE,THE WORLD UNITES AND
ANGELS SING,GLORY TO GOD, PRAISE
CHRIST OUR KING.

Poem by Dotty Davenport

The Angels

The angels in Heaven were
hearing
Of a great event in store.
They hastened to see the
Father,
Longing to learn some more.



They wondered what was happening -
Why everything was astir.
These whispers of a maid named Mary -
Was all the talk about her?

Soon the Father called them
And told them His awesome plan.
He was having His Son born on earth.
He'd be the Son of Man.

They gasped when they heard this,
And could hardly believe it at all.
But the Father said it was true,
And they should wait for His call.

The Father sent Gabriel first,
To the earth below to see
That maid whose name was Mary -
The Messiah's mother-to-be.

When the angels heard about this,
They were filled with love and joy.
At His birth they told the shepherds,
"Come and see this Boy!"

They'd see the Babe in a manger
Who was born the Son of Man -
Who was also the Son of God.
They rejoiced at the Father's plan!

A time of waiting...Pastor K.C. (Continued from page 1)

On December 2nd after the second service we will have a Christmas Carol Cookie event for the church starting at 12:00pm for the children and big kids too!. If you like to decorate Christmas cookies and sing those wonderful carols come and join us. Make sure you bring the family or a friend to church that morning. On December 16th we will have a community dinner sponsored by our Deacons starting immediately after the second worship service. Finally, on Christmas eve, December 24th we will have a lessons and carols service for the whole church family starting at 6:30pm. For more information you can visit us on the web at www.cpclr.org. We hope to see you in church! Don't forget, be patient and trust in the promises of God this season as we wait for his Son Jesus Christ.



Church Photo Directory January 31st



Attention everyone! You have been waiting for a long time. You've asked when is it coming? You've wondered if it would happen in your lifetime. The answer is yes! Be a part of the new church photo directory as we usher in a new season of anticipation of what God is doing here in our church. You ask what is a church photo directory? It's a gathering of all of the friends and members of the Community Presbyterian Church of Littlerock and their contact information. Have you ever needed a quick phone number or someone's address? Did you notice someone in church on a particular day and wanted to know their name?

Well friends its time and on **January 31st from 3pm—9:00pm in the Sanctuary** we will have our friends from **Olan Mills Photography** come and take our pictures. I hear those questions. You're asking doesn't this cost money? The answer is yes and no! No for us as a church. We don't pay anything. (At least this is what they tell us). The only fee we pay is if we can't find 35 of you to have your picture taken) If by chance you like the picture they take of you and/or your family, then you may purchase the pictures you like. No Obligation.

Here is what we need to do fairly soon. We need to organize a team of helpers to make this directory come together. Our biggest need is a "liaison." Someone who will help Pastor K.C. organize this endeavor. If you have any questions please contact K.C. for more information. We pray that this will be a wonderful resource for our church family. We will need at least 35 individuals and/or families to make this pictorial directory a reality. Look forward to seeing you January 31st!!! Bring your smile!!!

Giving back to the Lord...

Dear Friends and Members,

November is a month where we focus on giving thanks with a grateful heart. November is also a time where the church reflects on its giving back to the Lord in the form of time and talents; simply our tithe each and every week. Many of you give several hours each week to the life of the church. Time is important. For many it might be the only way one can give back to the Lord. Continue being faithful at serving Christ and his church.



I also know that many of you give financially on a regular basis to the work of the church. As followers of Jesus we need to be faithful when it comes to tithing. In the church we talk about giving up to 10 percent of what the Lord has given to us, back to the church and its ministry. It's scriptural. If not 10 percent on a weekly basis, you give what you feel the Lord has called you to give. Friends, giving is between you and the Lord and no one else. You are the one who decides what God is calling you to give. As we see new life and revitalization in our church we need to be faithful with our giving on a regular basis. Especially with the holiday season approaching there will be those we will need to bless, because of the way the Lord has blessed us.

I urge you to pray, and for us together to consider as a church in being faithful with our tithe for the rest of 2007 and into 2008. If you have fallen behind in your giving, this is a great time to catch up. I urge you if you are not faithfully giving of your 10 percent back to the Lord to become more regular in your giving either weekly, monthly, or annually. The only person who actually keeps track of your giving is our church financial secretary. I also encourage you to pray about the possibility of increasing your giving to at least 10 percent of what the Lord has blessed you with each and every week. We together have already seen the Lord at work in our church and in our community this past year. We desire to be faithful to God's call to be in the world, loving one another as Christ has loved us. Let 2008 be a time for us to be open to the Spirit and his leading as we seek ways in reaching the world for Christ and as we give back to him.

Because of Jesus,

Pastor K.C.

Friends, this is a letter we sent out as a reminder to make sure that we all keep up on our giving. We are also asking that you commit to your tithe an extra gift of \$24.20 per church member to help with the mission of the Presbytery of San Fernando. Our church has paid over 5200.00 to the presbytery for 2007. It would be helpful if we can make some of this up by each member sending in their "apportionment" of \$24.20 for 2008. We've also had some recent expenses in replacing the carpet in the narthex and fellowship hall that we really need help in recouping.

Thanks!