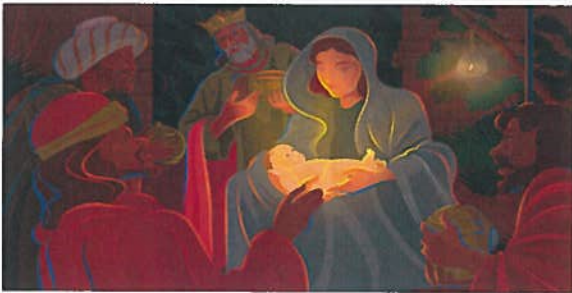




## CPC Express

**December 19, 2017**



**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**5:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Christmas Eve

The Spanish language has two past tenses:

- preterit is used for actions in the past seen as completed.
- imperfect is used for actions in the past not yet completed.

Which would you use to describe the celebration of Christmas? Christ's coming, as a child in Bethlehem, life and ministry on earth, even death on a cross are only the beginning. While we gather this week recalling stables and angels and shepherds -- let us grasp the earthly birth of Christ is not the end of the story.

Create not a fixed but an ongoing place within our hearts for Christ to dwell. As we cling to established wealth, privilege, or anything re-enforcing the misguided notion we can somehow save ourselves, there is little place for Christ. Surrender as Mary and Joseph to strength not our own—working in us and shining through us -- bringing the bright light of God's love to the desperate and waiting world.

What will your story be this year? Will it be one of forgiveness? Perhaps a story of generosity? Maybe a story of hope? Whatever it is, may we find a place in our hearts where Christ dwells; and may you share the miracle of His Divine birth with all whom you meet.

The Spanish language also deals with the whole "Merry Christmas" brouhaha more faithfully than English. *Feliz Navidad* – Joyous Nativity. Yes – that parses this past, yet ongoing Miracle exquisitely. – 40 –

## ***WorshipLearnServe***

### **Worship Schedule:**

#### **Advent**

**December 24** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

#### **Christmastide**

**December 24** 5:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

**December 31** *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas*  
Watchnight Observance  
*Service for Health and Wholeness*  
Reception, Fellowship Hall

### **Reception Invitation:**

We will be having a retirement brunch for Pastor Mike on **Sunday, December 31, 2017**, after church about 11:30 a.m. We hope you will be able to attend. No official reservations needed but if you see Fran Eagan and know you will be attending, please let her know so she can get approximate numbers.

### **FAM Satellite Program – Food Distribution Every Wednesday:**



The pantry will be open in the **Youth Center, Bldg. 2**  
11:00 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m.

To volunteer contact Leanne Strommen  
at [outreach@sjcpres.org](mailto:outreach@sjcpres.org).

### **CPC Express Schedule:**



The next CPC Express Newsletter will be on  
**Tuesday, January 2, 2018** following Christmas  
(no CPC Express on Tuesday, December 26).

## Update – Schenkenberger Family – December 12, 2017:



The Schenkenbergers are coming home!... just in the nick of time for Christmas.

Steve's CT scan had positive results so he's cleared to fly home! The family will miss their Colorado friends & family immensely, but they're excited to see the faces of their community again as they start this new season. The huge & loving support system they have in CA is exactly what they need in the coming months to get settled in and start their new-normal life again. The Schenkenbergers will be home December 22nd. We're hoping to surprise the boys with the biggest Christmas they've ever had. There's still time to help make their Holiday extra bright this year. Thank you to everyone who has put some presents under their tree already!

## Two Volunteer Opportunities – Preschool/Kindergarten:



The preschool/kindergarten staff appreciate the church members who volunteer in our classrooms, help at our special events, and maintain our yards and classrooms.

We could sure use your help at these upcoming events in January. Please contact Terri Beck at [terribeck@sjcpres.org](mailto:terribeck@sjcpres.org) if you can lend a hand.

### 1. Chancy & Bruce Kindergarten Readiness Screening:

Two volunteers each day to help escort children to and from their classrooms. Begins at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, January 19 \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Pancake Breakfast – (9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.):

Thursday, January 25 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, January 26 \_\_\_\_\_

## Homework Club:



### Volunteers needed!

We are tutoring students in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade at ***Kinoshita School*** from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To volunteer contact Leanne Strommen at [outreach@sjcpres.org](mailto:outreach@sjcpres.org).

## Pastor's Office Hours:

Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *In addition, other times are available for appointments to meet individual needs.*



Ann Anderson  
Marjorie Ball  
Steve  
Schenkenberger

Our Preschool  
Our Kindergarten  
Our Youth



## Church Calendar

**December 20 –  
January 2**

Wednesday, December 20	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Office
	11:00 a.m.	FAM Satellite Food Bank, Youth Center, Bldg. 2
Thursday, December 21	9:30 a.m.	PW Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
Friday, December 22		Christmas Eve Observed, Office Closed
Saturday, December 23	10:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship, Sue's Porch
Sunday, December 24	8:30 a.m.	Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Open House, Offsite
Monday, December 25		Christmas Day Observed, Office Closed
Tuesday, December 26		Book Club, Offsite

Wednesday, December 27		
Thursday, December 28		
Friday, December 29		New Year's Eve Observed, Office Closed
Saturday, December 30		
Sunday, December 31	8:30 a.m.	Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:30 a.m.	Reception, Fellowship Hall
Monday, January 1		New Year's Day, Office Closed
Tuesday, January 2	3:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting, Office

Ministers

Pastor

Pastor Emeritus

Parish Associate

Worship Band Leader

Chancel Choir Director

Organist

Preschool/Kindergarten Director

Children's Ministries Director

Manager of Accounting

Administrative Assistant

Sound Technician

Liturgist: Sunday, December 24 - 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 24 - 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

Ushers: Sunday, December 24 - 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 24 - 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

Golf Cart Driver:

Sunday, December 24 - 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 24 - 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

All the Congregation

Michael Vaughn

Robert Schwenck

Leanne Strommen

Megan Theodorou

Will Reeder

Judy Richter

Terri Beck

Debbie Reeder

Suzanne Stamos

Jean McCormick

Weston Lewis

Megan Beck

Terri Beck

Laurie Jacobs

David and Terri Beck

David Beck / Megan Beck

TBD

Sue Vaughn

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