

Church at Worship 9:00 & 11:45 a.m. Services

Video Announcements

Prelude *Messiah: Overture* George Frideric Handel

Call to Worship *Comfort Ye My People;* Handel
Every Valley Shall Be Exalted

Advent Candle Lighting Yvonne, Gerry, and Azariah Waworundeng¹
Louyza Siringoringo, Yuliver, Yuliza, Ulina, and Meliala Sitorus⁴

Pastoral Welcome Joey Oh

Hymn of Praise *Joy to the World* arr. Handel

Prayer Adrian Pressley

Anthem *And the Glory of the Lord* Handel

Tithes and Offerings Local Church Budget Doug Mace
(Loose offerings go to church budget.)

Offertory *For unto Us a Child Is Born* Handel

Baptism Averil Gimbel Tom Quishenberry¹

Anthem *Glory to God* Handel

Child Dedication Alexandra Istrate Randy Roberts⁴
Baptism Laura Istrate Randy Roberts⁴

Anthem *Lift up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* Handel

Scripture Reading Luke 2:22-35, NIV Ethan Constanzo
Kariana Welebiri, Sarah Oien

Homily **Simeon: The Aging Prophet** Randy Roberts
Forgotten (part 3 of 4)

Hymn of Response *Hallelujah!* Handel

Benediction Adrian Pressley,¹ Randy Roberts⁴

Postlude *Worthy Is the Lamb—Amen* Handel

Worship Service Participating Musicians

Anthony León, tenor; Iman Haq, soprano; Kimo Smith, organ

Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary Orchestra; Adriana Perera & Brenda Mohr, conductors

Current Sermon Series

December 2 to 23



Forgotten

The Often-Overlooked Characters of Christmas

Do you ever feel forgotten? Overlooked? Neglected? Like God is interested in others and is working elsewhere? Like others are important and you are insignificant? Like you could disappear and life would go on? Like, without you, the world would still be just fine?

If that describes you, then you may be interested in the *often-overlooked characters of Christmas*. A neglected man. A speechless priest. An aging prophet. A worshipping widow. They were overlooked at the time. Today, they're often simply forgotten. Yet, without them, the Christmas story would not be the same.

They serve as timeless reminders that *God often works in quiet corners in unnoticed ways at surprising times in overlooked people*.

And that's precisely where God may be *most* at work this Christmas.

In people like me, like you, in places like this, at times like now.

Together in Prayer

JOIN US! Every Sabbath our Prayer Room (room 102, south side of church) is open between 10 and 11:30 a.m. You may also submit your prayer requests or comments any time at lluc.org. And call in our daily 7 a.m. prayer line family by dialing (909)361-6220, enter ID number 11125#.

Assisted listening devices are available to check out from the deacons' room.

Questions or Comments: www.lluc.org

Church Office Hours: M.-Th., 8am – 4pm ; F., 8am–noon. Closed Tu., 8:30–9:30am

Anthem Modern Service

Auditorium

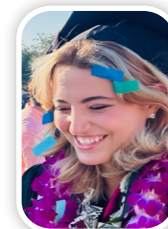
10:00 & 11:30 a.m. Services

Child Dedication



Alexandra Istrate was born July 14, 2019. She is the daughter of Laura Istrate. Laura is a physician (neurologist) and School of Medicine faculty member at Loma Linda University.

Baptisms



Averil Gimbel, raised in an SDA family, attends the Loma Linda University Church, awed by his 'unconditional love,' she has kept Jesus in her heart. After graduating from Loma Linda Academy, she decided to be baptized and dedicate her life to the Lord. Currently, Averil attends Redlands University, preparing for a career in psychology or education. She loves to crochet, draw, and make origami.



Laura Istrate was born into an Adventist home while her father served as a physician at Maluti Adventist hospital in Lesotho, Africa. When she was five years old, she had a dream; Jesus told her she was blessed. She has believed in God since then. During the last few years, Laura has faced many difficulties, but God continues to carry her through them. She wants to dedicate her life to Jesus Christ today through her baptism.

Family Ministry Building Program



Church and Community Life

With deep sadness we announce the death of Lee F. Greer II on November 30. He is survived by children Lee Greer III and Ruth Qualls, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and sister Virginia Brunks-Coley. A service will be held today at Linda Valley Villa at 2:30 p.m.

Tour of the Family Ministry Building today immediately following the 4th service. Look for Doug Mace and Richard Blum-Johnston in the Courtyard. See the many ways God worked and provided as *We Build for His Kingdom!*

Ladies Christmas Tea: It is that time when we celebrate the women (young and young at heart!) at LLUC who contribute to the life of our church. This is a ticketed event, but for our viewing audience, great news: you can join the tea via livestream at lluc.org/live. Set your table with pretty cups and some cookies. Invite a friend over for tea and enjoy the wonderful program today. The tea begins at 3:00 p.m. and the program live stream will start at 3:30 p.m.

Light of Love: A Christmas Musical of the Nativity: LLUC Media is pleased to present an original Christmas musical of the nativity titled *Light of Love*. Described as Princess Bride meets Disney, this family-friendly show encompasses the relatable humor and challenges of everyday life along with a heartfelt message of hope, acceptance, and love for the outsiders. Performances will be in the Auditorium tonight at 7 p.m., December 17 at 2 and 7 p.m., and December 21 and 23 at 7 p.m. Go to lluc.org for more information on tickets and how to support this project and future projects.

Music Ministry is grateful for the support of the LLUC church community throughout the year. Season's Greetings offers an opportunity to express a special "Christmas appreciation" for the dedication and sharing of the God-given talents that Music Ministry volunteers and personnel bring to LLUC. With a gift of \$50 or more, your name will be listed as a supporter of this vital ministry on a beautifully designed Season's Greeting page on the church website. Your gift of love is truly appreciated! Contribution deadline is today.

The Giving Season is upon us! Your church leaders ask if you will prayerfully consider a special gift for our building program. Today is our "Giving Sabbath". We look forward to paying down a significant portion of the principal of our loan this year. Remember any amount over \$2 million at the end of the year is applied directly to the loan principal. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving.

The Christmas candlelight concert can be viewed at lluc.org/live on December 23 and December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

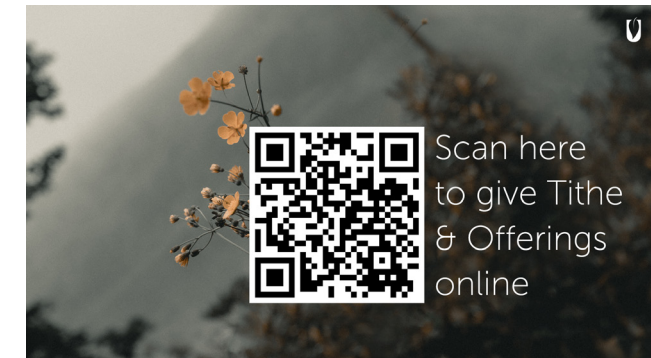
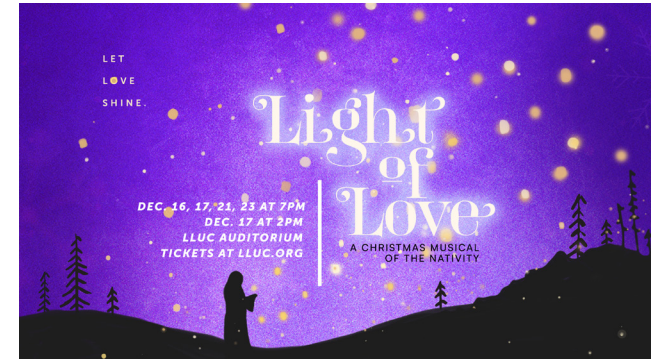
Messiah sing-along: Join the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra for this LLUC sing-along tradition today during first and fourth services. Bring your own score or one will be provided. For information, contact Brenda Mohr at sanctuarychoirlluc@gmail.com.

No Praxis Night Church on December 22 and 29. There will still be Praxis Sabbath School (Sabbath at 10 a.m. in the Praxis room) and Praxis Prayer Meeting (Friday at 6:30 p.m. in room 1406.)

UNBELIEVABLE: Start the new year in a way that will RENEW your heart, mind, and soul! Join your LLUC pastoral staff as we take another unbelievable step in our discipleship journey with Jesus . . . getting us ready for all he has planned in 2024. We invite you to our "UNBELIEVABLE" series, January 5 to 13 with special guest speakers, Ty Gibson, David Asscherick, and Jeffrey Rosario. Our time together will be in the LLUC sanctuary each evening at 6:30 p.m. and Sabbaths at 9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 11:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Find spiritual renewal, community, and start the new year off in a powerful way. RENEW – DEEPER. STRONGER. TOGETHER.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 17 1:30 p.m.	Dementia Caregivers Support Group, room 102
2:00 & 7:00 p.m.	Light of Love, Auditorium
Tuesday, December 19 5:30-7:00 p.m.	Experiencing God Bible Study, Zoom meeting, ID 985 953 81381
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Experiencing God Bible Study, Zoom meeting, ID 531 952 429 or call (669)900-6833
Wednesday, December 20 6:00 p.m.	Open Prayer Circle, room 102
Thursday, December 21 7:00 p.m.	Light of Love, Auditorium
Sabbath, December 23 9:00 & 11:45 a.m.	Anna: <i>The Worshipping Widow</i> (part 4 of 4), Randy Roberts, Sanctuary Praxis Young Adult Sabbath School, Family Ministries Bldg lower level, room 0402
10:00 a.m.	Anthem Modern Service, auditorium
10:00 & 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Light of Love, Auditorium



Sunset Today - 4:42 p.m. Sunset Next Week - 4:45 p.m.

For a complete list of Sabbath Schools go to lluc.org/sabbath-school-groups.