# Loma Linda University Church

Church at Worship

9:00 & 11:45 a.m. Services

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Prelude	Prelude on "Adeste Fideles"	Eric H. Thiman
Pastoral Welcome		Adriana Perera
Advent Candlelighting	John, Charity, Robbie, Eme Shari, Trevan, Luk	ery, and Holly Russell¹ ke, and Zeke Osborn⁴
Hymn of Praise	Angels We Have Heard on High	arr. E. S. Barnes
Prayer		Chris Stanley
Tithes and Offerings	Local Church Budget (Loose offerings go to church budget.)	Doug Mace
Offertory	Joy to the World	arr. John Rutter
Musical Praise	O Holy Night	arr. John Rutter
Child Dedication	Dallas Lee Curteman Lucas Daniel Vetter	Chris Stanley <sup>1</sup> Randy Roberts <sup>1</sup>
Baptism	Hannah Bahri	Randy Roberts <sup>₄</sup>
Child Dedication	Beckham Lee Ibarra Ava Selene Castelo Heller	Shawna Campbell⁴
Anthem	Candlelight Carol	arr. John Rutter
Meditation <sup>₄</sup>		
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Scripture Reading		Alexis VandenBosch, enBosch, Braden Chu
Homily	Anna: The Worshiping Widow Forgotten (part 4 of 4)	Randy Roberts
Closing Prayer		Randy Roberts
Postlude	Joy To The World	arr. Aaron Shows

# Worship Service Participating Musicians

Darren Belleau, Emily Brown, Moureen Pakpahan, choristers Alane Hegstad, flute; Miclen LaiPang, Alissa Tanguay, violin; Charissa Kast, viola; Lauren Becker, cello; Kimo Smith, organ Sanctuary Choir; Chamber Ensemble; Brenda Mohr, conductor



FORGOTTEN: The Often-Overlooked Characters of Christmas

Sabbaths | Dec. 2-23 | 9, 10, 11:30, 11:45AM

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 worshiping 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



# **Child Dedications**













**Baptism** 



Sunset Today - 4:45 p.m.

Dallas Lee Curteman was born on May 19, 2023. He is the son of Jeremy and Lydia Curteman. Jeremy works as a human resource specialist at Cedar House, and Lydia is an assistant professor and director at Loma Linda University School of Nursing. Dallas is their firstborn.

Lucas Daniel Vetter was born August 18, 2023. He is the son of Marcelo and Lily Molano Vetter. Marcelo is the webmaster for La Sierra University, and Lily is a neuro physical therapist for LLU Outpatient Rehab Center.

Beckham Lee Ibarra was born August 23, 2022. He is the son of Levely Castelo and Bret Ibarra. Leverly and Bret pursue a joint dental practice in Houston, Texas. Beckham has one older brother, Bentley Leo.

Ava Selene Castelo Heller was born April 13, 2023. She is the daughter of Leigh and Reese Heller. Leigh is a physician assistant for a cardiac ICU at a children's hospital in Houston, Texas. Reese

Carter James Elssmann was born May 31, 2023. He is the son of Christa and Ryan Elssmann. Christa is a physical therapist at Redlands Community Hospital, and Ryan is an Air Attack Pilot for the Forest Service.



Taylor Ryann Rawson, born May 20, 2019, and Greyson Scott Rawson, born April 24, 2022, are the sons of Brandon and Nicole Rawson. Brandon is a welder/fabricator, and Nicole is an EMT. Taylor and Greyson have a seven-year-old sister, Riley.



Hannah Bahri grew up in a nurturing Christian household and as part of LLUC, both of which were profound blessings. Now through baptism, she anticipates elevating her spiritual journey, deepening her connection with Jesus, and actively contributing to her cherished church community. A sophomore biology major at Southern Adventist University, Hannah enjoys spending time with siblings, Kevin and Gracie.

# **Church Life**

The flowers today are given in honor of Hannah Bahri, on the occasion of her baptism. With love from her dad, mom, Kevin, and Gracie.

Light of Love: A Christmas Musical of the Nativity: The final performance will be in the Auditorium tonight at 7 p.m. This performance is sold out, but if you have tickets come early as it is open seating.

We are in the giving season! Your church leaders ask if you will prayerfully consider a special gift for our building program. We look forward to paying down a significant portion of the principal of our loan this year. Remember that 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.

No Praxis Night Church on December 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 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.

Caregiver's Support: Chronic and terminal illnesses can be difficult to discuss. The thought of caring for a loved one facing a life-limiting condition can be overwhelming and may evoke many emotions in different people; however, understanding the different "faces" that a chronic and/or terminal illness can have and learning how to cope as a caregiver can provide a sense of empowerment and hope. Effective January 7, the U-Care team will have a Caregiver's Support Group for the chronically and terminally ill every Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in room 130. Call the church office to register or go to lluc.org.

Church Office Holiday Hours: Offices will be closed Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1.

# **Calendar Events**

Sunday, December 24 1:30 p.m.	Dementia Caregivers Support Group, room 102
Tuesday, December 26	
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	- 27
6:00 p.m.	Open Prayer Circle, room 102
Sabbath, December 30	
9:00 & 11:45 a.m.	God Has So Much More in Store for You! Filip Milosavljevic, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Praxis Young Adult Sabbath School, Family Ministries Bldg lower level, room 0402
10:00 & 11:30 a.m.	Anthem Modern Service, auditorium

## SEASON 'S GREETINGS

Norman and Julie Harebottle

FROM FRIENDS OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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