

December 3, 2022

Loma Linda University Church

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

Video Announcements

Prelude *O Come, O Come Immanuel* arr. James Pethel
Kimo Smith, organ

Pastoral Welcome Ernie Castillo

Call to Worship *O Come, Let Us Adore Him* John Wade
Congregation, Sanctuary Choir; Princess Cervantes,
Cherry Ignacio, Donna Rajagukguk, choristers;
Kimo Smith, organ; Brenda Mohr, conductor

Advent Candle Lighting Dominic, Yolanda, Wyatt, & Emily Martinez¹
Michael, Nancy, Matthew, & Jacob Del Cid⁴

Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Charles Wesley

Prayer Joey Oh

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

Offertory *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*
Kimo Smith, piano arr. Carol Tornquist

Anthem *The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem* arr. R. Johnson
Sanctuary Choir, Emily Brown, soprano;
Heather Thielen, flute; Brenda Mohr, conductor

Scripture Luke 7:36-50 Brittany Waring,
Pierre Scott, Scotty Ray

Meditation⁴

Sermon **Sinners Over Saints?** Randy Roberts
The Gift (Part 1 of 4)

Closing Prayer Randy Roberts

Postlude *Postlude on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*
Kimo Smith, organ Henry Coleman

Family Ministry Building Program



Together in Prayer

At this time, more than ever, we want to pray together. Every Sabbath our Prayer Room (room 102, south side of church) is open between 10 and 11:30 a.m. You may submit your prayer requests or comments any time at lluc.org. Join our daily 7 a.m. prayer line family by calling (909)361-6220, enter ID number 11125#.

Questions or Comments: www.lluc.org

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

Sunset Today - 4:40 p.m. Sunset Next Week - 4:40 p.m.

Anthem Modern Service

Auditorium

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

New Sermon Series



The Gift...

For Those on Whom God's Favor Rests

The heavenly chorus proclaimed the good news of Advent to the shepherds on the hills outside Bethlehem:

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:13-14, NIV).

This is the best of all good news! Yet the last line raises a question: *Upon exactly whom does God's favor rest?*

As Luke recounts the story of Jesus, the answer to the question is stunning because throughout the ministry of Jesus, God's favor *consistently* rests upon the *last* people who ought to have expected to receive it.

Two thousand years later the news is *still* stunning! The identity of "those on whom his favor rests" is still astonishing because those who think they would *never* be the object of God's favor are about to receive the greatest Christmas of all: *God's peace!*

Church Life

The funeral service for Bert Haloviak will be on Friday, December 9, at 11 a.m. at Azure Hills Church. All are welcome.

The floral arrangement today is given in loving memory of our beloved Labeeb Edmond Haddad as a bouquet of hope. He would have been celebrating his 61st birthday, but he was taken away from us 30 years ago. We shall meet again on that bright and glorious morning. With love from Dad, Mom, and the family.

The giving season is upon us! Please prayerfully consider a special gift for our on-going Family Ministry Building program on Sabbath, December 17. We look forward to paying down a significant portion of the principal of our loan this year. Remember any amount over 2 million dollars collected throughout the year goes directly to the principal. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving. Your pastoral staff.

Divorce Care Leadership Interest: Volunteers are needed to direct the divorce care program and/or lead the groups. If you have interest in supporting this ministry, complete the online interest form at lluc.org.

The LLUC Children's Choirs will be presenting "An Out of the Box Christmas" today at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Invite your friends and family to discover how the essence of Christmas can still be captured, even when things don't go quite as planned!

Ladies Christmas Tea: For women (young and young at heart!) at LLUC who contribute to the life of our church. This is a ticketed event, so ladies, please come by the lobby today to secure a ticket (no charge) for the Ladies' Christmas Tea coming up, December 17 at 3 p.m.

Bethlehem Bonanza: Families are invited to bring a friend to our Bethlehem Bonanza on December 10, during Sabbath School, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in our Outdoor Amphitheater. Children's Ministry has fun activities planned celebrating the birth of Christ.

Celebrating Hispanic Women Composers: LLUC is honored to present Spaniard piano virtuoso Marisa Blanes in a concert featuring works by women composers from Spain, Mexico, Argentina, Cuba, and Uruguay. The event on December 4 at 5 p.m. in the Auditorium is free.

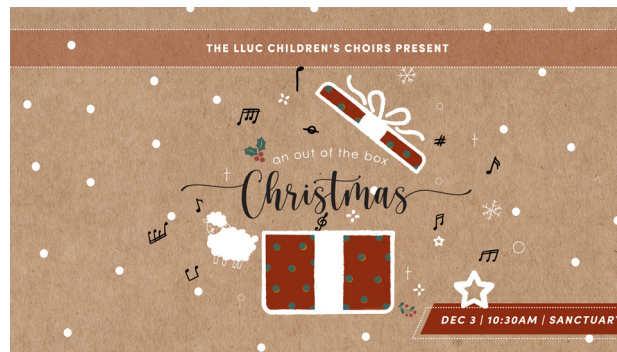
Messiah sing-along: Join the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra for this LLUC sing-along tradition on Sabbath, December 17, first and fourth services. Bring your own score or borrow one in the lobby. For more information, contact Brenda Mohr at sanctuarychoirluc@gmail.com.

Christmas Candlelight Concert: "The Gift of Heaven": The LLUC Music Ministry invites you to the 2022 Christmas Candlelight Concert on Sabbath, December 10, at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join the Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, Brass, BellForza, Kimo Smith, guest soloists Raejin Lee, Charles Reid, and more, as together we celebrate "The Gift of Heaven." Join us as we sing favorite Christmas carols at this special concert. Tickets are available online at lluc.org.

Season's Greetings are expressed each year by members through a contribution of \$25 to support the Music Ministry. Designate your contribution "Season's Greetings" and list your name exactly as you would like it to appear on the list. Contribution deadline is December 17.

The Gary Bonner Singers and Orchestra will be in concert at the Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church, Friday, December 16, 7 p.m., and Saturday, December 17 at 4 p.m. Reserved seating is available at iTickets.com or call (800)965-9324. Sadly, this is director Gary Bonner's last concert tour.

Miclen LaiPang, violinist, winner of numerous international competitions and whom The New York Times acclaims as "a force to be reckoned with," will be in concert at the Campus Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, Saturday, January 7 at 7 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are available on iTickets.com or call (614)414-6899.



Vespers



Calendar Events

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| Sunday, December 4
5:00 p.m. | Celebrating Hispanic women composers, Marisa Blanes, auditorium |
| Monday, December 5
5:30-7:00 p.m. | Women's Prayer Group, call (909)361-6220, passcode 11125# |
| Tuesday, December 6
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 7
6:00 p.m. | Open Prayer Circle, room 102 |
| Thursday, December 8
12:00 noon | Sandwiches and Salvation Zoom meeting, ID: 502 918 535 |
| Friday, December 9
7:30 p.m. | Night Church (Praxis), Young Adults, Family Ministries Bldg auditorium |
| Sabbath, December 10
9:00 & 11:45 a.m. | "Children Over Adults?," <i>The Gift</i> (part 2 of 4), Randy Roberts, Sanctuary |
| 9:15 a.m. | Praxis Young Adult Sabbath School, Family Ministries Bldg lower level, room 0402 |
| 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
4:00 & 6:30 p.m. | Anthem Modern Service, auditorium
Christmas Candlelight Concert, Sanctuary |