

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

9:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Eric Sherlock

INTROIT *Calm & Bright* Marcia McFee & Chuck Bell

*It was the night when Peace was born,
and just as now the world was torn.
But all was calm and all was bright,
the star above gave out its light.
Dear people all around the world,
let us unite and we will show
how Peace can change us,
how peace can help us grow.*

*So let your Peace shine in the night,
And let your life burn warm and bright.
This Peace we give the world is balm
and in this truth we find our calm.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**All: 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**

*OPENING PRAYER AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Kim Lawrence

One: We enter this season of waiting, by lighting this first candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see. Advent God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only wait, but also work, for peace in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

All: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

Children are dismissed for Godly Play and Holy Moly during the Passing of the Peace. They will return to their families for Communion.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Kim Lawrence

One: Peace be with you;
All: And also with you.
One: Let us greet one another and pass the peace of Christ.

*OPENING HYMN *O God of Every Nation* (insert)

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:2, 6-7* Kim Lawrence

SERMON *Heavenly Peace* Rev. Eric Sherlock

ANTHEM *Prayer for Peace* David Haas

*Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.*

*Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.*

*Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.*

*Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.*

Alleluia.

TIME OF PRAYER

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

All: Hear our prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME OF GIVING

Call To Offering

Offertory *The Way of Peace* Anthony Giamanco

*Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* #331

INVITATION

SURSUM CORDA

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Only non-alcoholic juice is served. Gluten-free bread is available.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Poured Out For You* Austin North

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN *Let There be Peace on Earth* (insert)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *We Need A Silent Night In Here* Marsha Jean Moors-Charles & Chuck Bell

*We need a silent night in here,
We need your presence to be near.
Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek,
We need a silent night in here.*

POSTLUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Mark Hayes
Sandra Lepley, piano

DURING THE SECOND HOUR

There is no Second Hour today. Enjoy the extra time for fellowship!

Emmaus Team 7

Greeters: Anne Seiler **Flowers:** Nicole Noga
Carol Krotz **Liturgist:** Kim Lawrence
Ushers: Tim Seiler **Friendship Host:** Tom Sonneman
John Heinson Barbara Carrillo
Janet & David Marsha Mak
Apostolo Mary McClure
Candle Lighter: Craig Seiler

Next week's team is **Emmaus Team 1**. Please call or email the office, with information by **noon on Wednesday, December 5.**

Lock-Up Duty: Dee Brook **Holy Moly** Nan Karns
Sound Technician: Randy Jang **Ministers:** Jen Faught

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

The Rev. Eric Sherlock **John Kendall Bailey**
Senior Pastor *Music Director*
Mary-Marie Deauclaire **Blair Hansen**
Handbell Director *Office Administrator*
Hugh Klassen **Elizabeth Setlak-von Thury**
Nursery Attendant *Operations Coordinator*

Janice Inman
Dayspring Preschool Director
www.dayspringpreschool.org

OUR PURPOSE

*Loving God
Loving Each Other
Being God's Love in the World*

At Danville Congregational Church we welcome you to a progressive spiritual community that is open and affirming, celebrates differences, and encourages alternate views. We explore the Bible with curiosity and enthusiasm, taking it seriously but not literally. Taking Christ's call passionately to love our neighbor, we extend our faith into action for the betterment of all. Wherever you are on life's journey, we offer you a place of peace and hope.

Danville Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming church, welcoming all of God's people – of diverse race, gender, sexual orientation, family status, economic condition, and physical, mental and emotional ability.

A NOTE TO WORSHIPERS

Please turn off your cell phone when you enter this sanctuary. Also, please move to the center of the row, so those who come in after you can more easily be seated. The left-hand section of pews as you enter the sanctuary has been designated for those who are free of scents and perfumes.

If you would like to use one of our listening assistance devices, please see the sound technician in the back of the sanctuary.

Following worship, please gather in **Koinonia Hall** for refreshments and time with old and new friends.

First time visitor? Welcome to Danville Congregational Church! We are glad you are here with us today. If you are interested in getting additional information about Danville Congregational Church, after the worship service, in the narthex, you will find someone holding a **red bag**. In the bag you will find helpful information about the church. We look forward to meeting you!

Child care for 4 years and younger is available from **9:15 – 11:00** today. Please always sign your child in and out of our Nursery. For safety reasons, we request that no child be left on the playground without appropriate supervision. Thank you!

Activity bags are available for children to use in worship. Children can pick up a bag and/or a clipboard from the basket at the back of the sanctuary when they come into worship and sit with their families in the pews. Please return the bags and clipboards to the basket at the end of worship.

The DCC sanctuary is available for meditation and quiet prayer during the week during normal business hours. Please feel free to come by any time — enter through the office.



Danville Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

989 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville CA 94526-4020
Phone: (925) 837-6944
www.danvillechurch.org

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

8:30AM	-	9:15AM	Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM	-	10:30AM	Godly Play and Holy Moly (combined)
9:15AM	-	11:00AM	Childcare for children 4 & under in the Nursery
9:30AM	-	10:30AM	Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30AM	-	11:00AM	Time for Fellowship in Koinonia Hall
12:30PM	-	2:00PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:00PM	-	8:00PM	Youth Group

THIS WEEK AT DCC

Tuesday	10:00AM	-	12:00PM	Last Third of Life Group
Wednesday	1:30PM	-	3:00PM	Spiritual Formation Group #4
Thursday	11:00AM	-	12:00PM	Spiritual Formation Group #3
	7:30PM	-	9:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	6:30PM	-	9:30PM	DCC Christmas Party Potluck

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Advent Flowers Donations

Money is now being collected for our Advent flowers. Forms are available in the Narthex to fill out and you may give them with your check included to **Kim Michaud** or **Randy and Janis Jang**.



What: Christmas Party! Come join your DCC friends for an adult only evening of fun, frivolity, wine, food and joyous Christmas caroling!

When: Saturday, December 8, 6:30-9:30pm

Where: Kairos Hall

What to Bring: A heavy appetizer or a dessert to share, plus your beverage of choice.

The kiddies: We will provide childcare. Please sign up in advance with **Joyce Klassen: joyce.klassen@comcast.net**, so we can plan accordingly.

Carpool: If you're not comfortable driving at night, but would like to come, let Joyce know and we can figure out transportation.

Signups: During Time of Fellowship or contact **Joyce Klassen** directly.



Advent Donations

The Endowment Committee invites you to remember a loved one during Advent by making a donation. You may do so by submitting a check to *Danville Congregational Church* and designating that it is for the Endowment Fund. Please place your check in the offering plate or give it to the office. In addition, please provide the following information for subsequent acknowledgment of your donation and return it to **Bruce Hixon**.

Name _____

In honor/memory of _____

(Please circle one)



Christmas Cards for San Antonio, Guatemala

Add one more family to your annual Christmas Card list! Feel free to include your family photo if you choose and cards will be shipped to San Antonio on **December 17**.



DANVILLE
Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

December 2, 2018

Calm & Bright

Sundays @ 9:30 in December

An Advent and Christmas Worship Series

DECEMBER 2 - Peace
DECEMBER 9 - Joy
DECEMBER 16 - Love
Christmas Music Sunday

DECEMBER 23 - Hope
Christmas Pageant
DECEMBER 24 -
Christmas Eve
5:00 PM
Candlelight Worship

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and
3 Lord, strengthen those who la - bor that all may find re -
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall

land, re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with
right, from trust in bombs that show - er de -
lease from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from
cease, when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give

7 your al - might - y hand. Where hate and fear di -
struc - tion through the night, from pride of race and
dread of war's in - crease; when hope and cour - age
way to love and peace, till dawns the morn - ing

10 vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled, in
sta - tion and blind - ness to your way, de -
fal - ter, your still small voice be heard; with
glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign and

13 love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
faith that none can al - ter, your servants un - der - gird.
Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

565

By Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me. —

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to

be. — With God as our Fa - ther, — broth - ers

Optional text: (we are
all are we; — Let me walk with my broth - er — in
fam - i - ly. — Let us walk with each oth - er —)

per - fect har - mo - ny. — Let peace be - gin with me, let

this be the mo - ment now. — With ev - 'ry step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: — To take each mo - ment and live each

mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly. — Let there be peace on earth and

1 Final
let it be - gin with me. — let it be - gin with me. —