

 **PIEDMONT COMMUNITY**

CHURCH

Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

Steve Schibsted preaches. Mark Wings is our guest organist. Music by Tina Harrington and our Chancel Choir.



WELCOME

No matter your age, race, economic status, religious background, gender or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

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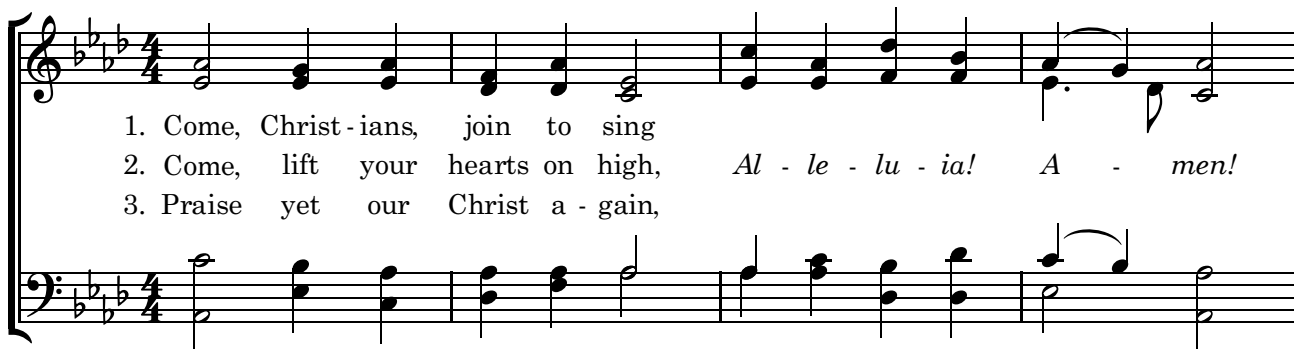


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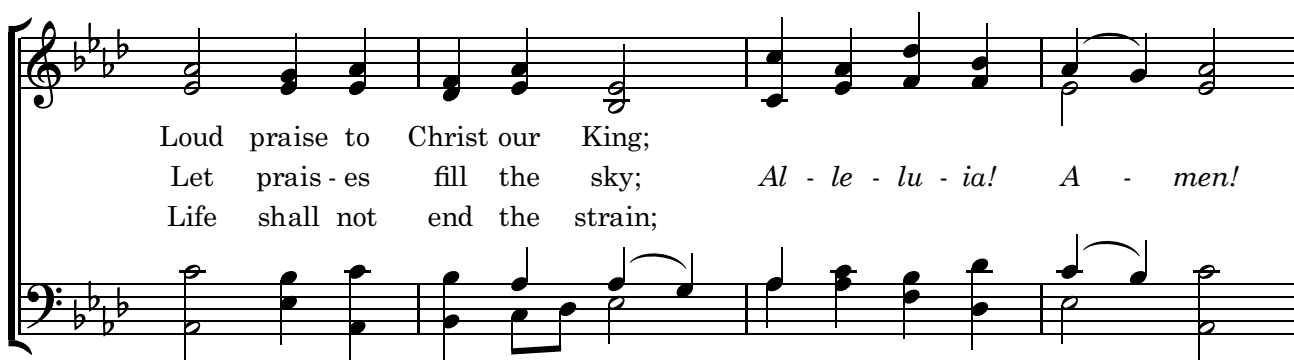
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Come, Christians, join to sing

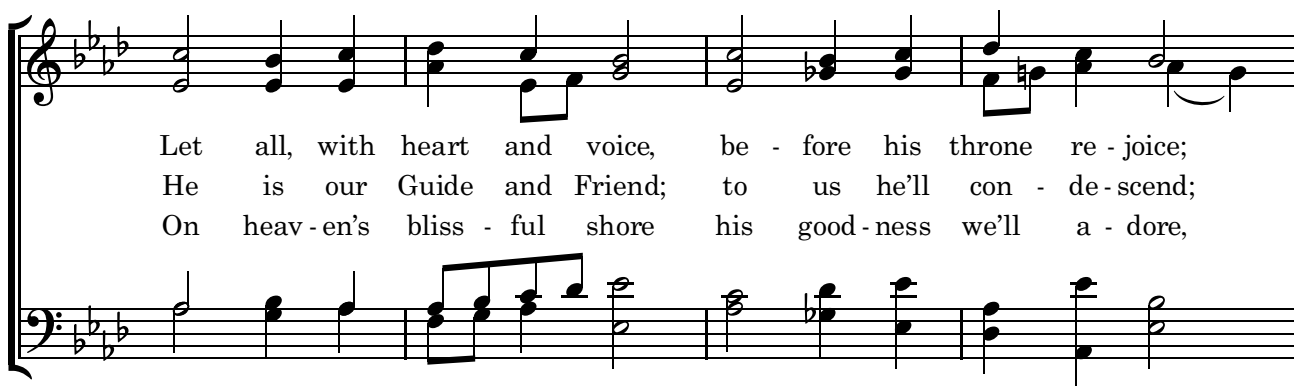
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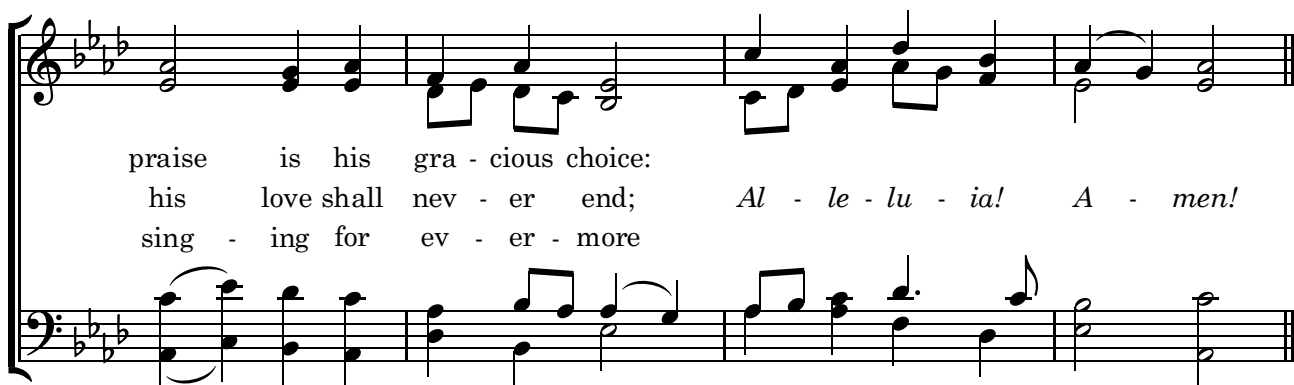
1. Come, Christ - ians, join to sing
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, *Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!*
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain,



Loud praise to Christ our King;
Let prais - es fill the sky; *Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!*
Life shall not end the strain;



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice:
his love shall nev - er end; *Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!*
sing - ing for ev - er - more

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The flowers on the Chancel today are given by the Spencer family to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding of Michelle Taylor and Scott Spencer on January 18.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Steve Schibsted

Prelude

Prelude in A
Mark Winges, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

***Church Bell**

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Like a whisper that lures us to safety,

People: Strong as a shout that bids us to come,

Liturgist: Gentle as a prayer that eases our worry,

People: Like a clear bell that rings out our name,

Liturgist: Your Word comes to us, Loving God.

People: It comforts us and calls us to depart from evil and do good, to seek peace and to pursue it.

Liturgist: Merciful and loving God, open our hearts to hear you

All: And free our voices to praise you in this time of worship!

***Hymn**

Come, Christians, join to sing

Madrid

***Prayer of Confession**

Jan Ghirardelli

Holy and gracious God, in Christ all things are made new, including us. Yet, we confess that the "old self" often has more sway than the "new self" you offer. We are plagued by fear, worry and doubt despite our identity as your beloved children. Anger, resentment and hatred wreak havoc in our relationships, even though you are the Prince of Peace. We are consumed with regrets, shame and guilt despite the forgiveness you freely give us. We want it to be otherwise, Lord! We want to live fully in the joy of your salvation. Through your forgiving love reconcile us to you and to one another, that we may trust in your goodness, and rest in your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Choral Response

May the grace of Christ our Savior, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.

Words of Assurance & Words of Christian Greeting

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Don Ashburn

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 for ever. Amen.

Anthem

His eye is on the sparrow
Tina Harrington, alto
Mark Wings, piano

arr. Maria Thompson Corley
(20th century)

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home; when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free; for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

When ever I am tempted, when ever clouds arise, when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy...
—*Traditional spiritual*

Scripture Reading**Matthew 6:25-34**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Sermon

“A NEW WAY OF LIVING”
Rev. Dr. Steve Schibsted
Anxious Alternatives

Offertory

For the beauty of the earth
Chancel Choir

Philip Stopford
(born 1977)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

—Words by Foliott S. Pierpoint (1864)

*Doxology

(Hymnal, p. 572)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jan Ghirardelli

Gracious God, we hear in your word that your truth is greater than riches. We sing that you are greater than silver, more precious than gold, and more beautiful than diamonds. But, the truth is we worry about money. We struggle to get it, and stress when we think it's dwindling away. God, grant us faith in you as our provider. Faith in you as our true hope. Give us the joy and freedom that is found in a loose hold on the things of this world. May we be cheerful givers – quick to share and happy to lend. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

Day by day, and with each passing moment

Blott en dag

*Commission and Benediction

Dr. Schibsted

Voluntary

In dir ist freude
Mark Wings, organ

J. S. Bach

Fellowship and light refreshments available in the Courtyard.

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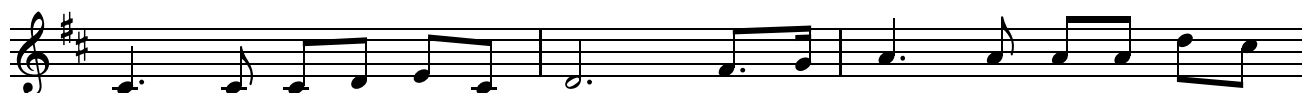
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1. Day by day, and with each pass-ing mo-ment, strength I find to meet my tri- als
2. Ev-ery day the Lord him-self is near me with a spe-cial mer-cy for each
3. Help me then in ev-ery trib-u-la-tion so to trust thy prom-is-es, O



here; trust-ing in my Fa-ther's wise be-stow-ment, I've no
hour; all my cares he wants to bear, and cheer me, he whose
Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con-so-la-tion of-fered



cause for wor-ry or for fear. He whose heart is kind be-yond all
name is Coun-se-lor and Power. The pro-tec-tion of his child and
me with-in thy ho-ly Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trou-ble



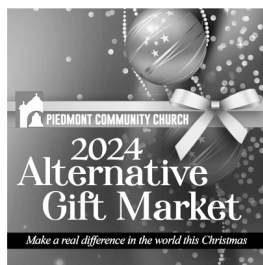
mea-sure gives un-to each day what he deems best lov-ing-
treasure is a charge that on him-self he laid; "As thy
meet-ing, e'er to take, as from a fa-ther's hand, one by



ly, its part of pain and plea-sure, min-gling toil with peace and rest.
days, thy strength shall be in mea-sure," this the pledge to me_ he_ made.
one, the days, the mo-ments fleet-ing, till I reach the prom-ised land.

AGM Raises \$38,000

Celebrating our 21st year of the Alternative Gift Market, your generosity raised over \$38,000 for our local and global communities. This is an increase of \$14,000 over last year's total.



- 40 Warrior Canine Connection service dogs will be provided with new Vests and Treats
- 49 Foster youth will receive School supplies or Household items for their first apartment through First Place for Youth
- 74 Oakland students and families will receive Math tools and Literacy Kits through Children Rising
- 186 After school meals and Summer camp field excursions for San Antonio Oakland students through Harbor House
- 23 PIPH Hispanic families will receive food supplies in Oakland
- 10 Sessions for Trauma informed therapy and Healing with horses through New Day for Children
- 65 Inmates and their families will be supported through the Angel Tree Program and Prison Fellowship Academy
- 31 George Mark Children's House families and nurses will receive Meals and PPE kits
- 4 Community street libraries and 34 Weekly BBQs supported through Oakland Trybe
- 12 Families will receive Kitchen supplies and Share of beds through Grateful Gatherings
- 11 Mobile health clinic nurses and 17 Malaria kits for rural Malawi through GAIA Global Health
- 32 people will receive Glasses, medications and Sight saving surgery through SEVA Foundation
- 15 African villages will receive Protected water wells through Marion Medical Mission
- 19 Child survivor kits and Law enforcement trainings through International Justice Mission
- 17 people in rural Africa will be Lifted out of extreme poverty and provided Training and mentoring through Village Enterprise
- 66 Ethiopian students will have food and education and 8 Improved jersey cows provided through Project Mercy

Grief Group Returns Jan 25

Grief Group will meet Saturday, January 25 at 10am in the Clara Barton Room. The group is open to both church members and non-members.

We will decide ongoing schedule at that meeting. Contact Alison Fletcher at alisonfletcher2843@gmail.com



Adult Mexico Mission Trip

While the High School student Mexico Mission trip is on pause, the Mission Board is organizing an Adults-only Mexico Mission house-building trip with Amor Ministries.



We will be building one home in the Tijuana area for a local family over three days (no concrete mixing required) and staying in the Amor campsite. The trip will be led by experienced builders and will be open to a total of 15 Piedmont Church members. No special gear or construction experience is needed; just be able-bodied and ready to work.

The trip takes place Thursday, March 27 through Sunday, March 30 and will cost between \$1,200-1,500 per person, depending on the cost of flights and hotel. The fee covers the cost to Amor, transportation, hotel in San Diego on the first night, van rental for equipment and food.

Contact Mike Bandrowski at mike.bandrowski@gmail.com



Online Bible Study

On Mondays at 10am, Don Ashburn leads an online study. Starting in January, the focus will be on the Book of Revelation. To participate fully, no previous experience in Bible study is expected or required. Just come with an open heart and mind and see where the Spirit leads you. The Zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83211177073>



Ride Coordinator Needed

In seeking to meet the needs of people in our community who cannot - or no longer can - drive to church on Sunday mornings, we are seeking a volunteer Ride Coordinator. The responsibilities consist of finding out who may need a ride to church, what their physical capacity may be and arranging for people to drive them to church.

This task would be done in coordination with the pastoral staff and the Board of Deacons. We'll start by offering a limited number of rides and then decide if we need to build our capacity. Contact Don Ashburn at Don@PiedmontChurch.org

Enneagram and Spirituality Class

Starting Sunday, January 26, Dr. Kate Rankin returns to Piedmont Church to teach a 4-week class on how understanding your Enneagram type can be a wonderful tool to support richer spiritual development.

The class will examine how each personality type can benefit from an individualized program of spiritual practices to live as God desires each of us to live.



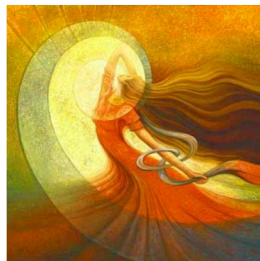
Class is held from 11:15am - 12:15pm in the Kettlewell Room. No sign up required. Contact Don Ashburn at Don@PiedmontChurch.org



CHURCH *Life*

Women Together Spiritual Dance

On January 25, 2pm, Kimery Long will lead the group in a one hour introduction to liturgical/spiritual dancing in Guild Hall. The session will involve a warm up, meeting each other and learning to use movement to express spiritual themes like joy, love, praise, peace, worship, struggle and strength.



Contact Kimery at kimarj@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday Dinner & Service

You are invited to a delicious dinner on Wednesday, March 5, 6pm in Guild Hall prepared by Loaves & Fishes. After dinner and a wonderful fellowship, we will attend the Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.

Cost is \$20/adult and \$10/child in advance (\$25 & \$15 at the door).

Click the registration link below or sign up in the Courtyard after worship by Sunday, March 2. Contact Kathy Hurd at (916) 343-1519



'Little Saigon' Day of Service Feb 1

You are invited to a day of service on Saturday, February 1, 9am-12pm at Clinton Square Community Center and Park, 655 International Boulevard, with Trybe.



Trybe is a cutting edge organization in Oakland transforming communities focusing on children and their families. The project will involve beautification and gardening and is open to all ages.

Sign up in the Courtyard after worship or use the registration link below. Contact Blaire Jahn at blairejahn650@gmail.com



ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Help overcome food insecurity. Nearly 12% of Bay Area residents are food insecure. Members and friends of Piedmont Church will gather at Alameda County Food Bank on Wednesday, January 22 at 8:30am to bag food for distribution to the food bank's recipients.

Contact Janet Peterson at janetp201@gmail.com. She will send you a link to sign-up on the ACCFB website. You can also sign-up Sunday after worship. Carpooling can also be arranged. Deadline for sign ups is Wednesday, January 15.



Our next FREE adults Game & Gab Night will be held on Saturday, February 1 from 6:30-9pm in Guild Hall. Snacks, dessert and drinks will be served. Enjoy chat tables for those who don't like to play games, Poker, Mexican Train, Rummikub, Scrabble and more. Bring your favorite game or puzzle if you'd like.

Click the registration link or sign up in the Courtyard after worship by January 26. Contact Kathy Hurd at (916) 343-1519

ROCKIN' JUMP

Jump Into the New Year!

January 19, 12-1:30p

Register Online



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