



**Stone Church of Willow Glen
- Presbyterian Church (USA)
San José, California**

**January 19 2025 - 9:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

The Preparation for the Word

*Before worship, speak with God. During worship, let God speak to you.
After worship, speak with those around you.*

Chimes

Prelude

“Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie”

*Maurice Durufle (1902-86)
Barbara Vella, Organist*

Welcome

Rev. Fred Harrell

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 36:5-9)*

Maureen Chandler, Liturgist

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

***Opening Hymn #366** “Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

1
Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2
Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3
Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4
Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community” (1967)

*There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...
We love because God first loved us.*

from 1 John 4:18-19

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.

We have depended on our possessions and our privilege, and have not placed our trust in your love and provision for us.

We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth’s resources.

We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray.

Lead us in the way of Jesus, that we may serve you faithfully, and love as you love. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon (1 John 4:9)

*God’s love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
In Christ, we are loved and forgiven.*

Thanks be to God!

***The Passing of the Peace**

*The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

Mission Study Committee 2 Update

Maureen Chandler

We Listen to God's Word

The First Lesson *Hosea 11:1-4 (O.T., p. 842)*

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

Anthem “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. by Shane & Shane
Stephanie & Jeremy Easton

The Second Lesson *John 15:9-17; 21:4-14 (N.T., p. 109, 115)*

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon “Experiencing Jesus: As Friend”

Rev. Fred Harrell

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

Let us now bring forward our offerings—our time, talents, and treasures—as a testament to our commitment to co-creating a world where love and justice prevail.

Offertory

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

*Dedication of the People and Their Gifts Hymn #592

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

*Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good for the flourishing of our city. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion servers ~ Jim Hagan, Jonathan Miller, Fran Cole

Invitation to the Table

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

...Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Karl Digerness

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosana in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...And now as Christ has taught us, we pray together:

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.

*Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Music

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Laraine Pitcher, flute

***Jesus, remember me when you
come into your kingdom. (Repeat)***

Prayer after Communion

Living Christ, thank you for this meal that nourishes our bodies and spirits. By feasting on this bread of life, your presence reminds us of our belovedness, even when broken. For you, Holy Mystery, companion us through all things, and sustain us by your love. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

1

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!*

3

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there*

2

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude on Darwall's 148th”

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.

*Those who are able may rise in body or spirit.

ASL Interpreter – Hannah Sullivan

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*The Stone Church of Willow Glen acknowledges that the land on which we worship this morning is the
unceded land of the Muwekma Ohlone people.*

During December, **Membership & Communications (M&C)** and friends
are serving coffee & refreshments after worship.

Welcome Guests and Visitors! We hope you already feel at home among us here at Stone Church. The nearest **restroom** is located between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall; exit thru the double doors at the front of the Sanctuary (near the TV). Everyone is invited for **refreshments** and fellowship in the Social Hall and on the patio after worship. We welcome the sound of any little ones during worship, but if your

baby (age 0-3) gets too wiggly for you, you may take them to the **Nursery**, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall. It's open each Sunday for children ages 0-3.

Children's Church School – Children meet in the Fireside Room at 9:30 am (stone building on the other side of the Social Hall). Children will come to the sanctuary to participate in Communion.

Each Week, Stone Church Invites You to Share Holy Communion - We use the intinction method, dipping the bread in the cup—amber is juice, dark red is wine. When the time comes, we will process down the center aisle; take bread (in cup or cut – gluten free avail) and dip; the server will say a few words; partake of the moistened bread; return to your seat by the side aisles.

The Florals on the Retable are in remembrance of Mary Alice Collins, whose memorial was held here yesterday. She was a great friend to all, and her gentle soul, wise words, and calming energy will be greatly missed.

Adult Ed (11 am SA) – Join member Nina Mundi, as she shares her personal journey from Cameroon to California-- challenges, joys, and what keeps her smiling and centered in this ever-changing world.

Today the Unity Candle is at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Aptos (Rev. Anne McAnelly). Our Executive Presbyter, Dr. Neal Presa, has asked all congregations of the San Jose Presbytery to include the location of the Unity Candle in their worship bulletins, and pray for the hosting congregation each week as the candle travels church-to-church through the Presbytery. Please pray for God's people in this congregation.

Men's Book Group meets **tomorrow, Mon, Jan 20th** (7 pm) in the Lincoln House Conference Room to discuss "The Wager" by David Grann, as well as choosing books for Feb, Mar, Apr & May. All men welcome--bring your book ideas and enjoy the conversation, wine & snacks.

Prayer Shawl Group meets the 4th Saturday each month at 1pm, so **next Sat, Jan 25th**. Come if you are interested in knitting, crocheting, or come to socialize and see what others are creating. Contact Ginny Barret for details (ginnybarret@gmail.com).

STOP Human Trafficking! - Take action and stand with us as we call attention to human trafficking by standing with our signs on Lincoln Ave. Human trafficking is the recruitment, transport or transfer of persons using force, fraud or coercion to exploit them for acts of labor or sex. It is a form of modern-day slavery. If this issue speaks to you, please join us as we take our "stand" **on Mon, Jan 27th** at 8:15 a.m., meeting in the church office. Signs and brochures are provided. Questions? Contact Claudia Hamm (jinchamm@gmail.com).

We Want to Hear Your Voice - Stone Church's Mission Study Committee will conduct a series of small-group listening sessions with members in February as part of its research to write the new Mission Study Report.

Committee members will ask a series of questions about the church, how it can address your needs and your aspirations for its future. These sessions will be held at the church from February 13 through 28, but **you must register by Friday, January 31st**. Use this link <https://www.stonechurch.org/church-life-1/listening-sessions>, or register on our website (StoneChurch.org).

The committee will organize the listening groups, which will consist of no more than 10 participants plus the committee members who will moderate and record the comments we receive. After registrations close, the committee will contact you and assign you to a group at a convenient time.

The Great Search is a morning retreat with John Philip Newell and Cami Twilling, on **Sat, Feb 8th** (9am – 12pm) at Westhope Presby. Church in Saratoga. Register at www.westhope.org/events. The focus of the retreat: to inspire people towards a spirituality of intimacy with Earth rather than a spirituality of alienation from Earth, and a vision of inter-relatedness and harmony instead of religious and political division.

Per Capita: What is it? – This is Stone Church's support of our denominational church structure: San Jose Presbytery (local), Synod of the Pacific (region-al), and PC(USA) General Assembly (national). Each local Presbyterian Church supports this structure. Our commitment, based on 300 members, is \$13,200.

Paying your Per Capita portion (**\$44.00 per member**) is a **voluntary** commitment on your part, not Presbyterian “dues”. Any of that church commitment that isn’t paid by individuals has to be paid from church funds that could have gone to other useful purposes. Your payment represents your willingness to be a participant in our shared mission to God’s service with all the other members of all the other churches of the PCUSA denomination.

Small Christmas Tree – Our Narthex Christmas Tree has seen better days and needs to be replaced. What we need is a small (4-5 ft) artificial Christmas tree, if you have one you are getting rid of, or would like to donate a new tree, please contact Hilleguus Faber (hilleguus@famfaber.org).

Donations for the Southern California Fires can be made directly to PCUSA’s PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) fund at pcusa.org, or use this link [DR000165 US Wildfires](https://www.pcusa.org/donations/DR000165-US-Wildfires). This fund offers both direct emergency and long-term help. If you would like to donate today, please mark your donation with *DR000165 US Wildfires*. If you are writing a check, make it out *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*. Members of the Pacific Presbytery ask for your prayers for firefighters, and members of the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church, which was destroyed by fire, and others impacted by the wildfires.

January 19 – 26, 2025

Sunday (1/19)

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Communion
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - SH
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA
 5 - 7pm Youth Group - SH/K

Monday (1/20)

2:30pm **MLK Jr Day - Office Closed**
 7pm PW Page Turners Book Group
 Men’s Book Group – CR

Tuesday (1/21)

7 - 8:30pm Session - SH

Wednesday (1/22)

4:30 - 6:15pm **Fred off until Mon 1/27**
 7:30 - 9pm Vivace - SH
 Choir Practice - SH

Thursday (1/23)

5 - 8pm **Fred off until Mon 1/27**
 Vivace - SH

Friday (1/24)

9:30 - 11am **Fred off until Mon 1/27**
 Caregivers' Support - CR

Saturday (1/25)

8:30am - 12pm **Fred off until Mon 1/27**
 1 - 3pm Trailwalkers - TBD
 Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next Sunday (1/26)

8:30 - 9am **Fred off until Mon 1/27**
 9:30 - 10:30am Choir Practice - SA
 10:30 - 11am Worship & Communion
 11am - 12pm Coffee Fellowship - SH
 5 - 7pm Adult Ed - SA
 Chromatic Convergence - SA

JANUARY Anniversaries - (1st) Brian & Danielle Gustafson (2002); (17th) Irene & Marion Pak Lee (2016); (28th) Emily & Jody Meacham (1984)

JANUARY Birthdays - (1st) Ken Henry, Matt Perdue; (3rd) Bill Blodgett; (7th) Jess Roberts; (8th) Ruthanne Martinez, Dorothy Rowe; (15th) Fran Basso, Elle Nilson; (18th) Fred Harrell; (20th) Donald Foster, Nancy Kromm, John McClure & Nancy Weiss; (21st) Ben McDaid; (22nd) Chris Costello, Jody Meacham; (23rd) Charla Bunton-Johnson; (24th) Carter

Edwards; (25th) Pauline Moore; (27th) Tim Collins; (28th) Amber Rasura, Aaron McNelis; (29th) Connie Gum, Alyssa Blodgett; (30th) John Lococo, Chris Coleman

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