

Participants

Pastors: Doug Learned, Jaci Smith Patman
Liturgists: Molly and Jack Baker, Keith Patman, Larry Fehrenbaker
Ushers: Susan and Jerry Watkins, Sybil McGennis, Peter McGennis, Collene and Alan Van Noord, Virginia Blankenbaker, Jeanne Fehrenbaker, Stewart and Mary Macfarlane, Robert Haff, Gail Adams
Greeters: Carrie Shannon, Jack Goddard, Bob Haff
Music: David Mastrangelo and Jennifer George, Violins; Lani Mastrangelo, Viola; Eric Dochinger, Cello; The Chancel Choir; Noelani Brown and Robert Beane, Soloists; Thomas Goetz, director and organist

Worship Preview

10:00 AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
(9:00 AM service resumes January 8)

December 25 (one service only)

"The Light that Shines in the Darkness" John 1:1-14

January 1 (one service only)

"To Fulfill..."

Matthew 2:13-23

Distinguished Speaker Series presents...

Andy Crouch is the Executive Editor of *Christianity Today* and author of several books including *Culture Making*, *Playing God*, and *Strong and Weak*.

Saturday, January 28

Dinner & Talk | 5:30 PM

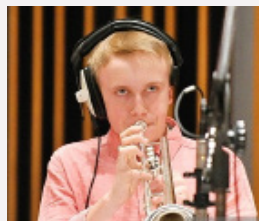
Andy Crouch will speak on living as Christians in today's world. Registration available after Christmas, online or at the Reception Desk.



Sunday, January 29

Andy Crouch Preaching at 10:00 AM
(10:00 AM is the only service this Sunday)

Hyacinth Series Presents...



Sunday, January 15 at 4:00 PM

Geoff Gallante;

16-year-old jazz trumpeter



Sunday, January 29 at 4:00 PM

St. Olaf College Band

*Hyacinth Concerts are open to the public at no charge.
Offerings are accepted.*

2017 weekly giving envelopes are available for pickup in Moss Hall. If you have made a financial commitment and would like to receive a box of giving envelopes, please contact Deb Grossklag at dgrossklag@mooringschurch.org or (239) 213-5233 and she will be happy to get you a box. Please do not use 2016 envelopes after Sunday December 26, 2016.

Financial Giving and Holiday Office Closings

2016 Budget Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission, and for your contributions to balance our budget for 2016-2017. Please be sure to check your pledge balance and note the deadline date below.

2016 Giving must be received in our offices by noon on December 30 or postmarked by December 31, 2016 to be included in your 2016 contributions. If you have donated or are going to donate stock toward your pledge, please call Deb Grossklag (213-5233) or email her (debgrossklag@mooringschurch.org) to notify her of your transactions so your statement will reflect this donation.

The Church Office Will Be Closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26 & 27. We will close at noon on Friday, December 30, and be closed on Monday, January 2.

Membership Inquiry Class

Sunday, January 22 at 11:30 AM in the Parlor.

Come and find out how to become an active or affiliate member.

Lunch is provided.

Please contact Deb Grossklag
(dgrossklag@mooringschurch.org or 213-5233)
to express interest in attending.

**We are glad you are here tonight
and invite your continued participation in all of our church life.**

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

(resumes January 8)

9:00 AM Casual Worship (Webster Chapel)

10:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday School

8:45 AM Nursery Open - Rooms 103-104

Sunday School Schedule

Following the Word for Children, children accompany their teachers to Sunday School.

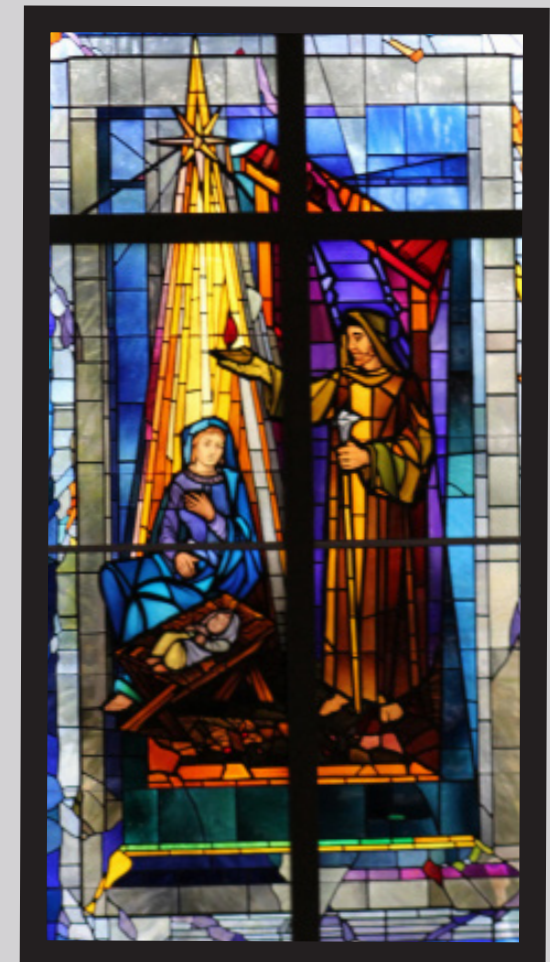
Parents meet their children in Moss Hall North after service.

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The Moorings Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24, 2016
8:00 PM

Please silence electronic devices.

Candle-like glow sticks are available for children's use.
Parents are asked to hold these until the Lighting of the Candles.

Large print bulletins are available from any usher.

PRELUDE (begins at 7:50) *Fantasy on "Adeste Fidelis"* Geoffrey Shaw
Concerto for Christmas Eve Arcangelo Corelli

WELCOME Doug Learned

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE John 1:1-5

CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Baker

One: A choir of angels filled the night sky with hymns of praise for God's gift to the world.

All: We would join that song with thankful hearts. We would offer our best gifts to God's gracious Son. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES (133)

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the king of angels!*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created!
(Refrain)*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (Refrain)*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;*

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Jaci Smith Patman

One: We who live in a land of deep darkness;

All: On us light has shined.

One: For unto us a child is born;

All: Unto us a son is given.

One: Let us confess our sin with confidence in the mercy of the newborn king!

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (in unison)

Glory to you, God Most High! You have given us a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. This is good news of great joy for all. Make us messengers of the gospel and shepherds of your people. Guide us always in paths of peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

One: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

All: Full of grace and truth.

One: And we have beheld his glory,

All: Glory as of the only Son from the Father. We hear this Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Angels, We Have Heard on High** GLORIA (113)

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

FIRST LESSON Keith Patman
Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM *Before the Marvel of This Night* Carl Schalk
The text is found at hymn 125.

SECOND LESSON Larry Fehrenbaker
Luke 2:1-7

***HYMN** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN (119)

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king!"*

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:8-14

***HYMN** *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL (147)

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Refrain:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *What Is This Lovely Fragrance?* Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heav'nly caroling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring!

What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?
Never the Morning Star, so radiant, followed his course o'er eastern skies.
What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Savior, born today.
Low at His feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye, love for aye.
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Savior, born today.

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:15-20

HOMILY *A Christmas Message* Doug Learned

ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter* Harold Darke
The text is found at hymn 144.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(From the Christ Candle, the light will be passed from ushers to worshipers along the aisles, and then from worshiper to worshiper in each row. Please tip the unlit candle toward the upright lit candle when passing the flame.)

***HYMN** *Silent Night, Holy Night!* STILLE NACHT (122)

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born."*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*

***BENEDICTION** *(Please extinguish your candle following the Benediction)*

***POSTLUDE** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* GERMAN FOLK MELODY

*Please stand as you are able.