

Our Ministry Schedule



Sunday, December 19th—Fourth Sunday in Advent

8 am	Centering Prayer Service, Chapel
8:45	Nursery Care available
9	Family Sunday School; Confirmation Class; Adult Education, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10	Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15	Lakeside: A Time to Come Together, Fireside Room
12:00 pm	Kenya Mission Group, Fireside Room
2 pm	Caroling at Laguna Honda Hospital
Tuesday 6:30 pm	Living Nativity, Sanctuary Entrance & Jubilate Room
Wednesday 6:30 am	Centering Prayer Service, Chapel
6:30 pm	Living Nativity, Sanctuary Entrance & Jubilate Room
Thursday 6:30 pm	Living Nativity, Sanctuary Entrance & Jubilate Room
8 pm	Lakeside Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Friday 5 pm	Family Christmas Eve Service
6:30 pm	Al-Anon Meetings, Fireside Room
9 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service- Sanctuary

Saturday Christmas Day

Sunday, December 26th

8 am	Centering Prayer Service, Chapel
9:45	Nursery Care available
10	Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15	Lakeside: A Time to Come Together, Fireside Room

Great Music & Handcrafted Gifts Make a Difference



Lakeside Church and the our large community have been blessed with two special projects. First, during the past month our **Kenyan Mission Team** has been offering handcrafted goods for sale. Members of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto and with our membership were given opportunities to purchase wonderful pieces of artwork. **Over \$1200 was raised.** These gifts will permit 120 stu-

dents to attend elementary school for an entire year in the Meru district of Kenya. Thanks be to God.

Last Sunday night, over 100 people enjoyed the phenomenal music of **Daniel Glover and Maxine Chan**. It was Lakeside's third time to be blessed with their incomparable music. They graciously donated all proceeds to Lakeside's Mission Projects.

The generous gifts of those present totaled \$1414. Food, medical supplies, and other things of necessity will help children as close as Jose Ortega Elementary School and as far away as Bali, Indonesia. This concert could have only happened by the tireless ministry of **Helen and Ray Ong**. It was originally through their connections that our congregation was first introduced to Daniel Glover and Maxine Chan. This year's concert found Helen and Ray helping with publicity, staging, a special meal for the musicians, greeting most attendees by their first names, and baking over 21 dozen cookies for the reception! (*Ray said he helped take care of the broken cookies!*) Thank you to Helen, Ray, Dan Anderson, all the members of choir who baked cookies and helped with the reception, Tanner and Elizabeth Baldrige, Teuila and Kalani Tuiasosopo for their floral arrangements and several others who made this third annual event so successful.



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AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT UP IN A STABLE HOME

A Christmas Reminder

Looking for a more serene Christmas Experience?

Take this Christmas Pledge—
“Believing in the true spirit of Christmas, I commit myself to:

- Remember those people who truly need my gifts;
- Express my love in more direct ways than gifts;
- Examine my holiday activities in the light of my deepest values;
- Be a peacemaker within my circle of family and friends;
- Re-dedicate myself to spiritual growth.”

- from *Unplug the Christmas Machine* by Jo Robinson and Jean Stachel



Bible Study Notes for the Week

The Bible passages for today are in your bulletin and in the pew Bible (RSV).

- Isaiah 7:10-16, page 808*
- Psalm 80:1-17, 17-19, page 522*
- Romans 1:1-7, page 144+
- Matthew 11:2-11, page 16+

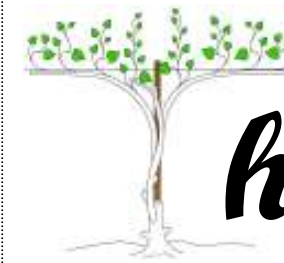
For your enrichment through the next week, the Bible passages for next Sunday are:

- Isaiah 63:7-9, page 657*
- Psalm 148, pages 558-559*
- Hebrews 2:10-18, page 209+
- Matthew 2:13-23, page 8+

Note: The pew Bible is the Revised Standard Version.

* Old Testament, 1st half of the pew Bible + New Testament, 2nd half of the pew Bible

Check out the podcast versions of these readings at the National Presbyterian Church website: www.pcusa.org/devotions/podcast or www.biblegateway.com



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“In all your ways acknowledge Him.” - Proverbs 3:6a

The Story of Christmas at 19th and Eucalyptus

The Lakeside Living Nativity is a chance to share the true meaning of Christmas with our neighbors and the community on December. 21, 22, and 23rd.



It is a live re-creation of the Bethlehem Nativity scene. In past years we discovered that shoppers--in their cars, on Muni, and buses--cheered us on their way to Stonestown mall. Many parked their vehicles and brought their children up to look at Mary and Joseph, the baby Jesus, shepherds, and three wise men. This is also a chance to tell our visitors about Lakeside Church. We invite you to participate, so come out and join us!

Cast & Crew needed!

Join the upcoming Lakeside Living Nativity on December 21, 22, & 23, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Beth Phipps will be taking sign-ups for cast and crew members for our outdoor Living Nativity (contact her at arobicmadness@aol.com or 650-359.0377). Please plan to participate on one, two, or all nights. We look forward to seeing you there!

Music Notes for Today

Our flute meditations are being presented by the Bel Canto Flute Ensemble, directed by Gail Edwards, and accompanied by Rebecca Nelson. Members participating today include: Dennis Donovan, Dennis Dorwick, Paula D'Oyen, Fern Ebeling, Gail Edwards, Justina Fisher, Ann Elise Guerisoli, and Margaret McGovern. They rehearse weekly at Lakeside and on occasion play in worship and give concerts in our Sanctuary. Earlier this year they were selected to perform at the 2010 National Flute Association Convention in Anaheim. See their website information at www.gailedwards-flute.com for other performances, including their recent presentation at the Dickens Christmas Fair.



Dawn of Peace is by Mark Pope, a church musician in Texas. He earned his music

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The Grapevine provides weekly updates and announcements for the ministries of Lakeside Church. For more information please ask any member, usher, staff person or contact the Church.



Welcome to Lakeside Presbyterian Church

We are Lakeside Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), an inclusive community of faith, striving to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ. Through God's blessings, we seek to provide an inviting, supportive, and challenging atmosphere for worship, education, fellowship and service.

Today: Celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries

At Lakeside we celebrate these milestones in our church family on the third Sunday of the month. As we acknowledge and honor our church family members we also support the work of the Heifer International Project. This is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides sustainable farm animals to impoverished people all over the globe. For more information visit www.heifer.org.



Christmas Caroling & Remembrances

Christmas Caroling at Laguna Honda Hospital

- Sunday, December 19 at 2:00 pm Once again we have been given permission to come to Laguna Honda Hospital to share Christmas greetings and a myriad of carols with the patients, many of whom do not have local family. We bring the Joy of Christ to many who have been cutoff by society. This is a very special ministry. Our coordinators for this year are Margaret Colfer and Jeanne Kim. Please join us TODAY at 2:00pm at the Hospital.

Christmas Caroling through the Tenderloin sponsored by Network Ministries

- Sunday, December 19 at 4:30 pm, 559 Ellis Street. This takes place on the Sunday before Christmas. It is a chance to bring the Christmas message to the neighborhood through the transcendence of song and music.

The Annual Homeless Memorial

- Tuesday, December 21 at 5:30pm, Civic Center This is an interfaith service which celebrates and honors the homeless people who have died on the streets of San Francisco during the previous year. It is sponsored once again by Network Ministries.



Christmas Flower Dedications for Our Sanctuary



We thank the donors of beautiful poinsettias and holiday plants for our worship services on December 19th and 24th. These symbols honor special people or the memories of loved ones.

We appreciate your help in adding color, festivity, and good tidings to our Christmas services.

Continuing Education for Adult Members and Friends

The Christian Education Committee of our Session has been considering the important aspects of Spiritual Growth opportunities at Lakeside. The Committee is at the point where **YOUR** help is needed. We are finalizing an information-gathering process, which will include a survey on January 9 in the form of questions we think will help provide a basis for more specific, concrete planning in this important area. At the outset, there are certain questions that we feel apply to us all as a fellowship of followers of Jesus Christ.



- How do we, as people calling ourselves Christians, become true Christians?
- There are obstacles in everyone's lives to following Jesus and how do we deal with these?
- What worries and concerns do we have, which vary from individual to individual, that make it harder to be true Christians?
- And what is the place of a faithful, compassionate and caring church community in answering these questions?

Celebrate the "Reason for the Season" at Lakeside

*Create great Christmas memories
by participating in our family friendly Advent events.*

December 21st-23rd:

Lakeside Church will present its **Third Annual Living Christmas Nativity** from 6 to 8 pm in the front of the church. This free event is open to the public so stop by with your family and see the "reason for the season." Cast and crew are also needed for this "user-friendly" event. What a great way to have an interactive Christmas memory for your family! If you would like to participate, contact Beth Phipps (arobicmadness@aol.com, 650-359.0377).



Worship at Lakeside on Christmas Eve!

Enjoy a Family-Friendly Christmas Eve

- **5:00 pm**
Lakeside's Early Christmas Eve Service is a great chance to invite your friends and family. Attend this delightful evening as we re-tell the Christmas story and sing Christmas songs. All children should come a little early to get a costume and participate in the Nativity scenes.
- **9:00 pm**
The **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols** will start at 9 pm in the Church. This service features our Choir and all the special music of the Season. We will be joined by the GKI congregation for this special service.

Bring a friend to church! People are usually very receptive to church invitations in this season. Tell your non-attending friends about our services.

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degrees at the U. of Tennessee and at Southern Methodist University. Both his mother and stepmother are flautists so it was natural for him to write this composition for a flute ensemble.

All Hail King Jesus (#2069) was written in 1977 by Dave Moody (b.1949). It addresses Jesus as "Emmanuel," "King of Kings," "Lord of lords," and "Morning Star." These are scriptural titles all used to embrace the coming of Jesus. Moody is from the Pacific Northwest and has been surprised at the international use of his song since its introduction so many years ago. **He is Exalted** (#2070) by Twila Paris (b.1958), a "preacher's kid," is based, in part, on 1st Chronicles 29:11--*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, you are exalted as head over all.* Twila Paris has four songs in "Sing the Faith," including the popular "Lamb of God" (#2113). **Jesus, Name Above All Names** (#2071) was first published in 1974 by New Zealand composer, Nadia Hearn (1931-2001). The text is from Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:9—*Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.* Hearn's song has become a global favorite, and she was asked to write more verses. Although she initially was interested in the many Biblical names used for Jesus, she felt that this simple refrain said it best. **King of Kings** (#2075) was written in 1974 by Naomi Batya and Sophie Conty, who were both thirteen years old at the time. The tune is a Hebrew folk song.



He Came Down (#2085) is a traditional song from Cameroon, arranged by John Bell from the Iona community in Scotland. We are using it as we light our Advent wreath, and to remind us of our upcoming mission trip to Kenya in February.

Lord, Make Us Turn to You is a setting of Psalm 80, arranged by Marty Haugen (b.1950). Previously the Lakeside Choir has sung Haugen's "Tales of Wonder," and "Thanks be to God." We have also used Haugen's Psalm settings of Psalm 25, "To You, O God," set to the tune "How Can I Keep From Singing," and Psalm 23, "Shepherd Me, O God" (#2058). No less than five of Haugen's compositions are in our "Sing the Faith" hymnal supplement, and a Haugen "Amen" even appears in our hymnal (#538). Haugen, a Lutheran and a graduate of Luther College, is the composer in residence at the Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis, MN. Haugen often collaborates with David Haas (b. 1957) who has seven hymns in "Sing the Faith." Here is the text of this morning's anthem:



(Refrain) *Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face and we shall be saved.*

- 1) *Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne and shine forth, Oh, rouse your power and come to save us.*
- 2) *We are your chosen vine, only by your care do we live, reach out your hand, O Lord, unto your people.*
- 3) *If you will dwell with us we shall live anew in your love, Oh, shine upon us great Lord of life.*

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May you be inspired to meditate on the music and texts of this Advent season.