



### Cast List:

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 F.W. Woolworth – Darcy McPhail  
 Rock Starling – Kensi Ellis  
 Tax Collector – Chrissi Ellis  
 Mary – Donna Morrison  
 Joseph – Brian Davis  
 Shepherds – Mickey and Chere Wharry, Trixi Spires  
 Donkey – Lauren Kuehner  
 Sheep – Nolan Covington and John Kuehner  
 Angels – Olivia Covington,  
 Inn Guests, Shepherds and Angels- Choir  
 AV – Barry Webb  
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 Music Accompaniment- Ron Ollis and Chrissi Ellis  
 Co-Directors- Marilyn Wilkins and Jessie Kuehner

#### Mission Statement:

***“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”***

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# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Third Sunday of Advent*

December 16, 2018

10:30 am

Wouldn't it be wonderful  
if Advent came filled with angels and alleluias?

...An angel-filled Advent has so many possibilities!  
 But in lieu of that,  
 perhaps we can give thanks  
 for the the good earthly joys we have been given  
 and the earthly “angels” that we know  
 who do such a good job of filling  
 our Advent with alleluias!

Ann Weems from Kneeling in Bethlehem



#### Leading in Worship Today

FPC Youth  
 Jessie Kuehner  
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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Gathering Around the Word of God**

**Welcome and Life of the Church**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:** Clay, Shelley, Nolan, and Olivia Covington

**Prelude:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* John Francis Wade  
FPC Handbells

**Introit:** #85 *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* Yiddish Folk Song

**†Call to Worship:** Avery McPhail

Leader: Sing praise and shout for joy!

**All: The Lord God is in our midst.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

**All: Again, rejoice! The lord is near.**

**†Hymn of Praise:** #97 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

**Almighty God, we confess that our hearts have not been open to all that you have revealed to us in the Nativity of your Son. You sent Christ to be born as a helpless Child, and yet we have not attended to suffering of children. You chose humble Mary to be mother of our Lord Jesus, and yet we have not attended to the struggles of women. The holy family could find no room in Bethlehem but a stable, and yet we have not attended to the cry of the homeless. You announced your birth to lowly shepherds, yet we ignore those who tend our farms and fields. Forgive our lack of attention, and free us for joyful compassion, that we may know Christ in serving other.**

**Silent Confession**

**Liturgist:** Amen

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am (x 2)

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**†Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain): #113**

**†Sharing the Peace of Christ** Darcy McPhail

**Anthem:** *Do You Hear What I Hear?* arr Harry Sineone

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see? 'Way up in the sky little lamb.  
A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite."  
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear? Ringing through the sky,  
shepherd boy?  
A song, a song, high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know? In your palace warm,  
mighty king."

A Child, a Child, shivers in the cold, let us bring Him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say: Pray for peace, people  
everywhere!

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light."

**Prayer for Illumination:** #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 489) Chrissi Ellis

**Sermon Lesson:** Luke 2: 1-20 (p. 724) Jessie Kuehner

**Sermon:** All Church Musical "The Inn Crowd" by Lee Dengler and Susan Naus Dengler

**Responding to the Word of God**

**†Affirmation of Faith - Nicene' Creed (p. 34)**

**†Hymn of Affirmation:** #106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

**Offering Our Gifts to God:** Kathryn Berridge

**Offertory Music:** *In Dulci Jubilo* Dietrich Buxtehude

**†Doxology:** #143 *Angels, from the realms of Glory (verse 4)*

**†Prayer of Dedication (unison):** Chrissi Ellis

**On this glad new day for all the earth we are grateful for giving hearts made joyful in the gift of your Son. For you, O God, are generosity itself. Bless these gifts we offer to the benefit of those in need. Bless our lives in service of sharing your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

**Taking the Word of God into the World**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)**

**†Hymn of Inspiration:** #87 *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

**†Benediction** Jessie Kuehner

**†Response:** #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 3)*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height

in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**†Postlude:** *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German