

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**END OF YEAR GIVING UPDATE:** We are entering December running approximately \$98,000 behind in our year to date budgeted giving and the month of December is always an important one for the church, as it accounts for 19% of our yearly giving or approximately \$449,000. We are hopeful that we can make up the difference, and we pray that you will give generously to the operating budget of the church. The good news is, through November our actual expenses are also less than budgeted.

Actual income July - November: \$746,000

Budgeted income July - November: \$844,000

**ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES:** There are many wonderful ways to get involved this Christmas season. See the bulletin insert and [ljpres.org/advent](http://ljpres.org/advent) to find a way to experience the joy of Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE: TODAY,** La Jolla Christmas Parade starts at 1:30pm. Please join us afterward in the Courtyard as we host the community with our cookie decorating outreach!

**PARKING FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARADE: TODAY,** all cars parked on Draper Ave. in front of the church (between Prospect and Kline St.) will be towed away at 11:30am for the parade. If you are staying past 11:30am, please make sure you are parked in an appropriate place. Additional parking in the Bank of America lot, located on the corner of Kline and Fay Ave. (across from The Cottage).

**MILITARY OUTREACH TOY DRIVE:** LJPC continues to be #1 with our Military Families! Toy Distribution Day is Dec. 10th. Please bring new unwrapped toys for ages 0 - 12 to Admin. Building Toy Barrel between now and Dec. 10th. We really need more toys in order to give our Military Families a Joyous Christmas! Volunteer sign ups in the Courtyard **TODAY!** Sign-up for a truly rewarding experience!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Come join us as we look at, "Lessons and Challenges from Bethlehem". **TODAY,** Dec. 11th & 18th. 10:00-11:00am, LC4.

**GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Only two more Sundays for your high impact, low stress Christmas shopping. Come to the Mission Gift Market table in the patio after first service and in the back of the Fellowship Hall after second. Look through the MGM catalog and find a donation to one of our mission partners that is the perfect gift to give in someone's honor. Gift cards are available for you to wrap and put under the tree.

**CLIPPERS:** Friday, Dec.16 at 6:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, followed by program featuring: The Sandpiper Singers of White Sands. Bring your favorite holiday dish. For more info. call or email Selih Brown, [SelihBrown@gmail.com](mailto:SelihBrown@gmail.com), (858) 729-9987. Deadline is Dec. 12. Come Celebrate with the Clippers!

**LJPC CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Our biggest concert of the year at La Jolla Presbyterian Church is SO BIG we have to present it twice! 4:00pm and 7:00pm, Dec. 11, 2016. We celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in this beautiful concert featuring the King's Brass, Chancel Choir, 2 Youth Choirs, Handbell Choir and the La Jolla Brass! As always, free admission, free parking, free reception after the 7:00pm concert!

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT USHERS:** Please consider volunteering to usher for either the 4:00pm or 7:00pm concerts next Sunday, Dec. 11th. As always we anticipate large congregations and many of our regular ushers are in the concert. If you can usher contact Frank Baker [fsbaker@san.rr.com](mailto:fsbaker@san.rr.com) or 619-787-2750.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Sunday, Dec. 18, 8:00am-1:00pm, In LC-3. Give the "Gift of Life" by donating blood. Registration online helps with staffing.

**HOLIDAY DONATIONS:** Want to make room for the holidays? SunHouse is collecting used flat screen TV's (wall mounted), golf clubs, ipad/tablets, game consoles, surf boards, boogie boards, and wetsuits. Building items: T-squares, exacto knives, painting items, levels, battery powered drills, framing hammers and dry wall knives. As well as anything else that is considered awesome! Alyssa Thomas, [alyssat@ljpres.org](mailto:alyssat@ljpres.org) or (858) 729-5502.

**FOREST HOME FAMILY CAMP 2017:** Looking for a vacation with your family for next summer? Join LJPC families July 16-22 at Forest Home. It is an amazing week where you can connect as a family, couple and church community. Speakers are Luis Palau, Casey and Meygan Caston. To reserve your spot \$250 deposit is due now. First time families will save \$500/week, space is limited. Brooke Phelps, [brookep@ljpres.org](mailto:brookep@ljpres.org).

**CHARITABLE GIVING FROM YOUR IRA DISTRIBUTION:** If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution. Daryl Bryant, [DarylB@ljpres.org](mailto:DarylB@ljpres.org), (858) 729-5552.

**PEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Pew Guild is looking for one or more well organized, detail oriented volunteers to help stock and tidy the sanctuary pews. This requires about 1 1/2 hours every other week, and includes some bending and twisting. Shorten the time & reduce the work by volunteering with a spouse, friend, or reliable child. Melissa Guccini, [melissag@ljpres.org](mailto:melissag@ljpres.org).

**GOT CAPS?:** We are now collecting baseball caps to distribute to the La Jolla homeless community. These items can be dropped off at the Reception Desk. Melissa Guccini, [melissag@ljpres.org](mailto:melissag@ljpres.org).

**FLOWERS:** Dates are available to provide Chancel flowers for the Sanctuary. Carole Franks, (858) 459-6520 or Wendy Browning, (858) 459-6839.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS:** Open to all, in grades K-12, meet on Sunday mornings in Room CE-23, Sonshine Singers (K-2) 10:45-11:15am, Joyful Sound (2-5) 9:30-10:15am, Gloria Deo (6-12) 11:15am-12:05pm. New members register on-line at [ljpres.org/childrenschoir](http://ljpres.org/childrenschoir). Continuing members check calendar on website. Kathy Fait, [kathyf@ljpres.org](mailto:kathyf@ljpres.org).

**WORSHIP TEAM BAND:** Musicians and singers are welcome! Tim Wingert, [wingetti@hotmail.com](mailto:wingetti@hotmail.com).

**GOLF AND GROW:** Mondays, 8:00am, Mission Bay Golf Course. Lee Browning, 858-459-6839.

**HEART AND SOUL:** Mondays, 10:00-11:00am, Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30am, Fellowship Hall. Exercise for seniors and almost-seniors. Brooke Phelps, [brookep@ljpres.org](mailto:brookep@ljpres.org).

**MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Mondays, Dinner at 6:00pm & evening program starts 6:45pm LC-3. Men of all ages welcome. Brooke Phelps, [brookep@ljpres.org](mailto:brookep@ljpres.org).

**YOUNG ADULT GROWTH GROUP:** Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm, UTC Location. This Growth Group is for young women in their 20's and 30's. Jennifer Gotenstein, [jennifer.gotenstein@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.gotenstein@gmail.com).

**GROWING IN PRAYER:** Every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, in the Chapel, Pastor Paul & Pastor Scott facilitate a class on prayer for anyone who wants to grow in prayer & pray for more effectively. Scott Mitchell, [scottm@ljpres.org](mailto:scottm@ljpres.org).

**BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00am, LC-5. A Men's Bible study. Rob Langsdorf, [mctrob@yahoo.com](mailto:mctrob@yahoo.com).

**GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH:** Wednesdays, 11:00am, Fellowship Hall. We will continue our study in the Gospel of Matthew. Everyone Welcome!

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MID-WEEK PROGRAMS:** High school, Sundays, 7:00-8:30pm; Middle school, X-Zone (4th and 5th grade) and X-Change (2nd and 3rd grade) Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00pm. Mike Sedgwick, [mikes@ljpres.org](mailto:mikes@ljpres.org) or Susie Dhus, [susied@ljpres.org](mailto:susied@ljpres.org).

**CIRCLE 8:** Thursdays, 10:00am-2:00pm, LC-3. Sewing and needlework. We make quilts, and knitters are needed! Please bring a sack lunch. Newcomers welcome. Ruth Preskitt, 858-453-0342.

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS):** Thursdays, 10:00am-Noon beginning Sept. 15th, Fellowship Hall. For more information, check online at [lajolla.cbsclass.org](http://lajolla.cbsclass.org) or for registration information, [cindycondon7@gmail.com](mailto:cindycondon7@gmail.com).

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm. Keith Peterson, [KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu](mailto:KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu).

**HANDBELL CHOIR:** Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm, LC-3. All are welcome! Jennifer Sedgwick, [jennifer.sedgwick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer.sedgwick@sbcglobal.net).

**LA JOLLA BRASS:** Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, Chancel. For more info, Colin Wied, [cww@wied.com](mailto:cww@wied.com), for schedule and information.

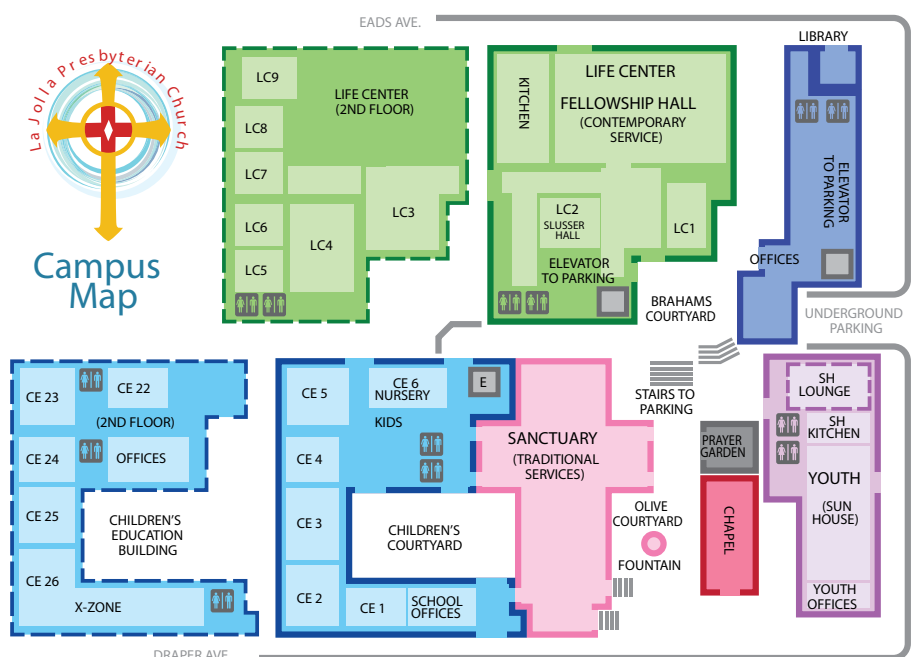
## SUNDAY SCHOOL

8:45 and 10:00 AM, in the Children's Ed Building

**Nursery**  
Age 0-2: CE-6  
Age 2-3.5 CE-2  
Age 4-5: CE-4

**Elementary**  
K-5th Check -in: CE 2nd Floor  
K/1st - Room 24  
2nd/3rd - Room 27  
4th - 5th Room 26 (X-Zone)  
Pick Up: Room 22

**SunHouse**  
Middle & High School  
Meet in SunHouse at 8:45 AM  
Sit together at 10am Worship  
**11:00 AM Check In and Pick Up**  
0-2 years only: CE-6



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ADVENT 2016

# BEHOLD!

ANTICIPATING CHRIST'S ARRIVAL

Why Bethlehem?  
Micah 5:1-4

Nurturing Equipping Going Celebrating

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To receive our weekly electronic newsletter, send an email to: [newsletter@ljpres.org](mailto:newsletter@ljpres.org)

**8:45AM ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *We Follow the Star* arr. Paxton  
William Lullo, Organist

**WELCOME AND GREETING** Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE** Wendy and Lee Browning

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**“WHY BETHLEHEM?”**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COM MUNION** *\*Gluten free wafers available in the Narthex*

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

†**CLOSING HYMN #178** *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

†**BENEDICTION** Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

†**POSTLUDE** *Festival March* arr. Foote  
William Lullo, Organist

**SONSHINE SINGERS: DIRECTOR:** Kathy Fait, **ACCOMPANIST:** Remi Ha, **CONDUCTING INTERN:** Kathryn Barera, **SONSHINE SINGERS:** Axel Blasé, Kaden Flynn, Matilda Hinde, Audrey Landen, Cami Lee, Paisley Loyd, Evelyn Miller, Atley Phelps, Catherine Piller, Briley Reid, Claire Stalder, Brooke Willoughby, Violet Holland, Carter Irwin, Cole Weiss, Lolo Blankman, Molly Broderick, Brady Foss, Ellie Hill, Scarlett Holland, Sydney Irwin, Carson Vincent, Logan Weiss.

**FLOWERS:** The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Jackie Cambra in loving memory of her son, Keith.

† Please stand if you are able. Our thanks for leaving your discarded bulletins at either end of your pew.

**HYMNS & ANTHEM**

†**OPENING HYMN #193** *O Come All Ye Faithful*  
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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to god, all glory in the highest;  
Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born his happy morning,  
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
Refrain

**ANTHEM** *March Of The Kings*

One fine day, I met upon the way  
The Kings of East as they came slowly marching. Yes,  
One fine day, I met upon the way  
The Kings of East in all their fine array.  
The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh  
Were guarded closely by a band of valiant warriors,  
Their shields and armor were shinning bright,  
A gleam and sparkling in the morning light. (x2)

From the east, guided by the star,  
Came wise men searching for a king to worship.  
Three great kings, three men of great acclaim,  
Unto the town of Bethlehem they came.  
They found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes  
In a manger with Mary and Joseph.  
And as the star shone on cattle stall,  
They bowed and worshiped the King of all.  
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Three great kings, one bright star,  
One small child, the King of all!

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O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting Light:  
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts, The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

After the service, please join our LJPC Community and enjoy coffee and scones in the upper courtyard.

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**ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?** Be sure to visit our Welcome Table at the west end of the Lower Courtyard to pick up your gift and complete a Visitor Information Card. If you need help navigating the campus, please ask us to help! And plan to join us again in worship soon. We’re very glad you’re here!