

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU!** We want to say Thank You to all who donated cookies for the Christmas outreach! It was a huge success and we want to extend our appreciation to all who helped make this happen!

**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.

**LJPC CHRISTMAS CONCERT: TODAY,** 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. 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!

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

**GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** This is the last Sunday 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!

**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.

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

**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).

**MALAWI MISSION TRIP:** The 2017 Malawi Mission team, led by Paul Cunningham and Christy Zatzkin, will be going in May for two weeks. The team is forming around the requests of our Malawi friends who've asked for input in IT and administration, music, mission, youth work, women's and men's ministry. If any of those areas appeal to you, if God is touching your heart to consider the trip, email Christy Zatzkin - [czatzkin@me.com](mailto:czatzkin@me.com).

**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).

## 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 Scott facilitate a class on prayer for anyone who wants to grow in prayer & pray 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:** On break for the Holidays. Next meeting Jan. 5th. This group meets Thursdays, 10:00am-2:00pm, LC -3. Sewing and Needlework. Quilters and knitters needed. 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

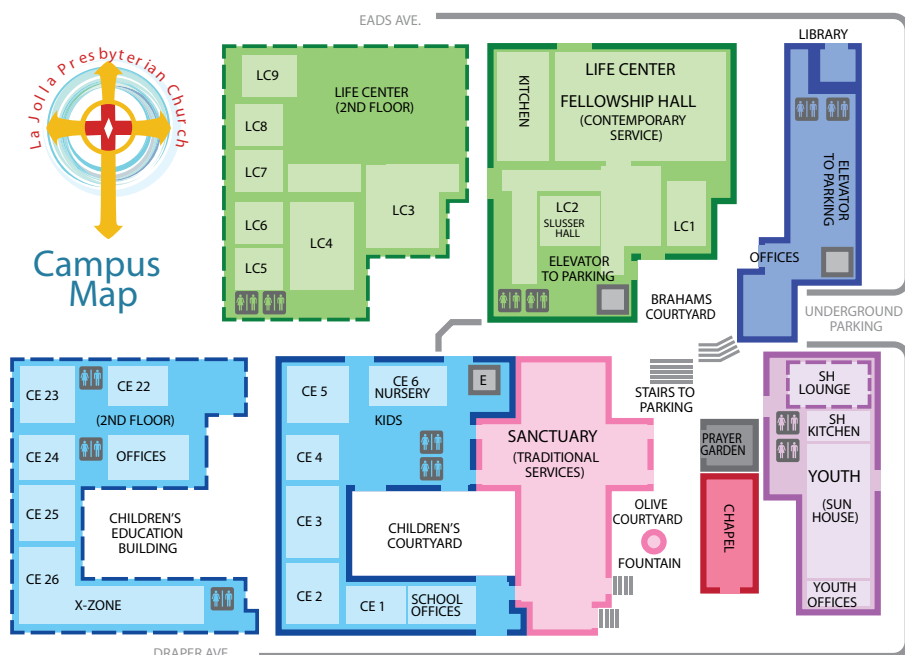
8:45 and 10:00 AM, in the Children's Ed Building

**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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The poster features a dark red background with gold stars and snowflakes. At the top is the La Jolla Presbyterian Church logo. The text reads:

December 11, 2016

ADVENT 2016

# BEHOLD!

ANTICIPATING CHRIST'S ARRIVAL

## The Story Behind Mary's Song

Luke 1:46-55

Nurturing Equipping Going Celebrating



8:45 & 11:00AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Joy To The World Handel/arr. Marvin King’s Brass  
Tim Zimmerman, Director

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham (8:45am)  
Rev. Scott Mitchell (11:00am)

LIGHTING OF THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Trenton and Karen Bonner (8:45am)  
Ron, Reina Bolles and family (11:00am)

†OPENING HYMN #177 Good Christian Men Rejoice

Good Christian men rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
And He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss  
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven’s door,  
And man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Stan Beard (8:45am)  
Rev. Scott Mitchell (11:00am)

While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Deal with us according to your tender mercies, O God. Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence, and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ’s glory. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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!

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM What Child Is This? arr. Gravesen  
King’s Brass

CHURCH LIFE Rev. Stan Beard (8:45am)  
Rev. Scott Mitchell (11:00am)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Stan Beard (8:45am)  
Rev. Scott Mitchell (11:00am)

CALL TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Little Drummer Boy Davi/Onorati/ Simeone  
arr.Zimmerman  
King’s Brass

†OUR THANKS TO GOD #382 Doxology

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THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham  
“THE STORY BEHIND MARY’S SONG”

†CLOSING HYMN #171 Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King:  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

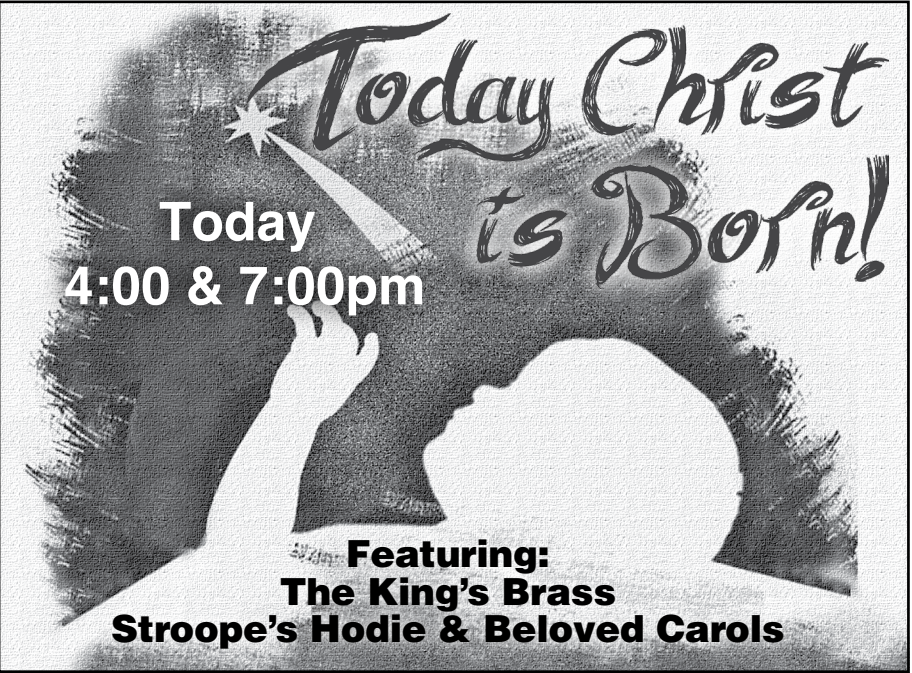
Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

†BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

†POSTLUDE Good Christian Men Rejoice arr. Nelson  
King’s Brass



END OF YEAR GIVING UPDATE: We entered December running approximately \$87,718 behind in our 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 were less than expected.

Actual income July 1-Dec. 6: \$817,432

Budgeted income July 1-Dec. 31: \$1,292,652

Received Dec. 1–6: \$61,054

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, (858) 729-5552.

FLOWERS: The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Rick and Leslie Evans in gratitude for 34 blessed years of marriage and also for our church family.

MILESTONE: 59 year member, Betty Anne Arenz, went to be with our Lord yesterday. Her Celebration of Life Service will be Friday, January 13, at 11:00am in the Sanctuary, with a Reception to follow.

KING’S BRASS; Director: Tim Zimmerman, MUSICIANS: Gregory Alley, Sunghwan Kim, Casey Klint, John Leibensperger, Daniel Lewis, Daniel Morrison, Tim Perry, Jihye Shim.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE: Healing and Comfort: Joan K., Betsy W., Debbie T., Edith B.A., Allison B., Jackie P., Rosie S., Paul G., Trip B., Serena, Geri C., Joseph C., Ilene S., Frank S., Patti G., Gladys G., Simone F., Benny T. Jr., Kim P., Carol C. & Oliver C., Bette O., Andrea O., Bill B., Julianne C. & Riley C., Marie G & son, Betty W., Barbara, Beverly R., Suzanne B., Betty B., Anne O., Jessica M., Ken B., Liv B., Farshad, Laura H., Marcelo M., Rick S., Eva G., Guidance and Peace: Dan P., Tom M., Viegas Family, Cross L., Li, Marlen, Strength, Protection, and Encouragement: Tyler, Christine W., Jaime A., Amy O., James H. & Family, Allison J., Praise and Gratitude: Louise S., Sandy & Owen, We Also Pray For: Chanel C., Sara, Marilyn C., Ian J., Anja K., Sally K., Alex & C.J., Casey J., Lily R., Sophia, For prayers, praise, or to be included on the prayer list, email: prayerdeacon@ljpres.org by Sunday night to be included in the next week’s bulletin. Requests are held in confidence.

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