

ANNOUNCEMENTS

END OF YEAR GIVING UPDATE:

We are now half way through December, and have received \$120,000 toward our budgeted income of \$449,000. We also entered December \$88,000 behind. Year end giving is a very important part of our income, and if you are able to make an end of year gift, it would be greatly appreciated. As a reminder, spending is also below budget. The staff and Session thank you for your generosity in any amount.

BLOOD DRIVE: TODAY,

8:00am-1:00pm, in LC-3. Give the "Gift of Life" by donating blood. Registration online helps with staffing.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SERVICES:

Look inside the bulletin to find all the details.

THANK YOU FROM CIRCLE 8:

Sewing Circle 8 wants to thank everyone who made the quilt and sewing sale a huge success. We are able to donate over \$2,500 to Mission Projects thanks to your generosity purchasing quilts and other items.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Come join us as we look at, "Lessons and Challenges from Bethlehem". TODAY at 10:00-11:00am, LC4.

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 drywall knives. As well as anything else that is considered awesome! Alyssa Thomas, 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, a \$250 deposit is due now. First time families will save \$500/week, space is limited. Brooke Phelps, brookep@ljpres.org.

MALAWI MISSION TRIP:

The 2017 Malawi Mission team, led by Paul Cunningham and Christy Zatkin, will be going 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 Zatkin - czatkin@me.com.

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. Continuing members check calendar on website. Kathy Fait, kathyf@ljpres.org.

WORSHIP TEAM BAND: Musicians and singers are welcome! Tim Wingert, wingetti@hotmail.com.

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

HEART AND SOUL: On break for the next two weeks. Mondays, 10:00-11:00am, Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30am, Fellowship Hall. Exercise for seniors and almost-seniors. Brooke Phelps, brookep@ljpres.org.

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Mondays, Dinner at 6:00pm & evening program starts 6:45pm LC-3. Dec. 19, Brad & Kay Foltz will share their exciting experience doing volunteer medical mission work aboard the Mercy Ship around the coast of Africa. Women are invited to this meeting. Men of all ages welcome. Brooke Phelps, 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.

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

GROWING IN PRAYER: On break for the holidays. Next meeting is January 10th. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, in the Chapel. Pastor Scott facilitates this class on prayer for anyone who wants to grow in prayer & pray more effectively. Scott Mitchell, scottm@ljpres.org.

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 or Susie Dhus, 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 or for registration information, cindycondon7@gmail.com.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm. Keith Peterson, KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu.

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

LA JOLLA BRASS: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, Chancel. For more info, Colin Wied, 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

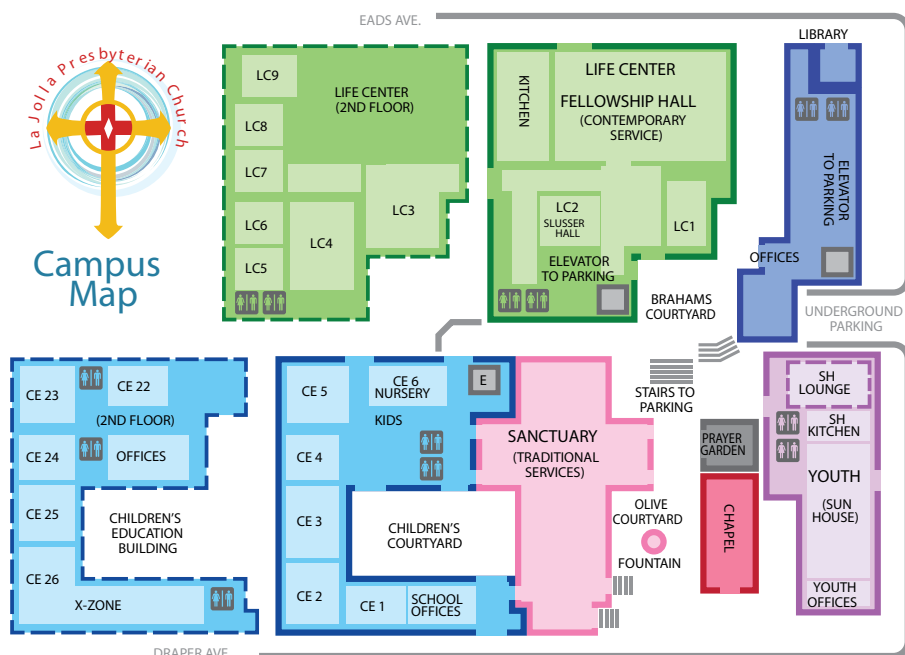
K-5th Check-in: CE 2nd Floor
K/1st - Room 24
2nd/3rd - Room 27
4th - 5th Room 26 (X-Zone)
Pick Up: Room 22

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 18, 2016

ADVENT 2016

BEHOLD!

ANTICIPATING CHRIST'S ARRIVAL

The Second Advent

Mark 13:32-37

Nurturing Equipping Going Celebrating

To see photos and video, like LJPC on Facebook at: [facebook.com/LaJollaPres](https://www.facebook.com/LaJollaPres)

To receive our weekly electronic newsletter, send an email to: newsletter@ljpres.org

PRELUDE: *A Carol Festival* arr. Adest
La Jolla Brass
John Lorge, Director

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham (8:45)

LIGHTING OF FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE
Kris, Pamela, Kaitlyn, Sarah, Anna Johanson (8:45)
Russ, Jen, Oliver, Callie & Matilda Hinder-Flint & Betsy Locke (11:00)

INTROIT *Christmas Chant and Processional* arr. Purifoy
LJPC Chancel Choir and LJ Brass

†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)

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

WELCOME AND CHURCH LIFE

CALL TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* arr. Foster
LJPC Chancel Choir and LJ Brass

†OUR THANKS TO GOD #382 *Doxology*

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Scott Mitchell

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.

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THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham
“THE SECOND ADVENT”

†CLOSING HYMN #197 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heavens all gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

And ye beneath life’s crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow;
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
Oh rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace, their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

†BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

†CHORAL BENEDICTION *Hallelujah Chorus* G.F. Handel

FLOWERS: The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in Celebration of the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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., Cyndee N. & Phil N., **Guidance and Peace:** Dan P., Tom M., Viegas Family, Cross L., Li, Marlen, Phil C., **Strength, Protection, and Encouragement:** Tyler, Christine W., Jaime A., Amy O., James H. & Family, Allison J., **Praise and Gratitude:** Jackie P., **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.*

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR OUR

Christmas Services

AND INVITE A FRIEND!

December 24th, Christmas Eve: This year we are offering four Services: 5, 7, 9 and 11pm:

- ◆ **5:00pm** Service is directed to families with young children. It includes a contemporary band, a shorter sermon and a living nativity.
- ◆ **7:00pm** and **9:00pm** Services are traditional with the organ and the choir singing Christmas hymns.
- ◆ **11:00pm** is the midnight Service and will include communion and a choral ensemble. The 7, 9 and 11pm Services will all be candlelight Services. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you, and please bring a friend.

December 25th, Christmas Morning: We will have one Service at **10:00am** in Fellowship Hall. We will have a relaxed time sitting around tables and have tasty treats.

January 1st, New Years Day: We’ll have one combined service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

Blanket Drive: Please bring clean blankets to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning for local homeless and Haitian asylum seekers. As nights grow colder there is a huge need for blankets right now. Our local homeless population is growing, and an increasing number of people fleeing Haiti is taxing resources, and supplies of blankets are low. Thank you for your generosity.

LA JOLLA BRASS: **Conductor/Arranger:** John Lorge **Manager:** Colin Weid, **MUSICIANS:** **Trumpets:** Tom Timmins, Calvin Price, Corey Wickline, Colin Wied, Nik Hansen, Bob Franks, **Horns:** Roger Haines, Monica Palmer, Eric Burke, Anne Sullivan, **Trombones:** Wes Noel, Anna Ponsor DeChant, **Bass Trombone:** Matt Lane, **Tuba:** Nathan Turner, **Timpani and percussion:** David Whitman.

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