

END OF YEAR GIVING

GIVING UPDATE:

We are now half way through December, and have received \$170,000 toward our budgeted income of \$455,000. We also entered December \$64,000 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.

CREATED FOR COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN REMINDER:

As you may recall LJPC did a major renovation of our Sanctuary and Children's Wing in 2015-2016. Pledges were to be completed by the end of 2017. If you are not sure you have completed your pledge please contact the Business Office.

GIVING FROM YOUR IRA DISTRIBUTION:

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may donate up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA without paying taxes on the distribution. Daryl Bryant, DarylB@ljpres.org, (858) 729-5552.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Advent devotionals written by Rev. Stan Beard are available TODAY for this holiday season. You may pick-up a printed version in the Courtyard or Fellowship Hall, read it on our website, or subscribe via email or text message. Go to <http://lajollapres.journeymaker.org> or text ljpc2017 to 72717 to follow by SMS.

OPEN POSITION AT THE CHURCH: LJPC is looking for a part-time assistant to join our creative team focusing on the bulletin and administrative work. This position is 15-21 hours a week, (5 to 7 hours Monday - Wednesday). Learn more at ljpres.org/job-openings. Jim Sedgwick jims@ljpres.org

ADOPT A REFUGEE FAMILY: When refugees come to the United States, they may have nothing more than the clothes they are wearing but you can give the gift of Christmas celebration; stop by the adopt-a-family table, and find a refugee family that you, your family, or your group can adopt for Christmas.

SUNHOUSE FUNDRAISER THANK YOU: "Thank you all who came to support our High Schooler's mission this past Sunday by participating in the Raffle for the Farmers Insurance Open tickets. The winner was contacted this Monday and we were able to raise \$400, which is a great contribution. Keep in mind there will be future ways to support our youth, February 25th at our Annual Pancake Breakfast. See ya then!"

STORIES OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: TODAY at 10:15am. Join us next week for a short tour of our church's stained glass windows. Learn more about the history and meaning behind these pieces of art. Meet at the front of the chancel. For tour information contact ronb@ljpres.org

PUM/FOOD FOR THE NEEDY: PUM/Presbyterian Urban Ministries puts together food baskets for the needy. La Jolla Pres. has been assigned canned tuna and canned vegetables. We have bins around campus to collect your food donations. This Holiday season please help feed those in our community that need a helping hand.

INTERFAITH SHELTER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: We are hosting individuals and families on a path to escape homelessness Dec. 31 - Jan. 13. We need 6 more overnight hosts. Sign ups and information in the courtyard. Jon Mangerich 858-483-9654, jonm360@gmail.com.

GOT BAGS & BLANKETS?: We are collecting reusable grocery bags, backpacks and new or gently used sleeping bags/blankets to distribute to the La Jolla homeless community. These items can be dropped off at the Reception Desk. Please contact: Melissa Guccini at melissag@ljpres.org with any questions.



DEC. 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES

9:30am: Since Christmas Eve is falls on a Sunday this year, we will have one morning service at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. This will be different from the evening services.

5:00pm: This Fun, Interactive Experience is great for the whole family, with Joyous Christmas Music, Wonderful Storytelling, and lots of Holiday Cheer. Celebrate the birth of the Savior with a joy-filled heart.

7:00 and 9:00pm: Join us for these traditional candlelight services with hymns and carols, and a moving message celebrating the coming Messiah. Emanuel.



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

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

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today we will be studying Acts 9. 10:00-11:00am in LC-4. Stan Beard, Stanb@ljpres.org

CHILDRENS CHOIR Choir rehearsals every Sunday, *Joyful Sound, Grades 1-4: 9:15-10:00 am, CE23. Gloria Deo, Grades 5-12: 11:15-12:00 pm, CE23.* Ages 4-grade K 10:00-10:15am, CE4. New members are always welcome! Register online at www.ljpres.org/childrenschoir

YOUTH AND CHILDRENS MID-WEEK PROGRAMS: High school Sundays, 7:00-8:30pm; Middle school, Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00pm. X-Change (2nd/3rd grades) and X-Zone (4th/5th grades)- Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00pm Mike Sedgwick, mikes@ljpres.org or Susie Dhus, susied@ljpres.org

HEART AND SOUL: Each Monday 10:00-11:00am, and Wednesday 9:30-10:30am, Fellowship Hall. Exercise for seniors and almost-seniors. Brooke Phelps, brookep@ljpres.org

GOLF AND GROW: Mondays, 8:30am, Mission Bay Golf Course. Lee Browning, 858-459-6839.

GROWING IN PRAYER: 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

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

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY (CBS): Thursdays, 10:00am-Noon, Fellowship Hall. For more information, check online at lajolla.cbsclass.org or for registration information, Jennifer, CBSJenniferS@gmail.com

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

CIRCLE 8: Thursdays, 10:00am-2:00pm, LC-3. Sewing, needlework, quilting and knitting. New members are needed, and we are willing to teach. Bring a sack lunch. Ruth Preskitt, 858-453-0342.

LA JOLLA BRASS: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm, Chancel. For more info, Colin Wied, cwied@gmail.com, for schedule and information.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Come sing with us! Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm. Keith Pedersen, KeithPedersen@pointloma.edu

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

ON BREAK

MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: is on break and will not meet Dec 25th or Jan. 1st, but will meet for the NCAA Championship on Jan. 8th. Dinner at 6:00pm & evening program starts 6:45pm in LC-4. Men of all ages welcome. Brooke Phelps, brookep@ljpres.org

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY: On break until Jan. 10th Wednesdays 9:30-11am For women of all ages with Childcare Provided. Cynthia Blase, Cynthiab@ljpres.org

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH: is on break until Wednesday January 10th.

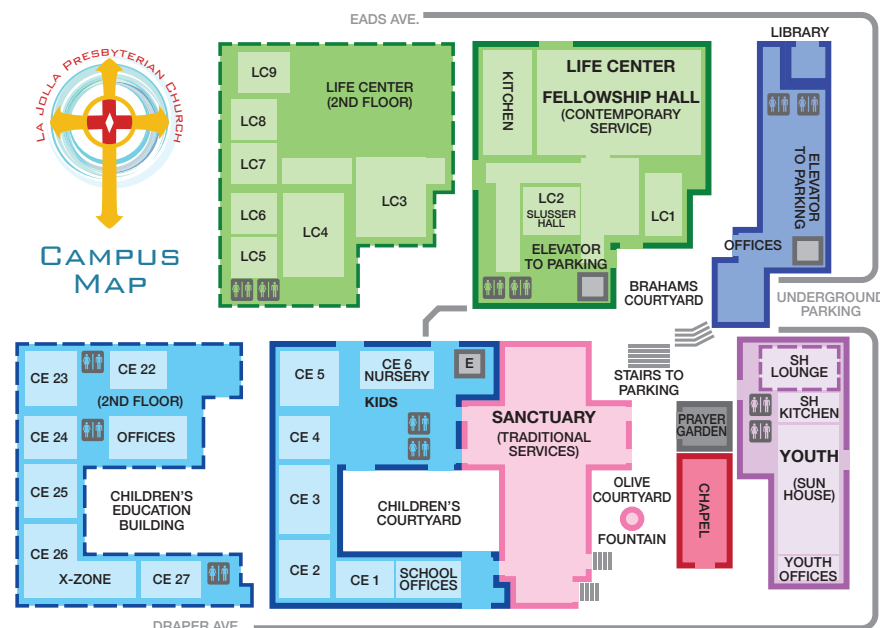
#MOMLIFE: On break resuming January 12 LC3 Fellowship and support for those in their "Mom" stage in life. RSVP to Cynthiab@ljpres.org Childcare Provided!

YOUNG WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP: On break until Jan 11th. 1st Thursday each month, rotating homes, 7:30-9:30pm An evening prayer group, designed for young(ish) woman from their 20's to 40's who can't attend the morning groups, will focus on praying together and supporting each other. Cynthia Blase, Cynthiab@ljpres.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Nursery	Elementary	SunHouse
Age 0-2: CE-6	K-5th Check-in: CE 2nd Floor	Middle & High School
Age 2-3.5 CE-2	K/1st - Room 24	Meet in SunHouse at 8:45 AM
Age 4-5: CE-4	2nd/3rd - Room 27	Sit together at 10am Worship
	4th - 5th Room 26 (X-Zone)	11:00 AM Check In and Pick Up
	Pick Up: Room 22	0-2 years only: CE-6



Kings and Kingdoms



December 17, 2017

THE STORY

WEEK FOURTEEN: A DOWNWARD SPIRAL

1st Kings 12:1-14



WE SEE JESUS TRANSFORMING LIVES IN THREE STORIES:
AS WE SHARE **GOD'S** STORY
AND HEAR **YOUR** STORY
WE DISCOVER **OUR** STORY

8:45AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Fanfare Jubiloso* ad. C. W. Wied
La Jolla Brass
John Lorge, director

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Nancy & Charles Champion

CHORAL INTROIT *Christmas Fanfare*

†**OPENING HYMN #184** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Stan Beard

CHURCH LIFE

CALL TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM *Joy To the World!* arr. Strite
La Jolla Brass/Chancel Choir
Dr. Keith Pederson, director

†**OUR THANKS TO GOD #382** *Doxology*

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“A Downward Spiral”

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

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POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus* G. F. Handel
La Jolla Brass

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

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

FLOWERS: The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Duane and Gail Nelles in Celebration of the Blessings of Advent in preparation for the birth of our Savior.

LA JOLLA BRASS; DIRECTOR: John Lorge **TRUMPETS:** Tom Timmins, Jason Ford, Bob Burns, Colin Wied, Nik Hansen **HORNS:** Roger Haines, Monica Palmer, Andrew Young, Anne Sullivan **TROMBONES:** Wes Noel, Nathan Scheffler **BASS TROMBONE:** Matt Lane **TUBA:** Nathan Turner **TIMPANI AND PERCUSSION:** David Whitman, Adam LaRocca

HYMNS & ANTHEM

†**OPENING HYMN #184** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing!*

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

ANTHEM *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.

†**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.

11:00AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

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and their family:
Tim Matista, Dorothy Coxey, and Laura Matista

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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!

PRAYERS AND PRAISE: Healing and Comfort: Geri C. & Joseph C., Edith B-A., Theresa S., George B., Vlado A., Carmello, Cathy J. **Strength, Protection, and Encouragement:** Jaime A., Frank S. **We Also Pray For:** Coleen, Nigel, Ankit S.. *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.*