

# NOE VALLEY MINISTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

~ WE GATHER TOGETHER ~

Prelude

*Rhythm*

G. Gershwin

Lindsay Rader, piano

\*Call to Worship

Jeanne Choy Tate

The joy of the Advent Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The season of Advent challenges us to see God's vision of what is yet to be,

**To hear God's voice calling anew, to smell the scent of God in our world.**

Let us celebrate the coming of the Christ.

**With gladness we enter into this season of Advent.**

\*Hymn 117     *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

\*Lighting of the Advent Candle

Susan Olney & Cindy Cake

O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

The prophet Jeremiah proclaimed that God would fulfill the promise to bring justice and righteousness to the land. A righteous branch will spring forth from David so that we might be saved. This Advent, we look to God for that hope.

**Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.**

\*Response Song

Shine on us, O God of justice; Guide our path through  
gloom of night. Bear with us Wisdom's  
glory; Come to us, O Christ the Light!

\*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

~ WE PRAY TOGETHER ~

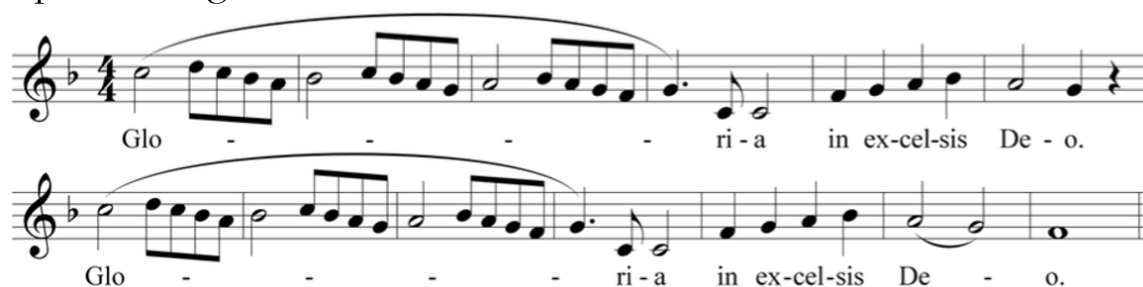
Prayer of Need

**Our vision is dim and our spirits weary, sovereign God, for the new heaven seems a long way off and the new earth is a long time coming. We are tired of waiting and the world is too full of hungry children, terrorism, refugee families, drunk drivers, failed crops, corporate greed and disappearing rain forests. We have, at times, given in to discouragement and let go of hope. Forgive us, loving God. Restore our hope in the new heaven and new earth. Lift our eyes and confidence and also hasten the coming of your new creation in us. Amen.**

Silence/Ringing of the Gong

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Response Song



~ WE LISTEN TO THE WORD ~

Prayer for Illumination

**Speak to us, God. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.**

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16

Scripture Luke 21:25-36

Sermon "The Stewardship of Hope"

Rev. Brown

An Advent Litany

God spoke in the beginning;  
**out of darkness came night and day,**  
out of emptiness came creation,  
**out of loneliness came humankind.**  
And God said, "This is very good."

God spoke when the world was troubled;  
**giving voice to prophets from the earliest days,**  
moving through Mary as she gave birth to her child,  
**crying as a vulnerable baby lying in a manger.**  
Still God said, "This is very good."

God speaks today;  
**breathing energy into our weary lives,**

challenging our celebrations and sharing our pain,  
**dancing with songs of justice and peace.**  
Now we know that, “This is very good.”

\*Hymn 101      *Comfort, Comfort O My People*

~ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ~

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come. We pray that your good will be done. Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days. Come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

Response through Giving

*This is an opportunity to show your gratitude for God’s blessings and love, and to provide tangible tools for the work of this church.*

Offertory

*Embraceable You*  
Lindsay Rader, piano

G. Gershwin

\*Presentation of Gifts



To God, all glo - rious heav - en - ly Light, To Christ re - vealed in earth - ly night,  
To God the Spir - it now we raise Our joy - ful songs of thank - ful praise.

\*Prayer of Dedication

~ WE DEPART TO SERVE ~

\*Hymn 122      *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*

\*Benediction

Postlude                      *Someone to Watch Over Me*                      G. Gershwin  
   Lindsay Rader, piano

**We are a faith community that practices inclusivity in  
our membership, our leadership, and our language.  
Our language for God's people incorporates male and female.  
Our language for God is intentionally genderless and non-hierarchical.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Today – First Sunday of Advent**

The beginning of the season of Advent, the time to watch for the coming of the Christ. This is the Sunday of Hope. Sermon: “The Stewardship of Hope.”

### **Stewardship Campaign**

We continue with NVM’s annual stewardship campaign. Today’s sermon will address why our personal involvement including financial support is a statement of hope. The campaign culminates with Pledge Sunday, December 5.

### **Next Sunday, December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent: Peace**

Consecration of Pledges and Communion

### **Upcoming Advent/Christmas Dates**

December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent – Love

December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Joy

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 5pm

December 31 – New Year’s Eve Service, 6pm

### **December 9, Thursday, 6:30pm – Advent Labyrinth Walk**

A candle-lit meditation with live music.

### **January 6, 2022 – Feeding the Brothers**

In honor of Carol Maerzke we will continue the tradition of her annual project of “feeding the brothers” for the Interfaith Winter Shelter at St. Mary’s Cathedral. More information to come.

### **Gallery Sanchez Presents – Tisha Kenny**

Tisha Kenny will be exhibiting her artwork at Noe Valley Ministry during November and December. Her art combines her love of Impressionism with Asian Brush Painting represented by colorful landscapes and flowers.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, November 28 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship  
Rev. Brown, preaching
- 11:30 AM Fellowship

**Sunday, December 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Holy Communion  
Rev. Brown, preaching
- 11:30 AM Fellowship

**Thursday, December 9**

- 6:30 PM Advent Labyrinth Walk

**Sunday, December 12 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship  
Rev. Brown, preaching
- 11:30 AM Fellowship

**Sunday, December 19 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship  
Rev. Brown, preaching
- 11:30 AM Fellowship

**Church Meetings & Activities**

**Choir Rehearsal**

Sunday Morning, 9-10am

**Care Committee**

TBD

**Worship Committee**

Weeknight via Zoom, TBD

**Session**

4th Tuesday, 7:00pm

**Building Committee**

2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm

**Racial Justice Team**

**VOLUNTEERS**

**November 28**

- Coffee Hour Set-up Linda Brown
- Greeter/Vax Check Debbie Atencio-Baioni
- Clean-up Janelle Smith
- Liturgist/Scripture Jeanne Choy Tate
- Advent Reader Susan Olney
- Advent Reader Cindy Cake

**December 5**

- Coffee Hour Set-up Linda Brown
- Communion Prep Irene Kaufman
- Communion Servers Carol De Francis
- Greeter/Vax Check
- Clean-up
- Liturgist/Scripture
- Advent Reader Janelle Smith
- Advent Reader Carol De Francis

**December 12**

- Coffee Hour Set-up Linda Brown
- Greeter/Vax Check
- Clean-up
- Liturgist/Scripture Carol De Francis
- Advent Readers Lindsay Radar
- Advent Reader

**December 19**

- Coffee Hour Set-up Linda Brown
- Greeter/Vax Check
- Clean-up
- Liturgist/Scripture
- Advent Reader Merrill Grant
- Advent Reader Tim Sturge

**OFFERING COUNTERS**

- Nov 28 Jeanne Choy Tate
- Dec 05 Marcela Breton
- Dec 12 Brian Orr
- Dec 19 Cindy Cake



### ***Our Vision***

Noe Valley Ministry is a welcoming, inclusive community of faith, inviting seekers into deepening relationships with God and Christ, with each other and the community.

### ***Our Mission***

- ☞ Celebrate God's presence and the goodness of creation in worship that embraces tradition, the arts and the needs of a changing world.
- ☞ Nurture a diverse, intergenerational family of faith, sustained by spiritual practices, informed in faith, and committed to service.
- ☞ Create "A House of Prayer, a House of Community" where the congregation and building provide a welcoming, sacred place of hospitality for all.
- ☞ Engage the congregation and community in opportunities for service, social action, and dialogue with a diversity of cultures and faiths.

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Reverend Brown is in the Noe Valley Ministry office on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. It is best to make an appointment by calling his cell phone at (415-939-2102). He is off on Friday.

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Rev. David Brown, *Pastor*  
Christine Tawadrous, *Administrative Dir.*  
Lindsay Rader, *Director of Music*  
Cindy Cake, *Treasurer*

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### *SESSION~*

Brian Orr, *Clerk of Session*  
Marcela Breton  
Cindy Cake  
Jeanne Choy Tate  
Susan Olney

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### *CARE COMMITTEE~*

Janelle Smith, *Moderator*  
Ramona Lee  
Ray Springs  
Carol De Francis  
David Brown

