### Welcome to First Pres SLO!

We are a Christian community in the heart of this city, open to all people seeking Christ's touch and blessing. A healthy church is built on a foundation of Jesus Christ, and expressed through *fellowship, worship, discipleship* and *mission*. As God's church we exist to fellowship sincerely, worship actively, grow in our knowledge and understanding of Jesus, and to offer ourselves in service to this community and the world.

Welcome-we're glad you've decided to join us today.

#### In worship we...

Praise the Lord in song, blending old and new and in-between Profess our faith in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit Confess our sins and receive words of pardon Hear the Word of God proclaimed in preaching Offer prayers of petition and thanks Share freely in the sacraments: communion and baptism Give gifts of time and financial resources in support of the church's work.

#### An Invitation to Prayer

Prayer is a dynamic and vital part of our journey of faith in Jesus Christ. We pray, not as we shop for goods—with a list in hand and limited funds to spend—but rather as faithful people bringing our lives before God, whose love and power and resources have no end. In prayer we learn to align our vision and desires with those of God himself, and in the process become mature disciples, ready for service.

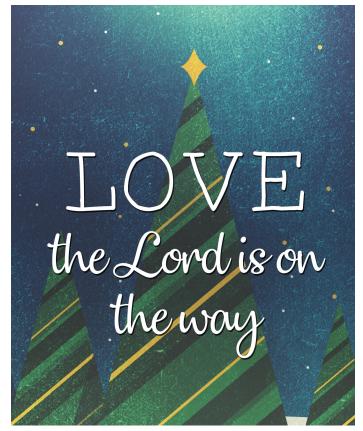
We invite you to join us in this journey of discovery!

#### Please pray:

For the vision and ministry of this church For the specific needs of individuals and families in our community For the world—for peace, justice and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus.



# Service for the Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023



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## WORSHIP AT FIRST PRES SCRIPTURE READING Thank you for joining us!

Isaiah 9:2-7

<b>PRELUDE</b> Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" arr. Cathy Mokle Please use this time for quiet reflection	Bell Choir bust	MESSAGE Tom Cochrun "Now What?" Luke 2:1-14
WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP	Jen Rabenaldt	OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS Offertory Lauren Webb "Christmas Lullaby" by Jason Robert Brown Please stand as we sing the Doxology(#592)
Representing Men's Ministries: Tad Miller, Art DeKleine, Bert Townsend, Mike Patrick, Tim Smith		<b>SONG OF COMMITMENT</b> "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (#22)
WORSHIP IN SONG "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (#41) "Holy Holy" THE CONFESSION AND PARDON NEWS OF THE CHURCH	DD Patrick	DECLARATION OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION Friends, what is our mission? Our mission is to glorify Jesus Christ and to be instruments of God's healing, reconciling, life-giving presence in the world. POSTLUDE Meredith Brammeier "Angels We Have Heard on High arranged by Wilbur Held
PRAYER	Tom Cochrun Bell Choir	The Sanctuary flowers this week were donated by the members of the congregation of First Pres. in support of the Deacons and Transitions-Mental Health Association
"Silent Night, Holy Night" arr. Ronald Kauffm <b>WE CONFESS OUR FAITH</b> "Apostles' Creed"	ian	<b>Participants: Participants</b> : Jen Rabenaldt, Tom Cochrun Andrew Vigil, Lloyd Esola, Ian Rabenaldt, Sean Anderson, Craig Updegrove, Lauren Webb, Meredith Brammeier, DD Patrick