

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Christmas Potluck**—TODAY after worship. Please join us.
- ◆ **Food Donations**—are brought on the last Sunday of each month.

Pastor Henry's "Normal Hours" at the church

Tues. & Thurs. mornings. Afternoons by appointment

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December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 A.M.

	DATE	TIME	CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES
Sun.	Dec. 10	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Worship (Lock-up: Mavis Hagan)
		11:45 AM	Christmas Potluck
		10:45 AM	Sunday School, 3-yr. old -6th grade
Tues.	Dec. 12	9:30 AM	Community Bible Study

Welcome! We're so glad you're with us for worship today. Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and power in your life. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we hope First Presbyterian Corona becomes a place you can call home.

Making disciples of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Ministry, and Mission.

We Enter to Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (*Please sign and pass the Welcome Book*)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God's love endures forever.**

Gathering Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*Call to Worship

One: Days are getting darker.

All: **Who will come to give us light?**

One: The voice of the prophet cries in the wilderness of our lives!

All: **Is this prophet the One who brings the light?**

One: This prophet brings witness to the Light which is coming for all people.

All: **Praise be to God who has heard our cries.**

One: Come, let us worship the One whom we serve.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Terrie Burbank & Mike Say

*Hymn

I Love You Lord

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

December is upon us, Lord, and we are on the "greased slide to Christmas". Time seems to get away from us and we get trapped in the buy-wrap-send syndrome. Lord, we confess that it is easy to get involved in all these opportunities and stresses that come our way. Forgive us when we put our faith on a back burner and focus instead on pressures in our lives. Help us to take time to see your beam of direction which shines in our path, leading us to peace and hope. Clear our spirits of the frustrations and anxieties of this season, so that the Light which you are sending into the world will truly shine in and through us to others. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, our Hope and our Light. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Give praise to God, who accompanies us on our journey, who hears our cries and anguish, and who remains faithful and answers our prayers. Give glory to God, who brings life out of death and joy out of sorrow! Amen.

*Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

We Hear a Word from the Lord

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture 2 Peter 3:8-15

***Hymn** Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 8

Children's Message

Sermon Hark the Herald Angel

La Sierra Adventist Spanish Church Children's Choir

Directed by Pastor Luis Carlos

1. Taking to the Son
2. Volunteers
3. I want to be
4. Man is by nature a sinner
5. When God becomes a baby
6. Holy, Holy
7. Glory to God in the Highest/Bless the Lord

We Respond in Joyful Service

Affirmation of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.

Joys and Concerns/Prayer of Intercession/Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen

Offering

***Doxology** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Go forth to Serve

***Hymn** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus 1

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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SMALL GROUPS / ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Bible Study Sunday 9:00 AM
Community Bible Study Tuesday 9:30-11:30 AM
Loving Needles Group 3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM & 4th Saturday 10:00 AM
Women's Breakfast 4th Saturday, Original Pancake House, Norco, 8:00 AM

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Joys & Concerns

Margie - joy that biopsy was clear; joy to visit with her brother in Florida. Terrie - blessing that her great-grandson celebrated his 5th birthday. Jean - has 2 nephews and a brother living close by; she got to hold her nephew's new baby. Rochelle - continued prayers for Teri White and family. Allison O. - continued prayer for her friends that the holiday season will be a time of blessing for them. Terrie - Mike Jager is being deployed to Afghanistan. Becky - her son is in great need of prayer.

Continuing Prayers

Prayers for our country and elected ones. All people, law enforcement & civilians, affected by current violence in this country. Lynn Rodisch - healing. Pete - healing. Kofi - prayer. Terrie—niece, Kagney, domestic violence. Loren Nelson - continued prayer.

Families to Pray for During Week of December 10, 2017

- ◆ Rudy & Terrie Burbank & family
- ◆ Judie Deupree & family

**We invite you to stand if you are comfortable standing.
 Join us after worship for Refreshments and Fellowship
 Nursery care available for children up to 3 years of age
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