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Family Christmas Eve Service

DATE:
December 24th

LOCATION:
St. Andrews
By-the-Sea

Traditional
Christmas Eve
Service
8:00 pm





Pastor's Musings

*It is good for you to follow
closely what [the prophets] said as you would
follow a light shining in a dark place, until the day begins
and the morning star rises in your hearts.
(2 Peter 1:19, NCV)*

The text of Scripture that served as the focal point of the *Lectio Divina* ("Divine Reading") of our Wednesday Pastor's Bible Study on November 30 was 2 Peter 1:16-19. *Lectio Divina* is a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures, which enables the Bible, the Word of God, to become a means of union with God. A text of Scriptures is read out three times, followed each time by a period of silence and an opportunity for each member of the group to share the fruit of her or his *lectio*.

Verse 19 above touched my heart and I allowed myself to 'hear' and 'see' Christ in the verse, pondering how and where it was touching my life at that very moment.

It spoke to me of how I've experienced the life of faith and following in the footsteps of Jesus. Following Jesus is a struggle. Living a life of faith a matter of endurance. It is about keeping myself within sight of the Light and letting its truth and claims be front and center in my life. Following Jesus is about nurturing disciplines that open me up more and more to the Light and eliminating places within my heart where darkness could dwell.

A passage from the prophet Isaiah comes to mind—

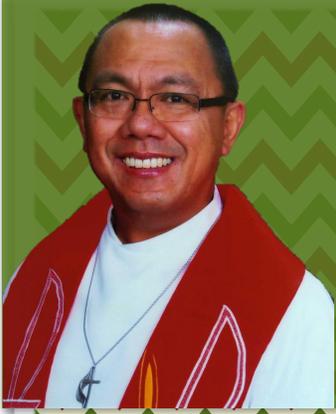
But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.*

—Isaiah 9:1-2, NRSV

Isaiah 9:1-2 acknowledges a "former time" of deep darkness in the land of Zebulun, Naphtali, the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, and Galilee of the nations.

These geographical designations all refer to a territory directly west of the Sea of Chinnereth, later to be named the Sea of Galilee. It was this land populated by God's 'chosen people' that the Assyrian king, Tiglath-Pileser III, conquered and deported its citizens to Assyria in 732 BCE according to 2 Kings 15:29 and extra-biblical material.



Pastor's Musings

military defeat. In these conditions, hunger and depopulation were ever-present challenges facing the people. It has been said that the biblical prophets are survival literature of war-torn communities, and Isaiah 9 would certainly not be an exception to this rule.

The king of Assyria ushered in darkness, and the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace will bring in light. The light reverses the hunger, depopulation, and military defeat incurred in the darkness. There is no tyranny of time with God, there is no "the inevitable," nothing is "automatic," and fate does not rule.

God's calendar reminds us that dawn is an act of grace and that darkness is always a prelude, and never a finale.

It is good for you to follow closely what [the prophets] said as you would follow a light shining in a dark place, until the day begins and the morning star rises in your hearts. (2 Peter 1:19, NCV)

Think of everything wonderful from walking on the beach or in the woods or on a trail at dawn to catch the sunrise. Recall the experience of emerging from a "dark night of the soul" and actually sensing a burden being lifted away from your chest. Think of times when you gained clarity on what to do or what direction to take. Recall times when you felt at peace with yourself, with people, with God, and with the world despite circumstances to the contrary.

Advent offers this hope and promise to everyone who would open his or her heart and mind to the Light of God. The dark and dreary places of our existence are not the finale. They are a prelude to the in-breaking of God's light!

May we pray *Maranatha!* which means, "Come, O Lord."



JOY

Finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way



MEMORY VERSE

"Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!"

Philippians 4:4, NIV



WEEK 1 **God Promises a Savior**
Isaiah 9:6-7

BOTTOM LINE:
I can have joy because God keeps His promises.

WEEK 2 **Zechariah and Elizabeth**
Luke 1:5-25; 57-79

BOTTOM LINE:
I can have joy because anything is possible with God.

WEEK 3 **Jesus is Born**
Luke 2:1-7

BOTTOM LINE:
I can have joy because God sent His son.

WEEK 4 **Shepherds and Angels**
Luke 2:8-20

BOTTOM LINE:
I can have joy because God's story is for everyone.



MORNING TIME

Practice starting your day with joy this month by thinking of 31 reasons you can be happy. Have each person in the family brainstorm their own 31 reasons, write them out on separate, small scraps of paper, and put them in a container. Each morning, on your way out the door, have everyone grab a piece of joy from their container and carry it with them the whole day to remind them to be happy even when things don't go their way.



DRIVE TIME

Whether you're traveling over the holidays or just commuting, don't miss our special holiday podcast for families. Our audio drama will invite the entire family to imagine the Christmas story together. Find it on Studio252.tv or the Parent Cue app!



MEAL TIME

Ask a kid: What is number one on your Christmas wish list? If you don't receive that gift, how will you feel? How will you react?

Ask a parent: What was the worst or most awkward Christmas present you ever received? Did you find a way to be joyful anyway?



BED TIME

Read Luke 2:1-20 as a family. Discuss how the birth of Jesus would bring "great joy for all the people." How did Jesus' birth bring glory to God? Peace to those on earth? Pray together and ask God to remind you of the joy and peace the promise of Jesus brings to all of us, even when things aren't going our way.



PARENT TIME

Isn't it crazy that sometimes the season of peace and joy is the least peaceful and joyful for all the grown ups? This month, set the tone of joy in your home by playing joyful music, lighting mood-lifting candles, taking an extra minute to pray quietly, and take deep breaths throughout the day, or whatever helps you remember the joy of the season. Participating in this month's MorningTime with your kids is also a great way to model joy for your family. Take it a step further by discussing, as a family, how the pieces of joy from your container helped to change your attitude throughout the day. Because we all know, when the grown ups aren't happy, ain't nobody happy!

For more ideas, visit Studio252.tv



A SABTS Ministry
Families of Faith Supper Club

We are trying a new idea out, a supper club for Families of Faith.

This idea came out of a parents night out where a group of people had dinner a couple months ago and had a blast! So, we thought why not meet monthly to fellowship, share a great meal together and just have some old fashion fun!

Our date this month is **Friday, December 16th**
This is an adult-only dinner, so we will have child care for \$10 per family at the church at 6:30 pm.

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| December 11th | March 26th |
| Jan 8th | April 9th |
| Jan 22nd | April 23rd |
| Feb 12th | May 14th |
| Feb 26th | May 28th |
| March 12th | June 4th |

Youth Christmas Wreath Sale



The Youth are selling Christmas Wreaths and small decorative Christmas Trees on the patio after both services. Help the youth raise money for our upcoming mission trip! Or contact Ashleigh for more information at youth.sabts@gmail.com or



December

December 4th: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Puppet practice 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

December 7th: Youth Group 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Puppet practice 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

December 11th: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Puppet practice 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

December 14th: Youth Group 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Puppet practice 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

December 18th: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Puppet practice 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Progressive Diner Christmas Party 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Start and end at St. Andrews.

December 21st: Youth Group 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Puppet practice 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

December 24th: Services at 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm & 8:00 pm/ Puppet call time is 2:00 pm.

December 25th: One church service at 10:30 am, no Sunday School



Anchored Youth Progressive Dinner Christmas Party

December 18th 3:00pm - 8:00pm

Drop off and Pick-Up at church

Our annual progressive dinner Christmas party! We travel to 5 different houses for a spectacular feast with a white elephant gift exchange at the end!

R.S.V.P To Ashleigh

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“Oh, Holy Night”

MARY'S FEAST
Wednesday, December 7, 2016

The annual Mary's Feast is always a joyful event in which to participate and a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women as we begin the Advent season. The evening allows us to fellowship and grow closer to each other as well as to God as we consider the gift that God gave us in the birth of his son, Jesus. And Mary's Feast is also a chance to serve God, here in our community by supporting under resourced military families at Pendleton.

On Wednesday, December 7th, we'll gather at 6pm at Bella Collina Towne and Golf Club for an elegant buffet dinner. You are invited to dress as elegantly – or comfortably – as you wish. The price is just \$50 per person.

Mary's Feast is also a baby shower for Mary and her son, Jesus. Each guest is invited to bring unwrapped clothing, diapers, blankets, bottles, etc. appropriate for an infant or child up to 12 months of age or clothing items suitable for toddlers up to 24 months or 2-4T. All the gifts will be distributed to under-resourced Marine families in need via our San Clemente Marine Family Outreach (SCMFO). In the past, the generosity of the women attending Mary's Feast has provided over 100 layettes to be distributed to Marine families in January. In addition, the proceeds from ticket sales have provided critically needed school supplies for the San Onofre Elementary School, at the north end of Pendleton. The proceeds from our 2015 event provided \$3000 in much-needed school supplies for the students there.

Consider “buying a table” (of eight to ten) and inviting your friends to join you for the evening. If you cannot attend, please consider giving a tax-deductible sponsorship donation. With sponsorships, we hope to increase the monetary donation to SCMFO, allowing them to provide more school supplies.

Reservations will be taken after worship during November (starting Sunday, 11/6) at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea UMC, Palisades UMC, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Our Saviors Lutheran Church, as well as through the St. Andrew's by-the-Sea UMC office (949-492-2537 or office@sabts.org).



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



It's hard to believe, but it's time to begin to think about decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas season, which will include our lovely poinsettias. This year we will be placing an order form in the Sunday bulletin for several Sundays before Christmas. You may fill out the order form and then drop it, along with your cash or check, into the offering plate. Or you may print and fill out the order form below and mail it or bring it to the church office with your money. Thank you for your generosity in helping our sanctuary look beautiful for the season.

*Please **PRINT** clearly and legibly. Poinsettias cost \$10.00 each.*

Donor's name (as to be printed)

Donor's Email

Donor's Phone

I would like to give _____ poinsettias @ \$10 each.

Total Amount \$ _____

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In memory of:

In honor of:

Deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday, December 11, 2016

Adopt

a Family for Christmas!



Adopt A Family This Christmas!

Through FAM, our Mission & Service team has selected 12 San Clemente families who need support this Christmas. Each family's profile and needs will be posted in the narthex – so take a look!

Individuals, families, Bible study groups, interest groups, church committees – can all adopt! Contact Ann Small at 949-505-0996 or honorothrs@att.net to select a family and obtain their contact info.

Last year, SABTS' adoption efforts impacted 15 total families, including 75 adults and children. Let's ensure God's love for the world, through the birth of Jesus, once again shines brightly for those in need.

I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.' (Deuteronomy 15:11)

Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? . . . Here I am, Lord, send me. (Isaiah 6:8)

BLUE Christmas

a service of remembrance & hope

December 21st 7:00 pm

A contemplative service of healing and
hope for those who are hurting this
Christmas.



OFFICE HOURS

General Office Hours

Monday: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Wednesday: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Thursday: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Friday: Office Closed

Staff Office Hours

Rev. Adiel DePano
Monday-Thursday
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Tuesday: Sermon Preparation Off Site

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				10:30 am Care Team 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am Seniors Yoga 7:30 pm AI Anon	11:00 am Dave Small Memorial
4 Comunion Sunday 8:45 am Seeker's Sunday School Class 9:00 am Band-Led Worship 10:30 am Choir-Led Worship 10:30 am Youth Sunday School	5 3:00pm Welcome Inn	6 9:00 am Andrews Kids 6:30 pm SCMFO SS2 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal	7 7:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, Humphry's 6:00 pm Anchored Youth Group 6:00 pm Mary's Feast Off-Site	8 3:00 pm Welcome INN 7:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30 am Seniors Yoga 7:30 pm AI Anon	10 4:00 pm South Coast Singers
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18 8:45 am Seeker's Sunday School Class 9:00 am Band-Led Worship 10:30 am Choir-Led Worship 10:30 am Youth Sunday School 3:00 pm Anchored Youth Christmas Party	19 7:00 pm Risk Taking Missions and Service	20 9:00 am Andrews Kids 9:30 am Senior's Yoga 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Church Council	21 7:30 am Pastor's Bible Study, Humphry's 6:00 pm Anchored Youth Group 7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service	22 10:30 am Care Team 3:00 pm Welcome INN 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	23 9:30 am Seniors Yoga 7:30 pm AI Anon	24 3:30 pm Family Worship 5:30 pm Family Worship 8:00 pm Candlelight Traditional Service
25 8:45 am Seeker's Sunday School Class 9:00 am Band-Led Worship 10:30 am Choir-Led Worship 10:30 am Youth Sunday School	26	27 9:30 am Senior's Yoga 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal	28	29	30	31

Building Community with Our Muslim Neighbors: Islam, America, and the Challenges of Our Time



January 22 & 29, 2017; 3-5 PM
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Professor Jihad Turk (Jan. 22)

*President, Bayan Claremont, a graduate school designed to educate Muslim scholars and religious leaders. His field of research focuses on Islamic Law with an emphasis on *usul al-fiqh*, or jurisprudence as well as theology.*



Dr. Najeeba Syeed (Jan. 29)

*Associate Professor of Interreligious Education
Claremont School of Theology*
A leader in peace building. Two-time Jon Anson Ford Awardee for reducing violence in schools. Named Southern California Mediation Association's "Peacemaker of the Year" in 2007.

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We practice **spiritual disciplines**, such as prayer, meditation, scripture reading, attending worship, receiving the sacraments, and fasting, which cultivate our daily conscious contact with God.

We seek to **learn** more about God through continual study.

We practice **sacrifice** through tithing and selfless giving of ourselves.

We actively work for **justice and mercy** in the world.

We seek **unity** through working and living in harmony with our community of faith.

We walk our spiritual journey with **honesty and authenticity**.

We live our lives **humbly** knowing the gifts we have received come from God.



Family Assistance Ministries needs our help this Fall. Remember to grab a FAM bag. The list of items needed are listed on the outside of the bag! You can bring items **the first Sunday of the month** or drop the bag at the church Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.