

**The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020**

**11am LIVE & recorded Worship @ St. Paul's United Methodist Church via
www.stpaulsvacaville.com and <https://www.facebook.com/VacavilleStPauls>**

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP provided by Pentecost Circuit of United Methodist Churches in Sacramento

<https://youtu.be/BEcc8tq-JcA>

Theme: HOPE (The First Sunday of Advent)

Scripture: Mark 1:2-3 This week Rev. Motoe Yamada-Foor greets and blesses the children; we light our first Advent candle; Momoko Tamaoki Newsome talks about making a path straight to our hearts; Sandi from Lodi First UMC plays the bells to the tune of "This Little Light of Mine"; a new puppet sings a "carol"; and... Mort dances to Rod's song about hope--watch to the very end, after the 'end' to see what Mort says "nope" to! AND to hear about Family Time movies to see during this season...

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Prologue to the Gospel of John, 1:1-6

In the beginning was the Word,
**and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

He was in the beginning with God.

**All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.**

What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"The Light Came Down"

Josh Garrels

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQHNS8IOb6E>

JOYS, GRATITUDES AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER, IN UNISON

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 8:22-31

The New Revised Standard Version

ADVENT HYMN of HOPE: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4-bQJ64sho>

SERMON

"Gratefulness & Hope"

Pastor Sue King

HYMN OF REFLECTION "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - The Choir of King's College, Cambridge

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qclIZpnZPgo&feature=emb_title

OUR PARTICIPATION IN GOD'S KINGDOM: LEARNING, SERVING, SHARING

- **Thursday Caffeinated Christians, 8-9am, by Zoom webconference,**
- **Thursday Evening "Church & Society" will resume January 7th from 7-8pm Meeting by ZOOM web conference.** "How to Be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi
- **Provide meals for Vacaville's Homeless Residents, 5:30-6:30pm on December 31, 2020.**
- **Hurray for our new ministry partners!** We are sharing space with **My Friend's House**, a non-profit that helps youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

<https://www.mfhsolano.org/mission-2>

Join in! Be part of the difference our community needs!

Contact Pastor Sue King stpumcvacaville@gmail.com or text/call @ 530-419-9192

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St. Paul's UMC, c/o Treasurer

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HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

"Give Thanks"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMTmZKotTYw>

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – full lyrics

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.