

Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word.
Silence in us any voice but your own; that, hearing,
we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lessons: Isaiah 60:1-3 (page 619)
Isaiah 61:1-2 (page 620)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146:5-9a

*Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,*

**who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

*who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.*

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

*The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.*

**The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless**

(ESV)

Epistle Lesson: Acts 4:1-12 (page 911)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-30 (page 859)

Reader: ...the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon ***The Year of the Lord's Favor***
the Rev. Johnathan Keenan

*Creed

The Nicene Creed

**WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.**

**AND IN ONE Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten
Son of God, begotten of his Father before all
worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God
of very God, begotten, not made, being of
one substance with the Father; through whom
all things were made; who for us and for our
salvation came down from heaven, and was
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also
for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and
was buried; and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father; and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead; whose
kingdom shall have no end.**

**AND WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord
and giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son; who with the Father and
the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in
one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission
of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology

Trinity Hymnal #731

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Offertory Prayer

Hymn #219 "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(cups in the outside ring contain wine)

*Hymn #203

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response Trinity Hymnal #196

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, (v. 1)

**born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;**

let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,

hope of all the earth thou art,

dear Desire of ev'ry nation,

joy of ev'ry longing heart. Amen.

Postlude

Anna Abbey



Today's sermon will be available at elcaminoopc.org.



Announcements

VISITORS: Welcome to El Camino! Please sign our guest book and join us for refreshments after worship.

TODAY WE WELCOME to the pulpit the Rev. Johnathan Keenan, campus minister for RUF at UCSB.

MEMBERS: Nominations are now being accepted for the ordained offices of Elder and Deacon, and the unordained offices of Deaconess and Trustee. Per our church bylaws: "The congregation shall be reminded of its right to make nominations for these elections at least nine weeks before the election meeting. Nominations for these elections shall be presented to the clerk in writing not less than five weeks before the election meeting."

SERVICE FOR CHRIS BENNETT will be January 17 at 3pm at El Camino Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WED: No Lunchtime Bible Study this week.

TUES., DEC 24: 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service with *Lessons in Carols*, the Christmas story in Scripture and Christmas hymns. Bring a friend!

NEXT SUN., DEC 29: Mr. Christopher Smith, recent graduate of Westminster Seminary CA and a licentiate of Christ United Reformed Church (URC), Santee, CA, will lead Morning Worship. The Deacon's offering will be collected.



El Camino Presbyterian Church

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Weekly Worship at 10:45am & 6pm
Teen & Adult Sunday School classes at 9:45am



6:00PM Evening Prayer and Praise

December 22nd, 2019

- *Call to Worship (*Congregation stands)
- *Hymn #226 "As with Gladness Men of Old"
- *Prayer of Invocation
- Responsive Psalm 80 Trinity Hymnal p. 813
- Congregational Hymn Selections
- Offering
- Prayer for Illumination
- Scripture Lessons: (page 572)
Isaiah 7:10-16
Romans 1:1-7 (page 939)
Matthew 1:18-25 (page 807)
- Sermon ***The Cure for Our Anxiety***
from the teaching series *The Sermon on the Mount*
webcast from the Rev. Dr. Sinclair Ferguson
- *Creed The Apostles' Creed
- I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
AND IN Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**
- Congregational Prayer (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)
- *Hymn #195 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"
- *Closing Prayer

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The Lord's Day

The Fourth Sunday in Advent: December 22nd, 2019

10:45am Morning Worship

- Prelude Anna Abbey
- *Greeting and Call to Worship (*Congregation stands)
- *Hymn #218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
- *Prayer of Adoration and Invocation
- *The Gloria Patri Trinity Hymnal #735
**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.**
- Unison Prayer of Confession
**Most Merciful God, we confess that we have
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole
heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly
repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may
delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to
the glory of your name. Amen.**
- *Assurance of Pardon
Minister: ...you are forgiven.
Congregation: Amen!
- *Call to Grateful Obedience
Minister: ...this is God's will for you in Christ.
Congregation: Amen!
- *Hymn #230 "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond
All Splendor"