

Hearing the Word

Time for Children: Matthew 1:18-25

Penny Russell

Children's Christmas Pageant

Michelle Burkholder,
HMC children & youth

Selections from Händel's *Messiah*:

#12 "For Unto Us a Child is Born" (Isaiah 9:6)

#14-16 Angel Recitatives (Luke 2:8-13)

#17 "Glory to God in the Highest" (Luke 2:14)

Responding

Responses to the Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

The Work of the Church

Greeting our Guests

Announcements

The Ministry of Giving

Children's Offering

Offering of Gifts

Offertory: HWB 201 – *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

Hymn: Händel's *Messiah*: #44 "Hallelujah"

Benediction

**from Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem by Maya Angelou*

***written by Ann Siddall, posted on the website: Stillpoint Spirituality Centre and Faith Community*

TODAY

Greeter: Peter Goering

Ushers: Lindsay Deel, Amy Whittington

Nursery: Dorothy Leissa, Greta Leissa

Worship Arts: Jake Short

Kaffee Tee Klatsch: Lisa Zammuto

NEXT WEEK

Jake Short

Laurel Macondray, Mary Hershberger

Michelle Burkholder, Becky Hass

LeAnne Zook

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Last Week – \$7,422

Advent Offering – \$733

Weekly Goal – \$5,255

Attendance Last Week – 104

Lectionary scripture for next Sunday, December 29:
Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

CALENDAR

Tues. 12/24—Christmas Eve service, 5:00 p.m.

Sun. 12/29—Christmas I.

Sun. 1/5—Epiphany; Cindy Lapp preaches; Communion.

Sun. 1/12—Cindy Lapp preaches; fellowship meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Service: Join us for a service of Lessons and Carols at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24. All are welcome, affirmed, and loved as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Advent Worship Arts: In this season of Advent we are exploring the theme: What are You Waiting For? Worship Arts will join in that exploration of questions and waiting through an abstract visual journey. Each week a new banner will help us move through a period of limbo, liminality, and shadows, before arriving at a celebration of manifestation. You are invited to reflect on the visuals each week and either speak about what you are seeing in them during sharing time, or share written reflections or questions with Michelle.

Advent/Christmas Offering 2019: Our special offering this season will go to the Congregation Action Network (CAN) an interfaith network which organizes congregations in the DMV to advocate for just immigration policy and to respond to detentions and deportations of our neighbors. CAN achievements in the past year include: successfully advocating against new ICE detention centers in the DMV, advocating to limit local government cooperation with ICE, supporting physical sanctuary for Rosa at Cedar Lane Unitarian for almost one year, and supporting DACA petitioners to the Supreme Court. HMC is a founding member of CAN and continues as an active participant while also deepening the relationship with our neighbor San Mateo Episcopal. Our goal for Advent/Christmas offering is to raise \$5,000 for the work of CAN. Visit: <https://give.faihinaction.org/team/DMV> to learn more. Thank you for your generous support in loving neighbors as ourselves.

No Sunday School: Please note there will be no Sunday School on December 29. It will resume for all ages on January 5 at 9:30 a.m. at UPCoB.

Poinsettias for Sale: The poinsettias at church will be available immediately after the Christmas Eve service. They are \$10 each; exact change is appreciated if paying in cash.

