

# Worship Service

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## FIRST SABBATH OF ADVENT

Over the two millennia since the days of Jesus, Christians have developed traditions of lighting candles to symbolize some of the great and precious values embodied by Jesus and proclaimed in the Gospel. Our Christmas candelabra features four outer candles symbolizing hope, peace, joy, and love. They surround the center white candle, which stands for the person of Jesus and the fullness of God resident in him.

**PRELUDE** Setting by Robert Hobby  
*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*  
Wanda Griffiths, Organ

**WELCOME and CHURCH LIFE** John McLarty

✿ **HYMN OF PRAISE, Hymnal No. 149** IRBY  
*Once in Royal David's City*

✿ **INVOCATION** John McLarty

**ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING MUSIC** arr. Chip Davis  
*Veni, Veni (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)*  
Green Lake Orchestra

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Parviz Family  
The Candle of Hope – Through Jesus, All Will be Made Right

**ADVENT READING** Larry Roth

**OFFERING** Myrtle Mitchell  
Offering this week Local Church Ministries

**OFFERTORY** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* English Folk Tune  
*Ring the Bells* Carol Greene  
Cherub Choir; Karen Baker, Director  
Romy Case, Piano; Bruna Hazelton, French Horn

**CHORAL CALL TO THE CHILDREN'S STORY** arr. Wanda Griffiths  
*Jesus Loves Me*

**CHILDREN'S STORY** CheVon Bell  
Offering for Bohol Church Project in the Philippines

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**  
As the choir sings the Call to Prayer, we invite you to kneel if it is comfortable.

**MORNING PRAYER** Myrtle Mitchell

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Lucy Goerlitz  
2 Samuel 11:14-16 (NLT)

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Carol of the Bells* Peter Wilhousky  
GLC Orchestra arr. Bill Calhoun

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Shelby Goerlitz  
Luke 23:33-38, 46 (NLT)

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *A Midwinter Fantasy* Gustav Holst  
GLC Orchestra arr. Morgan Denney

**SERMON** *Checkmate* Hanz Jouissance

✿ **HYMN OF CONSECRATION, Hymnal No. 136** IN DULCI JUBILO  
*Good Christians, Now Rejoice*

✿ **BENEDICTION** Hanz Jouissance

✿ **CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Kevin Siegfried  
*Benediction*

**POSTLUDE** *Allegro in C, from Concerto for Two Guitars* Antonio Vivaldi  
GLC Orchestra

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**Welcome ...** May the joy of the Lord be with us. Following the worship service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for the reception.

**Sermon Synopsis ...** I love New York! I remember one summer day while walking along the Brooklyn streets, I passed two men playing a board game. Being a curious individual, I walked into the park and asked, "What are you two doing?" The men answered simultaneously, "We are playing chess." I didn't know how to play chess, so I sat and watched. These elderly men were so focused and helpful, telling me how every piece moved. They emphasized the strategy of protecting your king. I asked "How do you know when you win." They answered simultaneously, "Whoever says checkmate, wins."

**Prayer Team ...** The prayer team meets on the first and third Sabbaths in the parents' room after the worship service. Everyone is welcome. The narthex has boxes for prayer requests, answers, and silent prayers; feel free to contact Eustace Mazila (emazho@gmail.com) during the week. Requests are confidential unless the team is asked to share.

**Prayer List**  
... Doris Fultz, dealing with heart problems  
... Jennifer Cummings, struggling with ALS  
... Linda Heib, facing serious health concerns  
... Virginia Bock, with health concerns  
... Becky Meacham, recovery from surgery

# Sabbath School

**Program** Bryan Carli 9:30 a.m.  
*"Outreach and the Fire in Paradise, CA"*

**Adult Sabbath School Classes** 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.  
The sanctuary opens today at 10:50. Prior to this time, rehearsing musicians appreciate privacy to prepare for the service and thank you for this courtesy.

## SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

Green Lake Church welcomes diversity and welcomes you wherever you are in your search for truth. Some classes take a traditional approach, and others a nontraditional approach. Choose what best fits your needs today.

**Quarterly** – B. Chedalawada, M. Mitchell, D. Van Fossen Auditorium, Front  
Follows the lessons in the Sabbath School Quarterly

**Walk Through the Bible** – Matt Rickaby, Simon Tung  
The book of Mark Top Level Open Space

**Discussion** – Larry Roth Library  
Encourages the open expression of ideas and experiences

**Women's Class** – Patti Gibson Parent Room (Next to Balcony)  
Discussing the book *Swimming Against the Current: Living for the God You Love* by Chris Blake

**Contemporary** – Bryan Carli, Hanz Jouissance Chapel  
All are welcome to join us for refreshments, praise music, prayer, and service.

## CHILDREN'S DIVISIONS

The Junior Choir and Cherub Choir rehearse from 9:30 to 10:00, when they dismiss to their Sabbath School classes. Parents, for your children's safety, please pick them up from their classes by 10:50.

**Beginners** (ages 0 through 3.5), 10:00 a.m. Room 101  
**Kindergarten** (ages 3.5 through 5), 10:00 a.m. Room 301  
**Primary** (ages 6 through 8), 10:00 a.m. Room 203  
**Juniors** (ages 9 through 12), 10:00 a.m. Room 202  
**Youth** (ages 13+), 10:00 a.m. Room 302

