

Prayer Concerns

IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD: Please pray for those who are hungry, displaced, sick, or in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

PRAYERS: Donna Rosenthal

MEN & WOMEN IN UNIFORM AROUND THE WORLD:

Rachel Z. E. Sheridan (USAF), James Dobson (USAF), Devin Kenny-Hernandez (USA), Phillip Lyman (USA), John Principe (USA), JP Springsteel, Jared Vallner (USA)

To view an extended Prayer Concerns list, or to request prayers, please visit laumc.org/prayers.



LAUMC is a Care Ministry Congregation with trained, supportive, and loving people who are available to provide you with confidential, caring support in times of special need. If you need care, call the pastoral care line (650-823-2653).

Special Announcement:

Sunday, December 17th: Church Council Meeting 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Annual Church Charge Conf. 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Both will be by Zoom and are open to the entire congregation.



We are a Changemaker church, committed to following Jesus' example of having compassion for all people, and celebrating God's gift of diversity. We strive to create a church home where people of every gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, immigration and socioeconomic status can unite in the mission of God's love.

All are welcome here!

Sunday, December 10, 2023

10:00am

Los Altos United Methodist Church

655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos CA 94024
www.laumc.org

Morning Worship

Prelude	Dirk Damonte, pianist
Welcome	Pastor Dave Samelson
Introit - <i>This Child</i>	Courtney
New Covenant Choir, Starfire Singers, and Lightshine, Jose Mendiola, director	
Lighting the Advent Candle	Chris, Grace, Gianna, and Ethan Esber
Advent Song - <i>Welcome Home</i>	
Children's Time	Sharon McClintock
Reception of New Members	
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer	Pastor Jeong Park
Scripture Reading	Mark 1:1-8
Anthem - <i>Tell It Everywhere (w/Go Tell It on the Mountain)</i>	arr. Hamby
New Covenant Choir, Starfire Singers, and Lightshine, Jose Mendiola, director	
Message - <i>Through the Advent Door—Repentance and the Dissolution of Ego</i>	Pastor Dave Samelson
Hymn - <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	UMH 211
Advent Generosity - <i>Salinas UMC</i>	
Offering	Pastor Jeong Park
Offertory	Dirk Damonte, pianist
Doxology & Prayer of Dedication	
Announcements	Pastor Dave Samelson
Sending Forth	Pastor Dave Samelson
Song of Blessing - <i>Star-Child</i>	
Postlude	Dirk Damonte, pianist

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ADVENT GENEROSITY 2023

We celebrate the season of Advent in many ways at LAUMC; one is Advent Generosity. We have three wonderful beneficiaries that we will be sponsoring this year - Al Basma Center, Compassion Week 2024, and Salinas First UMC. Please give generously and support the important work that these organizations are doing. Visit LAUMC.org/Advent-Generosity-2023 to donate or for more info.

CREEKSIDE CROSSINGS ADVENT: Sunday, December 10 and 17 at 5:00 pm

Join us for a Creekside Crossings Advent. Our theme this year is "How Does a Weary World Rejoice?" Come for inspiring music, a timely message, and a warm community during these cold nights. December 10 and 17 at 5:00 pm! You may also view it online at live.laumc.org.

MUSIC OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: Thurs, through Dec. 21 - SIGN UP TODAY!

Come have dinner at 5:30 pm and then celebrate the wonderful music of Advent and Christmas at 6:30 pm! Learn about the history of our favorite carols and songs, learn new ones, and immerse ourselves in the joy and wonder of this beautiful season. Register at LAUMC.org/Advent-Christmas-Music.

GEN2GEN@LAUMC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Fri, December 15 at 11:30 am

We're having our annual Christmas Luncheon & Caroling in the Youth Room. It will also be on Zoom & Santa is looking forward to seeing you! Please RSVP before December 12. Visit LAUMC.org/gen2gen for more info.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARSONAGE: Friday, December 15, 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Families with children are invited to wear pajamas or holiday attire and join us for a special evening! Enjoy the Christmas Story with Mrs. Claus, games, treats, and Christmas carols. Sign up: LAUMC.org/Children.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & LIGHTS: DATE CHANGE - Sat, Dec. 16 at 7:00 pm

The magic and meaning of the Christmas Season come alive with the New Covenant Choir, Starfire Singers, Lightshine Choir, Creekside Worship Band, and our organist, Eric Holderman. Join us to bring the sacred music of the season and some new music to life on this night of joy and wonder. Watch at live.laumc.org.

MMF ANGEL TREE 2023: December 17 at 11:15 am

Mary Martha Fellowship welcomes all to wrap Christmas presents for the children whose parent(s) are incarcerated. Please bring scissors, wrapping paper, tape, and ribbon/bows. Email Terry at Morrisont2002@aol.com or visit LAUMC.org/News.

LAUMC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Longest Night Service: Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm. Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, at 10:00 am (only morning worship), 3:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm. Visit LAUMC.org/News for a complete schedule and more info.

DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The Changemaker Initiative invites you to spend this sacred time reflecting on Jesus, our model changemaker. Enjoy a daily devotional email written by changemakers from LAUMC and other parts of the country. LAUMC.org/News.

GEN2GEN MOVIE GROUP: Tuesday, December 19, 2:00 pm

Join us for the movie "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" (1964) in the Live Oak Room. LAUMC.org/gen2gen.