

# 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.

**SYMPATHY:** Our love and sympathy to the family and many friends of Keith Pennings, who passed away November 23.

We extend our deepest sympathies to John Martin, as he mourns the loss of his beloved sister, Donna Jean Martin, who passed away on October 8, 2023

**PRAYERS:** Mike Beamer

**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](http://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 3, 2023**

10:00am

**Los Altos United Methodist Church**

655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos CA 94024  
[www.laumc.org](http://www.laumc.org)

# Morning Worship

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<b>Prelude</b> - <i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	Weber Eric Holderman, organist
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Sam Blewis
<b>Introit</b> - <i>People Look East</i>	Farjean New Covenant Choir, Jose Mendolia, director
<b>Lighting the Advent Candle</b>	Charlotte, David, Emmett, Delaney Caudle
<b>Hymn</b> - <i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	UMH 196
<b>Children's Time</b>	Sharon McClintock
<b>Pastoral Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Advent Generosity</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Offertory</b> - <i>Savior of the Nations, Come with O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Greene Eric Holderman, organist
<b>Doxology &amp; Prayer of Dedication</b>	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Mark 12:24-37
<b>Anthem</b> - <i>No Rose of Such Virtue</i>	Butler New Covenant Choir, Jose Mendolia, director
<b>Message</b> - <i>Awake In The Darkness</i>	Pastor Sam Blewis
<b>Advent Song</b> - <i>Welcome Home</i>	
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Communion Music</b> - <i>Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come"</i> <i>Advent Hope</i>	Ashdown Lasky
<b>Announcements</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Sending Forth</b>	Pastor Sam Blewis
<b>Song of Blessing</b> - <i>If You Say Go</i>	
<b>Postlude</b> - <i>Postlude from Advent Partita on "Hyfrydol"</i>	Conely Eric Holderman, organist

# Get Connected

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**CREEKSIDE CROSSINGS ADVENT: Sunday, December 3, 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 3, 10, and 17 at 5:00 pm.! You may also view it online at [live.laumc.org](http://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! We will learn about the history of some of our favorite carols and songs, learn some new ones, and immerse ourselves in the joy and wonder of this beautiful season, all through its music through the ages. Register at [LAUMC.org/News](http://LAUMC.org/News).

**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. They will be so happy to receive these gifts! Please bring scissors, wrapping paper, tape, and ribbon/bows. For info, please contact Terry at [Morrisont2002@aol.com](mailto:Morrisont2002@aol.com) or visit [LAUMC.org/News](http://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](http://LAUMC.org/News) for a complete schedule and more info.

**GEN2GEN@LAUMC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Fri, December 15 at 11:30 am**  
Gen2gen @LAUMC is having its annual Christmas Luncheon & Caroling in the Youth Room on Friday, December 15, 2023, at 11:30 am. It will also be on Zoom & Santa is looking forward to seeing you! Please RSVP before December 12. Visit [LAUMC.org/gen2gen](http://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](http://LAUMC.org/Children).

**GEN2GEN MOVIE GROUP: Tuesday, December 5, 2:00 pm**  
Join us for the movie "Elf" (2003) in the Live Oak Room. [LAUMC.org/gen2gen](http://LAUMC.org/gen2gen).

**STORY HOUR with MS. SHARON: Saturday, December 9, 9:30 am**  
Join Ms. Sharon for kind-hearted stories and music all about the joys of Winter. For young children and their families. Meets in the Children's Center Preschool. [LAUMC.org/Children](http://LAUMC.org/Children) for more info.

**BABY TIME with MS. SHARON: Saturday, December 9, 1-2 pm**  
A small group for families with babies featuring play rhymes, music, and toy time. Childcare for older siblings is available. [LAUMC.org/Children](http://LAUMC.org/Children) for more info.

**FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & LIGHTS: Saturday, December 9 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 in this night of joy and wonder. Online at [live.laumc.org](http://live.laumc.org).