

# 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:** Jim Giulie, Herb Peterson, Valda Tormey, Milt Wehrman, Lori Draper

## **MEN & WOMEN IN UNIFORM AROUND THE WORLD:**

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

To view an extended Prayer Concerns list, or to request prayers, please visit [laumc.org/prayers](https://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 office at 650.948.1083 and connect to a pastor. If you are experiencing a pastoral care emergency, you may choose # to be connected to an on-call pastor.

## Repentance... the Johnny Cash Version

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 1, 2024**

**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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Prelude	Dirk Damonte, pianist
Welcome	Pastor Dave Samelson
Introit - <i>Like a Child (TFWS 2092)</i>	Dan Damon Carol Damonte, Dirk Damonte, Olivia Loewen-Elofson, Casie Walker
Lighting the Advent Candle	
Hymn - <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	UMH 211
Children's Time (10am)	Sharon McClintock
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer	Timothy Loewen-Elofson
Advent Generosity	
Offering	Timothy Loewen-Elofson
Offertory	Dirk Damonte, pianist
Doxology & Prayer of Dedication (10am)	
Bible Reading	Luke 3:3-16 Siteri Maravou (8:30am), Casie Walker (10am)
Anthem - <i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	Wesley, arr. Damonte Carol Damonte, Dirk Damonte, Olivia Loewen-Elofson, Casie Walker
Message - <i>Repentance.... the Johnny Cash Version</i>	Pastor Dave Samelson
Advent Song - <i>The Way</i>	D. Damonte
Communion	
Announcements	Pastor Dave Samelson
Sending Forth	Pastor Dave Samelson
Song of Blessing - <i>Star-Child</i>	FWS 2095
Postlude	Dirk Damonte, pianist

# Get Connected

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## ANGEL TREE 2024 (GIFTS & GIFT WRAPPING): December 1, 8, & 15

We have been assigned 47 kids this year! Our Christmas tree will be in the narthex on December 1 and 8. Those who want to participate in creating joy for these kids can select Gift Tags from the tree. All gifts must be returned to the narthex by December 15 where they will be wrapped by volunteers. [LAUMC.org/Angel-Tree-2024](https://LAUMC.org/Angel-Tree-2024)

## CHANGEMAKER ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: December 1 to 25

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus, the ultimate Changemaker. You are invited to receive a daily email devotional written by Changemakers from LAUMC and across the country. Sign up at [thechangemakerinitiative.org](https://thechangemakerinitiative.org)

## JUSTFAITH CLASS: DISRUPTING DARKNESS: Class - Sundays, Dec. 1 to 22

Discover the real meaning of Christmas and discern how the Christmas Story might be calling you to live differently. [yvonne@thechangemakerinitiative.org](mailto:yvonne@thechangemakerinitiative.org)

## GEN2GEN MOVIE GROUP: Tuesday, December 3, 2:00 pm

Join us for the 1938 holiday family drama Charles Dickens', *A Christmas Carol*, in the Live Oak Room. [LAUMC.org/gen2gen](https://LAUMC.org/gen2gen)

## THE MUSIC OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS, WITH PASTOR DIRK: Thurs, Dec. 5 to 19

Celebrate the wonderful music of Advent and Christmas with dinner and a class with Pastor Dirk! Explore the history of some of our favorite carols and songs, learn new ones, and immerse in the joy and wonder of this beautiful season, all through its music. [LAUMC.org/Advent-Christmas-Music](https://LAUMC.org/Advent-Christmas-Music)

## LAUMC NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM CLASS: Saturday, Dec 14, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

This retreat is for persons who are considering church membership and/or baptism. It is held at the Senior Pastor Parsonage. [LAUMC.org/new-member-class](https://LAUMC.org/new-member-class)

## STORY HOUR WITH MS. SHARON: Saturday, December 14 at 9:30 am

Join us for stories, music, and movement all about Winter Tales!

## CHRISTMAS AT THE PARSONAGE: Friday, December 6 & 13, 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Families with young children are invited for games, Christmas carols, hot cocoa, and to hear the Christmas story read by Mrs. Santa. Feel free to wear cozy pajamas or festive holiday attire. Register to attend one of the two dates: [LAUMC.org/children](https://LAUMC.org/children)

## BETHLEHEM CRAFT SALE: Sunday, December 8

After morning services, you can select special gifts from the Holy Land and help Palestinian artists. Located near coffee in the Redwood Room. Cash or checks only.

## A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & LIGHTS: Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 pm

The Festival of Carols & Lights will feature a final performance of Dirk Damonte's Magnificat. If you have ever sung this with us or would like to, we hope you'll join us!

## GEN2GEN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Tuesday, December 17 at 11:30 am

Come sing along with Santa in the Youth Room. For those unable to attend in person, you may join by Zoom during our caroling time. T'is the season to be jolly and count our blessings! Questions? [morrisont2002@aol.com](mailto:morrisont2002@aol.com) [LAUMC.org/gen2gen](https://LAUMC.org/gen2gen)

## YOUTH MINISTRY STAKEHOLDER FUNDRAISER

Help support LAUMC YM's Puerto Rico service trip next summer with their fundraiser. [LAUMC.org/Youth](https://LAUMC.org/Youth)