

# 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:** Sheri Neff, Milt Wehrman

## **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.

## The Way to Bethlehem: Incarnation... Keep Going

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 15, 2024**

10:00 am

**Los Altos United Methodist Church**  
655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos CA 94024  
[www.laumc.org](https://www.laumc.org)

# Morning Worship

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<b>Prelude</b> - <i>Suite Gothique: introduction-Choral and Menuet Gothique</i>	Boellmann Craig Norris, organist Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>Introit</b> - <i>Ave Verum</i>	Mozart New Covenant, Jose Mendiola, director
<b>Lighting the Advent Candle</b>	The Yoo Family
<b>Hymn</b> - <i>People Look East</i>	UMH 202 vs. 1,3,4
<b>Children's Time</b>	Sharon McClintock
<b>Pastoral Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>	Pastor Jeong Park
<b>Bible Reading</b>	John 1:1-5, 14 Bonnie Horner D. Damonte New Covenant, Jose Mendiola, director
<b>Anthem</b> - <i>The Way to Bethlehem</i>	
<b>Message</b> - <i>The Way to Bethlehem: Incarnation... Keep Going</i>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Advent Song</b> - <i>The Way</i>	D. Damonte
<b>Advent Generosity</b>	Ashish Farmer
<b>Offering</b>	Timothy Loewen-Elofson
<b>Offertory</b> - <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Manz Craig Norris, organist
<b>Doxology &amp; Prayer of Dedication</b>	
<b>Announcements</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Sending Forth</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Song of Blessing</b> - <i>Star-Child</i>	FWS 2095
<b>Postlude</b> - <i>The Magnificent Seven</i>	Bernstein Craig Norris, organist

# Get Connected

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## CHURCH COUNCIL & CHARGE CONFERENCE: Today - December 15

You are invited to join us today via Zoom from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. For more info visit [LAUMC.org/news](https://LAUMC.org/news).

## ADVENT GENEROSITY 2024: CONNECTION - COMPASSION - COURAGE

Every year, LAUMC celebrates the season of Advent in many ways, one of which is Advent Generosity. This year, we will sponsor three wonderful beneficiaries: (Connection) First Tee Oakland Mentoring Program, (Compassion) Compassion Week 2024, and (Courage) Taghyeer: The Palestinian National Nonviolence Movement. We would love for you to partner with us as we give generously to these three organizations' important work. Visit [LAUMC.org/Advent-Generosity-2024](https://LAUMC.org/Advent-Generosity-2024) to donate or for more info.

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

We have been assigned 47 kids this year! Those who have participated in creating joy for these kids who have purchased gifts can return them to the narthex by Dec. 15, where they will be wrapped by volunteers. [LAUMC.org/Angel-Tree-2024](https://LAUMC.org/Angel-Tree-2024)

## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm

A reflective, contemplative service full of music and candlelight, especially for those to whom this season brings sadness or loss. Find solace, safety, and warmth if you are suffering in your heart during this season, feeling overwhelmed, or need quiet reflection.

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

In-person registration is full. You may still sing along with Santa via Zoom during our caroling time if you were unable to register. T'is the season to be jolly and count our blessings! Questions? [morrisont2002@aol.com](mailto:morrisont2002@aol.com)

## GEN2GEN MOVIE GROUP: Tuesday, December 17, 2:00 pm

Join us for the 2024 *Ordinary Angels*, Live Oak Room. [LAUMC.org/gen2gen](https://LAUMC.org/gen2gen)

## MUSIC OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS, WITH PASTOR DIRK: Final Thursday, Dec. 19

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

## WEHOPE CHRISTMAS DINNER-CALLING ALL BAKERS: December 18 or 19

We are in need of 20 individuals to bake homemade Christmas Cookies (2 dozen each) to be delivered to the LAUMC kitchen on Dec.18 or the morning of Dec. 19th. Contribute to this wonderful meal by contacting Julie McPherson at [juliemcp623@gmail.com](mailto:juliemcp623@gmail.com) or [LAUMC.org/Bakers](https://LAUMC.org/Bakers)

## CHANGEMAKER ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: December 1 to 25

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus, the ultimate Changemaker. We invite you 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: Classes - 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)

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP: Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 pm

The group will discuss *The Christmas Bookshop* by Jenny Colgan. Email Susan at [sschwamkrug@gmail.com](mailto:sschwamkrug@gmail.com).