

12:00 p.m.  
*Dirige: Carmen Montes*

Esta congregación está basada y segura en Jesucristo y la guía del Espíritu Santo. Gócese con Dios en este ambiente familiar. This congregation is based securely in Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit. May you enjoy this family of God.

"Haz lo que tienes que hacer en silencio y con pasos de plomo. / Do what you have to do in silence and with steps to lead." JV Montes

**Bienvenida y Oración / Welcome and Prayer**

ME VOY A LA MONTAÑA / I'M GOING TO THE MOUNTAIN -  
 DAVID NATHANAEEL PERNALETE

Oración de Apertura / Open Prayer	Coordinadora
Lectura Biblia / Biblical Reading	Coordinadora
<i>Gálatas 5:22-23; 1 Corintios 10:32-34</i>	
Bienvenida / Welcome	Coordinadora
Necesidades De Oración / Prayer Needs	Coordinadora
Cumpleaños / Birthdays	Coordinadora

**Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Worship Together**

Grupo De Alabanza / Worship Team	Raul Zarco
Jr. Church	Barbara Ewy
Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings	Ujieres / Ushers
Grupo de Alabanza / Worship Team	Raul Zarco

**Oigamos la Palabra de Dios / Let Us Listen to God's Word**

Sermón / Sermon	Pastor JV Montes
<i>Hacer Pasos Efectivos en Cristo / Make Effective Steps in Christ</i>	
Anuncios & Promoción Operación Andrés	Pastor Juan

**Reserve Estas Fechas Para Diciembre / December**

Diciembre 4. 7:00 p.m. Reunión de Diáconos  
 Diciembre 5. 6:00 p.m. Dine Out  
 Diciembre 5 - 12 - 19 - 26. 7:00 p.m. Oración - Alabanza - Estudio Bíblico  
 Diciembre 6 - 13 - 20 - 27. 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice  
 Diciembre 16. 5:00 p.m. Historia de Belén  
 Diciembre 18. 7:00 p.m. Reunión Concilio FMC/PIM  
 Diciembre 25. 7:00 p.m. No tenemos reunión de Líderes En Acción  
 Diciembre 30. 11:00 a.m. Celebración Fin De Año & "Día De Mi Salario Para Cristo"

**ANUNCIO ESPECIAL:** Nuestra Iglesia tiene sus servicios oficiales los: Domingos de 11-12. Estudios Bíblicos Para Todas Las Edades. y de 12-1:30pm. Serbio de Alabanza y Adoración, Miércoles de 7-8:30pm. Oración-Alabanzas - Estudio Bíblico y Kid's Club. (Les animo que se hagan parte asistiendo a estos programas de la iglesia y ayuden a motivar a otros a asistir.)

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday / Domingo, December / Diciembre 2**

5:00 a.m. Tiempo de Oración en el Salón Social  
 8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery  
 9:30 a.m. English Worship Service  
 10:00 a.m. Curso Cuidado Pastoral  
 11:00 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano  
 11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour  
 11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida (AFC)  
 11:55 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración / Worship Services

**Monday / Lunes, December / Diciembre 3**

7:00 p.m. Trustees

**Tuesday / Martes, December Diciembre 4**

9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2  
 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday / Miércoles, December / Diciembre 5**

6:00 p.m. Dine Out  
 7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos  
 7:00 p.m. MYF  
 7:00 p.m. Kids Club  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday / Jueves, December / Diciembre 6**

6:30 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos  
 7:00 p.m. Mission & Service Committee Meeting

**Friday / Viernes, December / Diciembre 7**

6:00 p.m. Peace Center

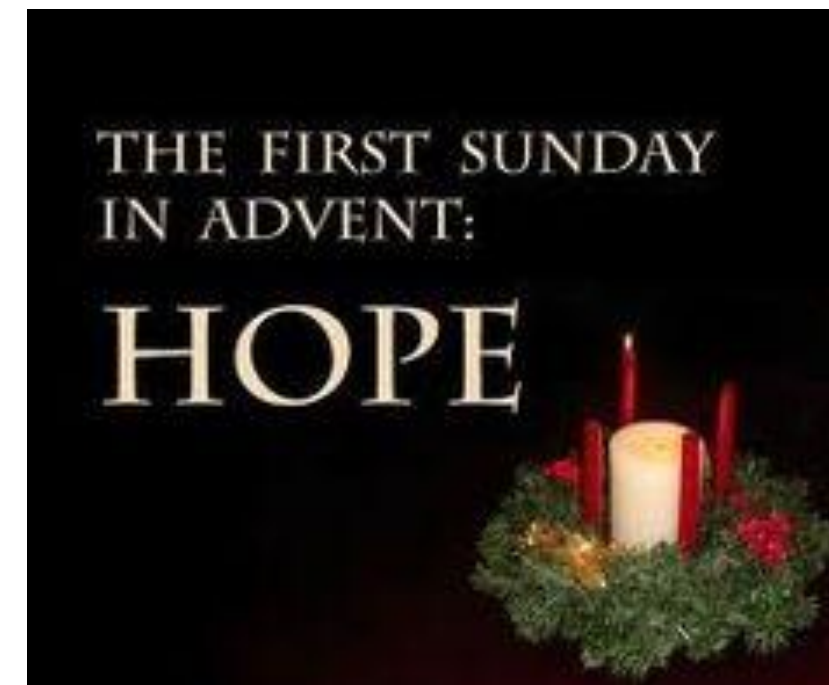
**Saturday / Sábado, December / Diciembre 8**

9:00 a.m. Budget Committee Meeting

**Sunday / Domingo, December / Diciembre 9**

5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Fellowship Hall  
 8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery  
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*Emphasizing Christ-centered community and the Jesus way of service and peacemaking.*

*Journey Forward*

## First Sunday of Advent: Watching and Waiting

### Gathering for Worship

Music for Gathering David Boldt

*From Heaven Above* (Pachelbel, Bach, Pelz)

Lighting the Advent Candle

*As the Pauper Waits for Plenty*

Call to Worship

*Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.*

People: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?

*Leader: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.*

People: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

Welcome and Invocation Lance Zimmerman

Choral Anthem Church Choir

*Once in Royal David's City* (Van)

Sharing our Gifts

### Advent Singing

Advent Hymns

*Bless'd be the God of Israel* WH 174

*O Come, O Come, Immanuel* WH 172

Advent Scripture Reading

*Psalms 25:1-10*

Choral Anthem

Church Choir

*Sleeps Judea Fair* (MacKinnon)

### Listening for God's Word

Time with the Children

Barbara Ewy

Advent Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Proclamation

Stephen Penner

*So We Long for....*

Advent Hymn

*Let There Be Light, Lord God* WH 371

### Responding

Responding in Hope

*Lighting Candles of Hope*

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Advent Hymn

*Comfort, Comfort, O My People* WH 176

Benediction

Postlude

*Geneva 42* (Parker)

**Welcome** We are glad you are here. We want you to know that no matter who you are, or what your experiences in life have been, you are welcome here at our church. We welcome your participation and your questions. We desire to walk with you on this earthly journey. If you have particular matters for prayer, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of our pastors or deacons. Their contact information is on the back of this bulletin.

**Nursery** The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. The unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. Volunteers in the nursery are: Today - Christy Zimmerman; December 9 - Fran Loewen; December 16 - Edith Montano.

**Deacon Discernment** Today is the last day to submit nominations for our new deacons. You will find nomination forms at the rear table in the worship space. There is a box nearby where the form can be submitted.

**Dine Out at Church** Come and fellowship around the table this Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. for the December edition of Dine Out. This Wednesday our PIM ladies will be serving chicken with red sauce, white rice, green salad, and dessert.

**Next Sunday's Early Service** Next Sunday we observe the second Sunday of Advent. The Fiddlenecks will offer their special brand of music during the service and the second Advent candle will be lit. A women's ensemble will sing and Caley Ortman will bring the morning message.

**A Festival of Lessons and Carols** The Fresno Pacific University music department presents its annual Festival of Lessons and Carols today at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This will take place at the First Presbyterian Church at 1540 M Street. There is a \$10 admission charge.

**Peace Center Friday**, December 7, 6:30 p.m. Presenter: Fresno Poet Laureate Bryan Medina.

**Christmas Caroling** Join others in singing Christmas carols at Sierra View Homes next Sunday, December 9. We meet at 5:00 p.m. in the lobby just outside the Founders Room to carol to residents at Sierra View.

**Bethlehem Village** Our annual Bethlehem Village event will be Sunday evening, December 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with activities for all ages. Please bring a plate of cookies or treats to share.

### Upcoming Advent Activities

December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

December 9: Christmas caroling at Sierra View Homes begins at 5:00 p.m.

December 11: Musica Viva performs at 7:00 p.m.

December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

December 16: Bethlehem Village Children and Adults interactive Christmas delight in the Fellowship Hall. It begins at 5:00 p.m.

December 19: MYF Christmas Party and Lock-in

December 19: Kids Club Christmas Party

December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 25: Annual Christmas Day Worship at 10:30 a.m.

December 30: Farewell Party for Pastor Steve and Glenna

**Saying Goodbye** Lillian Dueck will be moving to Kansas to live with her daughter. You are invited to attend a "come & go" farewell party for Lillian at the Terraces Lounge at Sierra View Homes this afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Lillian would love to say goodbye to her friends before she leaves.

**Our Condolences** We convey our condolences to the family of Bud Wilker, our church's next door neighbor. Bud died this past Monday afternoon. Bud lived right across the alley from our church on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. He kept an eye out for us and would periodically offer commentary, especially to Paul Reimer when Paul was our custodian.

**My Coins Count for the DR Congo** Start collecting your loose change now in preparation for the MCC Relief Sale in April. The coins collected at the Relief Sale will go towards providing basic food and sanitation for displaced people in the DR Congo. There are over four million people displaced in the sprawling DR Congo

**Relief Kits for MCC** It's time to put together relief kits for MCC. Completed kits, placed in a box or garbage bag, can be either brought to the church office or taken to West Coast MCC at 1012 G Street. Last year MCC sent over 24,000 kits to various countries, including North Korea and Syria. The ingredients of the relief kit are:

### Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 large bars bath soap** (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo** (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap** (such as Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-sized toothbrushes** (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels** (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 29 in x 60 in)
- 2 wide-toothed combs** (6–8 in)
- 1 nail clipper** (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages** (minimum 40, assorted)
- Sanitary pads (THIN; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)**

**Instructions:** Place contents in a box or bag. The kit will be re-packed at MCC in a new 5-gallon pail with lid.