

Lord's Day Service



Second Sunday of Advent at Church of the King



Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

Hear today's call to worship from God's Word:

[congregation standing]

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Praise

based on Luke 2:15

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels;**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;**

**God of God, Light of Light,
lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created;**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;**

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

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Salutation and Response

[based on Matthew 28:19, Isaiah 9:2]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

The People who walked in darkness,

Have seen a great light

Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

Upon them a light has shined!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us in Christ

The call for confession from God's Word

"He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." John 1:10-12

God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY (8 7. 8 7. 8 7)
French traditional carol, 17th century
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Litany of St. James
tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way, As the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

For with bless - ing in His hand, Christ our God to
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to
From the realms of end - less day, That the pow'rs of
As with cease - less voice they cry: Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
all the faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
hell may van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

Silent Confession

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” 1 Timothy 1:15

Corporate Prayer of Confession

“Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.” Nehemiah 9:2

O God, we confess that we often live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We have often ignored Christ whom you sent to be among us, and to be in us. Forgive us our sins, we beseech You, and cleanse us, for the sake of Jesus whom You sent to be our Savior and Lord. Forgive us, O Lord, for not opening our eyes to your coming. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. AMEN!

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness

From Micah 7:18,19

“Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.”

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God’s People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

[congregation standing – music on next page]

1. Je - sus, price - less Trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2. In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3. Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death I now de - cry thee;
 4. Hence with earth - ly trea - sure! Thou art all my plea - sure,
 5. Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,

Tru - est Friend to me, Ah, how long in an an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
Fear I bid thee cease, *World, thou shalt not harm me*
 Je - sus, all my choice. Hence, thou emp - ty glo - ry!
 Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,

Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee.
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
Nor thy threats a - larm me *While I sing of peace.*
 Naught to me thy sto - ry, Told with tempt - ing voice
 Though the storms may gath - er, Still have peace with - in;

Thine I am, O spot-less Lamb, I will suf - fer naught to hide
 Light - nings flash and thunders crash; Yet, though sin and hell as - sail
God's great pow'r guards ev - 'ry hour; *Earth and all its depths a - dore*
 Pain or loss or shame or cross Shall not from my Sav - ior move
 Yea, what - e'er we heremust bear, Thou art still my pur - est plea

Thee, naught I ask be - side Thee.
 me, Je - sus will not fail me.
Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 me, Since He deigns to love me.
 sure, Je - sus price less Trea - sure!

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

The Responsive Reading of Isaiah 9:1-7

1 Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

And afterward more heavily oppressed her, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. 5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

"They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!" Revelation 15:3

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen!

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory." John 1:14

English traditional carol

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8. 6. 8. 6. 8. 6. with refrain
English traditional melody

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, A bless - ed an - gel came;
3. 'Fear not then,' said the an - gel, 'Let noth - ing you af - fright,
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings Re - joic - ed much in mind,

*Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour Was born on Christ - mas day,
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same:
This day is born a Sav - iour Of a pure vir - gin bright,
And left their flocks a - feed - ing, In temp - est, storm, and wind:

To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray;
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might.
And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, The Son of God to find.

REFRAIN

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, And teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

"Joy to the World, the Lord is Come" [conclusion]

From Pastor Michael Denna, based on John 1:1-18

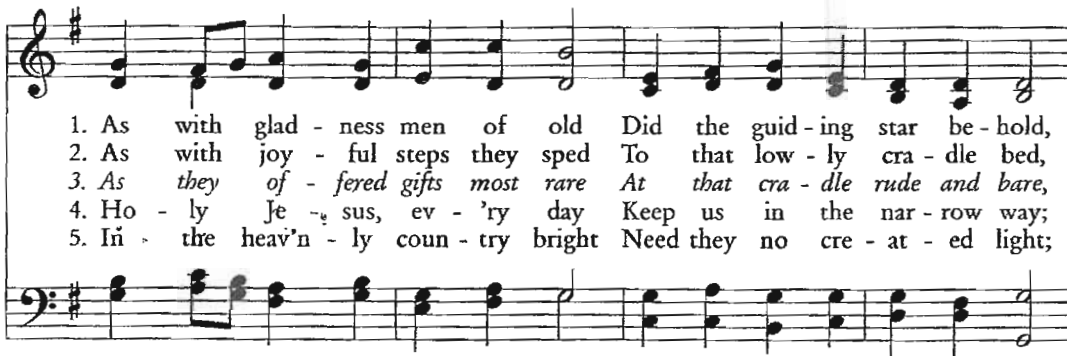
God's People Sing a Hymn of Praise:

[congregation standing]

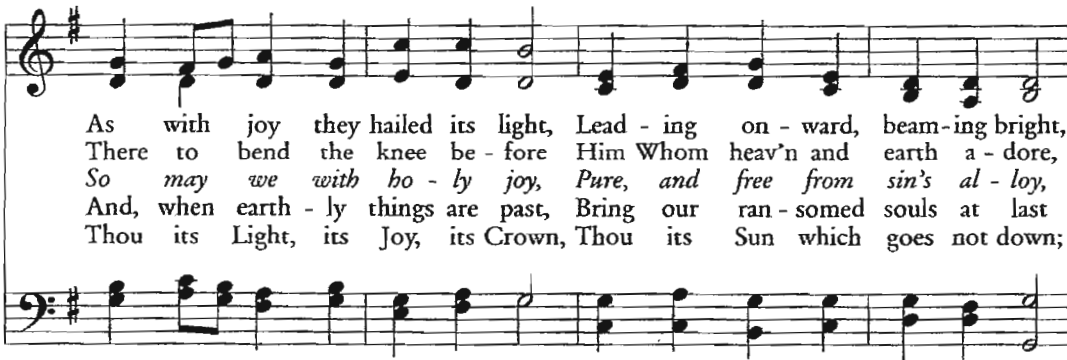
As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX (77.77.77)
Conrad Kocher, 1838
arr. William H. Monk, 1861

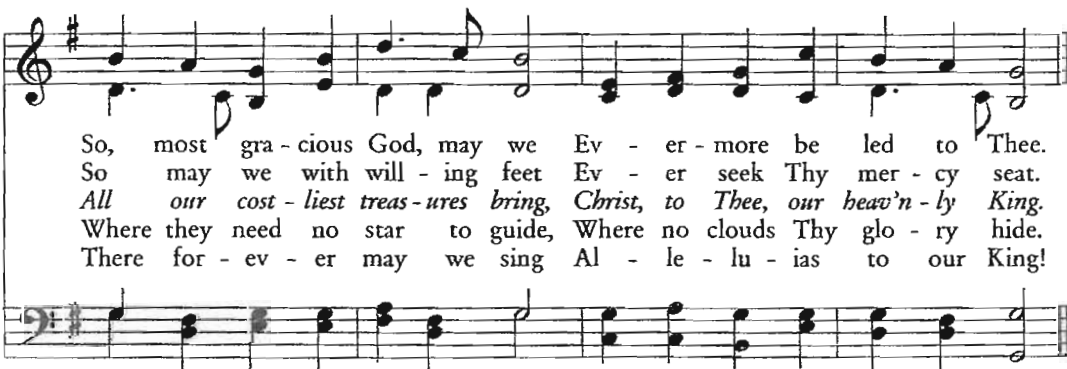
William Chatterton Dix, 1860



1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold,
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly cra - dle bed,
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that cra - dle rude and bare,
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
5. In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright,
There to bend the knee be - fore Him Whom heav'n and earth a - dore,
So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure, and free from sin's al - loy,
And, when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou its Sun which goes not down;



So, most gra - cious God, may we Ev - er - more be led to Thee.
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
All our cost - liest treas - ures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n - ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King!

God receives our tithes and gifts as a Tribute Offering [read in unison]

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. ”And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the Lord of hosts; “And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land,” Says the Lord of hosts.” Malachi 3:10-12

The Collection of our tithes and offerings

The singing of Psalm 134 & the Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH (L.M.)
Genevan Psalter, 1551
Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

Thomas Ken, 1674
and Jamie Soles

1. Come bless the LORD with one ac - cord, You
2. Lift up your hands in prayer, draw nigh Un -
3. The LORD now bless you from a - bove From
4. Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow, Praise

faith - ful ser - vants of the LORD, Who in His house do
to His sanc - tu - a - ry high, O, bless the LORD, kneel
Zi - on in His bound - less love Our God, who heaven and
Him all crea - tures here be - low, Praise Him a - bove ye

stand by night And praise Him there with all your might.
at His feet And wor - ship Him with reve - rence meet.
earth did frame Blest be His great and ho - ly name.
heaven - ly host, Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - MEN.

The Great Prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

“Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer.” Psalm 6:9

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one,
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN** [Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: *Where God Communes With His People*

*“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?” 1 Corinthians 10:16*

Preparation for Communion:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized and are in good standing in Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed [sung with echo, music by Jamie Soles]

I believe in God the Father Almighty;
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin, Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into Hell. [sung in unison]
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
I believe a holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body, [sung in unison]
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A word of encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the bread

God's People Sing a hymn of thanks and celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
4. For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - et - bards fore - told,

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heav'n's all gra - cious King!"
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,
Look now! for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing.
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the bread together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning* *The LORD Blesses and Sends Forth His People

"But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." [Matthew 2:20-23]

Our Final Responsive Reading: **Psalm 98**

1 Oh, sing to Jehovah a new song!

For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

2 Jehovah has made known His salvation;

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout joyfully to Jehovah, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

5 Sing to Jehovah with the harp,

With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

Shout joyfully before Jehovah, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

The world and those who dwell in it;

8 Let the rivers clap their hands;

Let the hills be joyful together before Jehovah,

9 For He is coming to judge the earth.

With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

The Singing of Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22

“Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains!
For Jehovah has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen.**” *Isaiah 49:13; I Thessalonians 5:28*

God’s People Depart to Serve the Risen & Reigning Savior by Singing:

Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

²⁹Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

³⁰For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, ³¹Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo- ple;

³²A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - ra - el.

-- With lifted hands --

Glo - ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A - men.

December 7th, 2008

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We gather at 10:30 AM each Sunday for a brief time of singing instruction.
Worship begins promptly at 11 AM. — Weekly pulpit supply ~ Pastor John Stoos.

Prayer Requests

- For Andrea Fox and Tammy Volheim as they recover from their surgeries.
- For Betty Stephan, Brenda's aunt, that she would be spared pain in these final days and that that the family would be comforted as she goes home to be with the Lord.
- For Nathaniel Pettyjohn and Bill McDonald, that our Lord would bring them to repentance and restore them to His Church.
- For the Avanto family as Igor is working in Los Angeles and for wisdom as they decide what to do about moving.
- For our expectant mothers, Valerie Pettyjohn, Sally Stoos, and Corin Geib, that they be blessed with good health and strong babies.
- For the CREC ministry in Russia, that our Lord bless the laboring saints there with encouragement, strength and wisdom, and praise that the Russian prison authority gave them permission to visit the maximum security prison for one year. May our Lord bless those efforts with saved souls and planted seeds.
- For Geoffrey Donnan, director of Reformation Christian Ministries in Florida, as he faces another angiogram and a probable stint procedure, that wisdom is given to the physicians and that healing is swift and complete. Also for RCM, that adequate funds are supplied to support their endeavors and provide income to their local personnel.
- For Christ Covenant Church in Menlo Park, that our Lord would bless that new congregation, and strengthen and uphold those who will be preaching each Sunday.
- For Pastor Ralph Smith and the CREC in Japan, that our Lord would bless the saints in that country as they endeavor to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.
- For First Covenant Church in Rancho Cordova and Pastor Ted Smith, that the faithful proclamation of God's Word would strengthen and bless that congregation and the surrounding community.
- For our elders and deacons, that they would have strength, wisdom, and discernment as they carry out their duties.

Our church Fellowship Dinner follows today's worship service.

All are welcome to join us as our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we,
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food,
For life and health and every good.
By Thine own hand may we be fed,
Give us each day our daily bread.

Weekly Meetings:

Our men's fellowship breakfasts meet at 7:00 AM on Tuesdays in Grass Valley reading Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan and 6:30 AM at the Pancake Circus on Wednesday in Sacramento reading Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion.

Our ladies' Bible study meets every Friday in Sacramento at 1:00. Please contact Linda Stoos for information.

Our valley Family Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 7:00pm at the Johnson home studying Revelation followed by some Psalm singing.

Announcements:

~A monthly game night will be hosted at the Ludlum home on the last Friday of every month at 6:00.