STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017
4:00 PM FAMILY SERVICE

Susan Christiansen ’61, Tidings of Great Joy! Go & See the Holy Child, 2008
OPENING VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo
(BWV 729)
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685 - 1750)

WELCOME

Those who are able, please stand.

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high,
   Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
   And the mountains in reply,
   Echo back their joyous strains.

   Refrain:
   Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
   Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
   Why your joyous strains prolong?
   Say what may the tidings be,
   Which inspire your heavenly song.

   Refrain

3. Come to Bethlehem and see,
   Christ whose birth the angels sing;
   Come adore on bended knee,
   God, our world now entering.

   Refrain

4. See the babe in manger laid,
   Whom the choirs of angels praise;
   Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
   While our hearts in love we raise.

   Refrain

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES
(Responses of the people are in bold.)

We now light the two remaining candles in the Advent Wreath. One is for this day, the fourth Sunday in Advent, and it represents purity. But today is also the day we celebrate Christmas, and therefore we also light the fifth and final candle, which represents Christ's birth.

With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, you come to us, O God. This is the time of light and resplendent joy.

No photography is allowed in the church during the service. Please ensure that all phones are turned off. Thank you.
OPENING PRAYER

O Holy One,
heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds
and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem.
Through the telling of the Christmas story,
let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal
in that same child,
that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly host
in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Mary’s Annunciation Korinna Dunn

Please stand.

HYMN What Child Is This?

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
   On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
   Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
   While shepherds watch are keeping?
   This, this is Christ the king,
   Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
   Haste, haste to bring him laud,
   The babe, the son of Mary!

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
   Where ox and ass are feeding?
   Good Christian fear; for sinners here
   The silent Word is pleading.
   Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
   The cross be borne for me, for you;
   Hail, hail the word made flesh,
   The babe, the son of Mary!

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
   Come, peasant, king, to own him.
   The King of kings salvation brings;
   Let loving hearts enthrone him.
   Raise, raise the song on high,
   The virgin sings her lullaby;
   Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
   The babe, the son of Mary!

Please be seated.

The Journey Jayden Asay

Please stand.
HYMN

1. The first Noel, the angel did say,
   Was to certain poor shepherds,
   In fields as they lay;
   In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
   On a cold winter’s night
   That was so deep.

   **Refrain:**
   Noel, Noel,
   Noel, Noel,
   Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
   Shining in the east,
   Beyond them far;
   And to the earth it gave great light,
   And so it continued
   Both day and night.
   **Refrain**

3. And by the light of that same star
   Three wise men came
   From country far;
   To seek for a king was their intent,
   And to follow the star
   Wherever it went.
   **Refrain**

Please be seated.

Shepherds in the Field

Please stand.

HYMN

1. We three kings of Orient are;
   Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
   Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
   Following yonder star.

   **Refrain:**
   O star of wonder, star of light,
   star, with royal beauty bright,
   Westward leading, still proceeding,
   guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Frankincense to offer have I,
   Incense owns a Deity nigh.
   Prayer and praising, all are raising,
   worshipping God most high.

   **Refrain**

Please be seated.

3. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
   breathes a life of gathering gloom;
   Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
   sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

   **Refrain**

4. Born a babe on Bethlehem’s plain,
   Gold I bring to crown him again,
   Love forever, ceasing never,
   in our hearts to reign.

   **Refrain**

Please be seated.
**Wise Men Follow the Star**

Lucy Higgins

*Please stand.*

**HYMN**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*(During the singing of this hymn, children may come forward to sit on the steps.)*

1. 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;

   **Refrain:**
   O come, let us adore him,  
   O come, let us adore him,  
   O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
   Lo! He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;  
   Only begotten Son of the Father;

   **Refrain**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

The True Meaning of Christmas  
The Rev. Dr. Joanne Sanders

**HYMN**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,  
   Glory to the newborn King;  
   Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
   God and sinners reconciled!  
   Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
   Join the triumph of the skies;  
   With the angelic host proclaim,  
   Christ is born in Bethlehem!

   **Refrain:**
   Hark! The herald angels sing  
   Glory to the newborn King!

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
   Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
   Late in time behold him come,  
   Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.

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

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

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   **Refrain:**
   Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
   Hail the incarnate Deity,  
   Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
   Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
   **Refrain**

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
   Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
   Late in time behold him come,  
   Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.

3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
   Hail, the Sun of Righteousness,  
   Light and life to all he brings,  
   Risen with healing in his wings.  
   Mild he lays his glory by,  
   Born that we no more may die,  
   Born to raise us from the earth;  
   Born to give us second birth.  
   **Refrain**
BLESSING

You are invited to be seated after the clergy have departed to enjoy the closing voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata (Op.42)

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844 – 1937)

OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

TOYS & GIFTS The toys and gifts so generously donated at Memorial Church today will be distributed to a community of less fortunate children through St. Athanasius Church in Mountain View in January 2017.

CASH OFFERINGS collected at the front and side doors tonight will be equally divided to support the following organizations: Kara, Job Train, Puente de la Costa Sur, Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital Chaplaincy, Thistle Farms, and Ronald McDonald House at Stanford.

CHECK OFFERINGS will be accepted as gifts to Stanford Memorial Church to support the programs and events throughout the year. Please write your check to “Stanford University.” Gifts $250.00 or greater will be formally acknowledged in writing. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in giving.

FOR YOUR SAFETY and MEMORIAL CHURCH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Please take a moment to locate your nearest exit. In addition to the front entrance, there are side doors marked with ‘EXIT’ signs. In the event of a severe emergency, please stay calm and wait for instructions to evacuate carefully. (Reminder: during a minor, rolling earthquake – Stay Calm, Stop, Drop, and Hold under a pew, table, chair, against a wall until the rolling stops. An evacuation in this situation is unlikely.)

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Roger W. Heyns Lecture in Religion and Society

The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi

“Religious and Ethical Dimensions of Artificial Intelligence”

Thursday, February 1, 2018
5:00-6:00 pm
Levinthal Hall
(Humanities Center)

RSVP: https://heynslecture2018.eventbrite.com

Established at Memorial Church in 1994, the Roger W. Heyns Lecture in Religion and Society, is an annual event that features a major speaker focusing on the problems and challenges facing religion and community.

The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi is an innovative thinker, philosopher, educator and a polymath monk. He is Director of the Ethics Initiative at the MIT Media Lab and President & CEO of The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Venerable Tenzin’s unusual background encompasses entering a Buddhist monastery at the age of ten and receiving graduate education at Harvard University with degrees ranging from Philosophy to Physics to International Relations. He is a Tribeca Disruptive Fellow and a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University.

For his full biography, visit http://religiouslife.stanford.edu/heyns.
UNIVERSITY PUBLIC WORSHIP – WINTER QUARTER SCHEDULE
Sundays, 10:00 am, Stanford Memorial Church

Weekly University Public Worship service includes sermons by the Dean, Senior Associate Dean and Associate Deans for Religious Life, and guest preachers; and music, featuring University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw Morgan, and the Memorial Church Choir; Communion twice monthly; multi-faith services periodically during the year; baptisms twice per year. All are welcome.

January 7  Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann
January 14  Ms. Sughra Ahmed
January 21  Multi-faith Celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 28* The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw
February 4  Sharon Kugler, University Chaplain, Yale University
February 11* The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of Chapel, Duke University

Sermon Series
February 18* The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw
February 25 The Ven. Rev. Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, Associate Vice-Provost for Administration
March 4* The Rev. Annanda Barclay, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto
March 11* Professor Grant Parker, Associate Professor of Classics
March 18 The Rev. Dr. Joanne Sanders
April 1* The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw

Palm Sunday
Easter Sunday

*Denotes a Communion Service

OTHER WINTER QUARTER SERVICES

February 14 The Rev. Greg Schaefer
Ash Wednesday, Inter-Denominational Service, 12:00pm, with imposition of ashes

March 30 Good Friday, Inter-Denominational Service, 12:00pm

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