OPENING VOLUNTARY  Nun komm’ der Heiden Heiland  Dieterich Buxtehude
(BuxWV 211)  (1639 – 1707)

WELCOME  The Rev. Dr. Joanne Sanders

Please stand.

HYMN  O Day of God, Draw Near  p. 10

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

Responses of the people are in bold.

The Gospel of Luke speaks about the future: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth, distress among nations. People will faint from fear and foreboding." (Luke 21: 25-36)

Because our world is full of fear and distress, we light our first candle, trusting that God dwells with us and that the Spirit of Christ lives among us.

Living Christ, give us faith to trust in you, hope to follow you, and love to live for you. Amen.

OPENING WORDS
Blessed be God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word and Abiding Spirit.
And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.
KYRIE CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy

PRAYER OF THE DAY

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:
Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Please be seated.

READING  Isaiah 64: 1 – 9  Daniel Scott Smith
READING  1 Corinthians 1: 3 – 9  Derrick Johnson
KYRIE  Short Service  Adrian Batten

Please stand.

GOSPEL  Mark 13: 24 – 37

Please be seated.

SERMON  The Season of Hope
         The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw

Please stand.  (You may be seated if standing for a longer time is difficult)

HYMN  Come Thou Long Expected Jesus  p. 11

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE
May the peace of Emmanuel, the dynamic peace of imaginative dreaming, the challenging peace of radical loving, the powerful peace of engaged action, fill you to overflowing in this season of waiting.

The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

HYMN  Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  p. 12
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

This is the table of God, our Emmanuel – a place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God’s time, and work to build God’s reign on earth.

A place where we recognize that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come, whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light,
whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence because here it is Emmanuel who watches for our coming, and who waits with love and joy to welcome us in.

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, who took on flesh and form, and lived among us, so that we might re-imagine life.

It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends, blessing and breaking bread and pouring and sharing wine so that we might re-imagine love.
It is the story of Christ – waiting in the tomb for God’s moment, who threw down the gates of hell and drew the sting of death so that we might re-imagine the world.

It is the story of one who knows what it is to wait, and who shows us what it is to wait well.

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
As we follow the example of Jesus, send down your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may find the imagination, the courage and the strength to use our waiting times to build God's reign of joy, justice and peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The table is set; the bread and wine declare that waiting is not time frozen, but time freed and fruitful.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

FRACTION ANTHEM       Whoever Eats This Bread       Choir Only
DISTRIBUTION
All are welcome at God’s holy table, to receive the bread and wine in this church. Hold out your hands to receive the bread to eat. Please dip the bread in the cup of wine. The following words will be used when you are given the bread and wine, ‘The body of Christ, the bread of Heaven.’ and ‘The blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation’ to which the response, each time, is Amen.

If you would prefer simply to receive a blessing then please come forward to the communion assistants, and simply cross your arms across your chest.

Gluten free wafers are available. Please request one when you come forward for Communion.

AGNUS DEI

Short Service

Batten

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The earth still waits for its healing. May we who are part of that waiting take and use the dreaming times to re-imagine the world; inhabit and use the liminal times to discover the patterns of God; embrace and use the quickening times to learn how to live and love; thus may our watching and waiting join with that of Emmanuel to realize God’s reign here on earth.

Amen.

(Adapted from In This Season of Waiting, Pat Bennett, Wild Goose Publications, 2013)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

HYMN

Promised One of Israel

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BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme  Johann Sebastian Bach  
(BWV 661)  (1685 – 1750)
O Day of God, Draw Near (New Century # 611)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (The Hymnal 1982 #324)

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AUTUMN QUARTER 2017
UNIVERSITY PUBLIC WORSHIP
SERVICE AND PREACHER SCHEDULE
Sundays, 10:00 am unless otherwise noted.

*December 10
The Very Rev. Malcolm Young

December 17
Ms. Sughra Ahmed

December 24
Christmas Eve Services
The Rev. Dr. Joanne Sanders
4:00 pm Family Service

The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw
*8:00 pm

*Service with Communion
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE to our volunteers Daniel Scott Smith (Reader), Derrick Johnson (Reader), Will Snow (Communion Assistant), and Karen Snow (Communion Assistant), and Andre Natta (Usher) for donating their time to assist during today’s worship service. Those wishing to assist in our worship service as readers, ushers, or Communion assistants, please email: janvbaer@stanford.edu.

WE THANK THE MEMORIAL CHURCH CHOIR for donating their time and talent to University Public Worship services throughout the year.

OFFERINGS today by cash and check are in support of Thistle Farms. Thistle Farms is a social enterprise of women who have survived prostitution, trafficking and addiction. The community provides housing, food, healthcare, therapy and education, without charging residents or receiving government funding. Thistle Farms stands as a witness to the truth that in the end love is the most powerful force for change.

PLEASE NOTE Checks written to Stanford University will be considered gifts to Stanford Memorial Church to support the programs and events in this Church. These gifts will not be formally acknowledged in writing, unless your gift check is $250.00 or greater. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in giving.

We are looking for children to volunteer for our Christmas Eve Family Service. If you have a child between 8-12 years old, with outgoing and confident personalities, please consider asking them if they would like to read at this special service. Your child must be able to read clearly in front of a large audience. You must be able to attend the Reading Rehearsal on Wednesday, December 20th from 4:00-5:00pm, and available to attend service on Sunday, December 24th from 3:15-5:15pm. If interested, please e-mail: janvbaer@stanford.edu
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Student Evening Meditation Series

Thursdays, October 12 – December 7*, 8:00-9:00 pm
Windhover Contemplative Center

These weekly drop-in sessions are designed to offer students basic meditation skill, to encourage regular meditation practice.

No pre-registration is required. *No class on November 9.
A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 8, 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 9, 7:30 pm
Stanford Memorial Church

All are welcome to this Service of Advent and Christmas readings and music, based on the famous Lessons and Carols Service held annually at King's College, Cambridge. Festive music will be sung by the Memorial Church Choir and the Stanford Chamber Chorale.

No tickets needed.

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Co-sponsored by the Department of Music.
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES at
STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday, December 24th
4:00pm, Christmas Eve Family Service
Children's sermon by The Rev. Dr. Joanne Sanders

Christmas Carol-sing and musical offerings by the University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw-Morgan. This is a very popular service, so please arrive early. Doors open at 3:00pm.

Sunday, December 24th
8:00pm, Christmas Eve Festival Communion Service
Preacher: The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw

This is an elegant Christmas Eve service, with glowing candlelight and special Christmas music, featuring the University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw-Morgan, and the San Jose Choral Project. This is a popular service, so please arrive early. Doors open at 7:00pm.

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