



*Merry Christmas!!*

Just a reminder that there will be no on-site or online worship service at Parkview on Jan 1, 2023. Please enjoy New Year with your family. Here are some ways to worship God that day:

- Worship at Home: worship materials will be provided on the Parkview website.
- Visit a local church and enjoy new ways of connecting with God.
- Spend time with family and friends in God's great outdoors!

We'll reconvene on-site and online worship on January 8, 2023. Please note that the church office is closed thru January 1, 2023.



## The Celebration of Worship

December 25, 2022 • Christmas Day

Pastor:  
Worship Leader:  
Pianist:  
Japanese Reader:  
Advent Candle Lighters

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Jonathan Sakakibara  
Haruko Sakakibara  
Miko Kumagai  
Wright Family

### Centering Thought for Advent Worship

*Glorious God, we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and to share in the song of angels, and the glad excitement of the shepherds. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas season make us happy to be your children, and cause us to live with grateful thoughts, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

- adapted from *Christmas Prayer*  
by Robert Louis Stevenson

### Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

### \*Introit

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

## Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### The Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Advent Wreath

Michael, Luda, Liam & Lucas Wright

*Light four Advent candles now.*

The season for watching and waiting is over. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot extinguish it. The Christ candle is lit.

Joy to the world! Christ has come! This is Christ's birthday. As we celebrate with Him, and with all His people everywhere, we hope that we may share in bringing His light into the lives of those around us.

*Prayer:*

**All: O God, we thank You for the wonderful gift of Jesus. Help us to spread His light and joy and love in the world by the way we live, the things we do and say. Be with us always. Amen.**

### Call to Worship

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: The Word was made flesh and dwells among us. Jesus, Son of the Living God, Splendor of the Father, Light eternal.

**People: Christ is born! Give him glory! Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him! Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!**

**All: We lift our voices to join the angels in worshiping the newborn King, the Child of wonder, the Prince of Peace.**

### \*Opening Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (#41)

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!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

## Benediction: Christmas Blessing

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

From this house of worship to yours, may you share in the gifts of this season.

May love, the promise of generations, attend you.

Joy, the gift of life together, fill you.

Peace, the desire of neighbor and nations, find you.

Hope, the promise of faith, sustain you.

And may a very Merry Christmas be yours.

### \*Response: "Shalom"

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi.**

*(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)*

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.**

*(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)*

### Postlude

Haruko Sakakibara

"Sonata E majore K380" by Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)  
*We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music and God's presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go with God's blessings.*

### In Appreciation:

Greeters:	Pattie Hashimoto, TBA
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat):	William Yee
Sound System:	Titus Toyama
Zoom Moderator:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Wade & Tom Tambara

## Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### \*Sending Hymn: "Joy to the World!" (#40)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the  
ground; He comes to make His blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations  
prove the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

### Invitation to Confession

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: How beautiful are the voices of the angels, who teach us new songs of joy. How beautiful are the feet of the shepherds, who ran to tell of what they had seen and heard. How beautiful are the nudges of God's Spirit Who guides us to ask God for forgiveness for our faults and failings.

### Prayer of Confession

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Holy God of Christmas, how can we celebrate Christ's presence in the world and continue to neglect those He came to save? Forgive us.

**People: Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to recognize You with us . . . challenging, encouraging, teaching, lighting the way to truth, peace, justice.**

**All: Help us proclaim Christ's birth of splendor and mystery, so all the weary world may be filled with Your peace and joy.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

### **Assurance of God's Grace**

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.

**All: No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ  
enters in. Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are  
forgiven.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Christmas Cantata**

“Celebrate The Child Who Is The Light” Arr. Tom Fettke  
Parkview Choir Director: Ben Pryor  
Piano Accompanist: Janet Hill

### **A Moment for Gratitude**

#### **Unison Prayer of Guidance**

**All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations  
of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the  
response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and  
our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

#### **Japanese Reading: John 1:14**

Miko Kumagai

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw  
His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of  
grace and truth.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-21, 24-25**

Jonathan Sakakibara

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His  
mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived  
together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not  
wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord  
appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who  
has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a  
Son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His  
people from their sins.”

And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the  
Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her  
a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and they named Him  
Jesus.

### **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Christmas Day Meditation”

### **Musical Offering**

Haruko Sakakibara

“An Angel to the Shepherds Spoke” by Edward Broughton

*Time for silent reflection*

### **Opportunity To Present Offerings**

**All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the  
Holy One. Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ,  
God's Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, “I am  
strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the  
Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.**

### **Doxology**

**All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God  
all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly  
host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Jonathan Sakakibara