Stanford Memorial Church
University Public Worship
December 9, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

OPENING VOLUNTARY Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn Johann Sebastian Bach (BWV 601) (1685 - 1750)

WELCOME
Dean Scotty McLennan

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*HYMN
Now Bless the God of Israel

*OPENING WORDS
(Responses of the people are in italics)
Blessed be God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word and Abiding Spirit.
And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY
May God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray: Out of the embrace of mercy and righteousness, you have brought forth joy and dignity for your people, O Holy One of Israel. Remember now your ancient promise: make straight the paths that lead to you, and smooth the rough ways, that in our day we might bring forth your compassion for all humanity.
Amen.

*All who are able, please stand.
(Childcare is provided for preschool aged children; exit through the door to the right of the chancel.)

READING Malachi 3:1-4 Kathy Ku

ANTHEM Rejoice in the Lord Always Anonymous (16th century)

*GOSPEL Luke 3:1-10

SERMON What Then Shall We Do? Rev. Joanne Sanders

*HYMN Comfort, Comfort, O My People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us say together: And now because you are one with us, O God, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world. And so we pray, in the words you taught us:

Abba in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your reign come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the triumph, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*THE PEACE

*PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME* CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL COMMUNION SERVICE Sermon by Rev. Scotty McLennan, Dean for Religious Life. Music featuring University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw Morgan. An elegant Christmas Eve service glowing with candlelight and holiday music! Doors open at 7:30 pm. Monday, December 24, 8:00 pm.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP) is in need of supplies and volunteers. There are a number of ways that you help EHP - one time volunteers and regular volunteers – from participating in food and clothing drives to packing emergency food bags for the homeless. For more information on how you can help, contact Marissa Danney, 650-323-7781 ext. 19.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS – FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

FREE DOCENT-LED TOURS OF STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH Come learn more about the history, inscriptions and construction of this beautiful sacred space. Fridays, 2:00 pm, please meet in front of the church. A tour is also offered every last Sunday of the month at 11:15 am, please meet inside the vestibule of the church.

LABYRINTH IN STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH If life has you wandering aimlessly in circles, embark on a personal journey that's stood the test of time for thousands of years. Enter the labyrinth and discover that walking in circles can actually put direction back in your life - that the rhythm and simplicity of following a clear path can quiet your mind, help you find balance, facilitate meditation, insight and celebration. All are welcome. Fridays from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS are available for those who need them. Please see an usher to obtain this enhanced version of our order of service.

HEARING-ASSISTANCE RECEIVERS If you are unable to hear the spoken word easily, hearing-assistance receivers are available from our ushers. Please return the receivers to an usher.

EVENT INFORMATION AND MORE Please visit http://religiouslife.stanford.edu to learn more about the Office for Religious Life, events, read past sermon text and audio, join our weekly email newsletter and much more.

KZSU REBROADCAST University Public Worship can be heard on the Internet at http://kzsulive.stanford.edu and on the radio at 90.1 FM every Sunday at 11:30 am.

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WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE to Kathy Ku (reader and Communion helper) and Sairus Patel (Communion helper and usher) for donating their time to assist during today’s worship service. Those wishing to assist in our worship service as readers, ushers, Communion helpers, please call 650-723-1762 or email dianeal@stanford.edu. We are also looking for volunteers to aid in washing and pressing Communion linens.

TALKBACK SESSION Rev. Joanne Sanders is hosting a sermon talkback session in the Round Room, behind Memorial Church, after this morning’s post-service reception. Bring your and pressing Communion linens.

T h o s e  w i s h i n g  t o  a s s i s t  i n  o u r  w o r s h i p  s e r v i c e  a s  r e a d e r s ,  u s h e r s ,  C o m m u n i o  h e l p e r s ,  p l e a s e  c a l l

OFFERINGS today by cash and check are in support of Puente de la Costa Sur and will be received at the side and main doors after today’s service. Puente de la Costa Sur is a community resource center serving the small towns of Pescadero, La Honda, San Gregorio and La Loma. At the heart of its ministry, Puente provides vital services such as health care, food, clothing and financial support to farm workers and their families. Please make checks payable to Puente de la Costa Sur.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE HELP WANTED Volunteers are needed to assist at our Christmas Eve services on Monday, December 24. Usurers are needed for the 4:00 pm Family service (shift is 2:15-5:30 pm) and Communion helper/ushers are needed for the 8:00 pm Festival Communion service (shift is 6:45-9:30 pm.) Training will be provided. Please call 650-723-1762 or email dianeal@stanford.edu if you are available to help.

THE MEMORIAL CHURCH CHOIR has vacancies for singers. Please email Choir Director Robert Huw Morgan at rhmorgan@stanford.edu if interested.

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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*PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME* CHRISTMAS EVE NON-DENOMINATIONAL FAMILY SERVICE
Special children’s sermon plus carol-sing and musical offerings by guest organist David Parsons. This is a popular service, please arrive early, doors open at 3:15 pm. (Please bring new, unwrapped toys or clothing which will be distributed to needy children.) Monday, December 24, 4:00 pm.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

This is the table of God on which is set tokens of love and hope and to which the Holy One calls all who want to share in that life. So come – whether your faith is strong or weak, whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed. Come, ready to receive – for all are welcome at this feast of love.

Generous God whose story and song are now and always the hope of the world: We praise you for the stories of creation and incarnation, redemption and resolution – the unending words of love. We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling, waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing – the eternal music of hope. And we join our voices now in that great song of love and adoration that creation sings back to you.

*HYMN

With Joy, Draw Water

THE PEACE OF GOD be with you.
And also with you.
UNIVERSITY PUBLIC WORSHIP
SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 16
Dean Scotty McLennan
*Third Sunday of Advent*

December 23
Rev. Joanne Sanders
Christmas Carol-Sing

December 30
Rev. John Harrison

January 6
Dean Scotty McLennan

January 13*
Rev. Joanne Sanders

* Service with Communion
This bread is a sign of hope, it holds a story of dying and rising, of breaking and sharing, of nourishment and strengthening, of being more than enough.
It is both the story of what it is in itself and the story of which it reminds us – that, on the night before his death, Jesus took bread and broke it with friends.
Take and eat, do this for the remembrance of me.

This wine is a sign of hope, it holds a story of dying and rising, of pouring and sharing, of refreshment and renewal, of being more than enough.
It is both the story of what it is in itself and the story of which it reminds us – that, on the night before his death, Jesus took wine and poured it for friends.
Drink this cup, poured out for you and for all.

And we too are a sign of hope, for we too hold a story of death and rising, of old and new, of offered life taken into the hands of God, who wastes nothing, and there becoming more than enough.
It is both the story of who and what we each are and the greater story of which we are a part – the ongoing story of God’s reign and life on earth.
And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upper room, send down your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that the story of hope – of death and rising of new life and the fruit of the kingdom – may continue on in us, and through us. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus
(Choir only)

God, the source of all hope, offers to us now these signs of hope and invites us to share in their story.

The bread of life.
The cup of hope.

(Adapted from a communion liturgy from Iona Abbey, Scotland on the theme of hope.)

ANTHEM Here is the Little Door Herbert Howells
(1892 – 1983)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Spirit, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secrets of our hearts, and all that rises to trouble us. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Living flame, burn into us. Cleansing wind, blow through us. Fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and truth. Amen.
With Joy Draw Water
Anne McKinnon, 1986, 1993
 Isa. 11:1-10, 12:2-6

1 With joy draw wa- ter from the spring; sal- va-tion’s liv- ing well.
2 A shoot has sprung from Jes- se’s tree; of God the chosen One.
3 With love the poor will be re- ceived; the proud will turn a side;
4 The wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the calf and li- on play.
5 With joy draw wa- ter from the spring; sal- va-tion’s liv- ing well.

The Holy One is in your midst; glad prais-es sing and tell!
A branch of knowl-edge and of truth; a gift of love has come!
And faith-ful- ness will be a path, and righ-teous- ness the guide!
God’s peace shall dwell with in the land; a child shall show the way!
The Holy One is in your midst; glad prais-es sing and tell!

Tune: ST. COLUMBA altered to 8.6.8.6. Irish traditional melody
Horn: Charles V. Stanford, 1900

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN  Come, O Long Expected Jesus

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern  Dieterich Buxtehude
BuxWV 223  (ca. 1637 - 1707)

(You are invited to remain seated during the closing voluntary.)
Now Bless the God of Israel


Ruth Dark, 1985

Now bless the God of
Israel, who comes in love and power,
cen-t e r, God will send the
day-spring from on high.

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