

## Christmas Eve



### WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS Dec 24, 2020 | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

Today's hashtags are: #EdenUCC #BendtheCurve

Eden United Church of Christ is an **LGBTQIA+ Open & Affirming** and a **Sanctuary** congregation.

We believe that all people are children of God; that persons of all ages, races and sexual orientations are part of our increasingly diverse culture. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of this church. *Creemos que todas las personas son hijas e hijos de Dios; que personas de todas las edades, razas y orientaciones sexuales son parte de nuestra cultura diversa. Damos la bienvenida a todas las personas al ministerio de esta iglesia.*

*Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and nursery care is available during worship. We encourage the posting of worship to social media, just kindly mute devices. Thank you for not bringing food or beverages into the Sanctuary other than sacramental elements or water.*



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The “+” indicates times when we are invited to stand, in body or spirit, as we are able.

**OPENING MUSIC | How Beautiful are the Feet | G. F. Händel**

**WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring & Stephanie Spencer**

**LESSON 1 | The Prophecy | Isaiah 52:7-10 [\[Español\]](#) | Aisha Knowles**

**LESSON 2 | The Annunciation | Luke 1:26-38 [\[Español\]](#) | & The Visitation | Luke 1:39-45 [\[Español\]](#) | Athena Guy Malloy & Darcy Malloy**

**CAROL | My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise | No. 106 (v.1)  
Jessie Wenchieh Lo, piano & vocals**

**LESSON 3 | The Birth | Luke 2:1-7 [\[Español\]](#) | Jan Bass**

**CAROL | Away in a Manger | No. 124 (v.1)**

**LESSON 4 | The Shepherds | Luke 2:8-12 [\[Español\]](#) | Nadia Tavera**

**LESSON 5 | The Kings | Matthew 2:1-12 [\[Español\]](#) | Herb Graw**

**ANTHEM | On Christmas Night All Christians Sing | Eden Choir**

**MESSAGE | “Let It Shine!” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**CAROL | Who Would Think That What Was Needed | No. 153 (v.1)**

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER | Rev. Pepper Swanson**

**[CHRISTMAS OFFERING](#) | Rev. Marvin Wiser**

**OFFERTORY | Christmas Eve Suite - Coventry Carol/What Child Is This?/Silent Night | Jesse Acker Johnson, guitar**

**CANDLE LIGHTING & BLESSING | Pastor Arlene & Stephanie**

**CLOSING MUSIC | Holy Night | arr. Dan Coates**

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister & Video Editor*

*Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister*

*Nadia Tavera, Minister in Training*

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director*

*Jesse Acker-Johnson, Spanish Guitarist*

*Aisha Knowles, Athena Malloy, Darcy Malloy, Herb Graw, Jan Bass, Liturgists*

## Announcements

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Celebration of Holy Communion:** Join Pastor Arlene & Stephanie Spencer live online at **8 pm** from the Eden Church Sanctuary for a Bi-lingual (English- Spanish) Candlelight Christmas Eve Celebration of Holy Communion. Bring elements from your kitchen that you have on hand, such as juice, wine, water, tortillas, bread, soda crackers, or rice chips, and trust that God will be glorified and the people will be fed. We'll begin with the lighting of the Christ candle in the Advent wreath, recite the Eden eucharistic liturgy, say prayers, receive a blessing, and light candles in each of our homes. Links to the service will be emailed to All Members and to our e-chimes list before Christmas Eve.

**Epiphany/Tres Reyes Magos Worship & Fiesta:** Since the unfurling of the pandemic in the Bay Area, Eden Church leaders have resolved to adhere to the Public Health Orders issued by our local officials. Plans for Tres Reyes are being made based on the Dec 4, 2020 PHO. If that order changes, plans may need to be adjusted. With that proviso, the current plan is as follows:

- ★ **Tres Reyes Online Worship**, Pastor Marvin preaching with special guest appearances, Sunday, Jan 3, 2021. Links to the service will be emailed to All Members and to our e-chimes list the previous evening.
- ★ **Tres Reyes Online Celebration of Holy Communion**, Pastor Arlene presiding, Sunday, Jan 3, 2021, 11 am. Links to the eucharistic celebration will be emailed to All Members and to our e-chimes list the previous evening.
- ★ **Tres Reyes Drive-Thru (and Walk-Up) Fiesta**, Oliver Hall Parking Lot, Sunday, Jan 3, 2021, 12-2 pm. Traditional Mexican New Year's Food will be served in accordance with county public health and environmental health guidelines. Small gifts, sweets, and public health information will be shared with each family that participates.

**Christmas Offering:** The Stewardship Committee, chaired by Keith Smith, invites you to contribute financially to our annual Christmas Offering, which benefits Eden Church's operating fund. Your special offering to Eden Church will support our Church's need for heating, cooling, security & fire protection, insurance, and cleaning as well as the many traditional ministries of Eden Church, including our weekly worship, music, Church School, and fellowship. This year, we will receive your Christmas offering via our online giving portal found [here](#) or by mail to the Church Office on the Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec 20, on Christmas Eve, and on the First Sunday After Christmas Day, Dec 27.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Thursday, Dec 24 — Christmas Eve

7:00 — 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | Online

8:00 — 8:30 pm Celebration of Holy Communion | Zoom

### Friday, Dec 25 — Christmas Day; Campus Closed

### Sunday, Dec 27 — First Sunday of Christmas

10:00 — 10:45 am Worship | Online

11:00 — 12 noon Fellowship | Online

### Monday, Dec 28 — Church Office Closed

1:00 — 6:00 pm COVID-19 Testing | Oliver Hall Parking Lot

4:00 — 7:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online

### Tuesday, Dec 29

1:00 — 6:00 pm COVID-19 Testing | Oliver Hall Parking Lot

4:00 — 7:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online

### Wednesday, Dec 30

10:30 — 11:30 am Seekers | Online

### Thursday, Dec 31 — New Year's Eve

### Friday, Jan 1 — New Year's Day; Campus Closed

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Dec 28 Christmas Holiday | Church Campus & Office Closed

Jan 1 New Year's Day | Church Office Closed

Jan 3 Tres Reyes Magos Worship, Communion during Fellowship &  
Drive-Thru Fiesta in OH Parking Lot

Jan 5 Trustees Meeting

Jan 11 Evening Bible Study Resumes

Jan 12 Church Council Meeting

Jan 13 Comida para Cherryland

Jan 15 Girls Night Out — Women's Fellowship

Jan 18 Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday — Church Closed

Jan 20 EAF Board of Directors' Meeting

Jan 25 Evening Bible Study

Jan 27 Comida para Cherryland



# MISSION, VISION, & VALUES | What We Believe

## MISSION STATEMENT | What are we about here and now?

The members of Eden Church worship God and strive to follow Christ's example by providing a welcoming and safe environment for all, seeking God's wisdom, growing spiritually, caring for each other, enriching our neighborhood, and sharing the good news of God's creative and unfolding work in the world.



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## VISION STATEMENT | What do we want to become in the next 3 to 5 years?

The vision of Eden Church is to grow in spirit, fellowship, and number by offering many opportunities for spiritual growth; by becoming a more culturally diverse congregation; by strengthening our capacity to serve our neighbors, by caring for each other as Christ cares for us; by inviting others to be a part of our community of faith; and by working to transform individual lives and our community through the power of God's love in human action.

## VALUES STATEMENTS | What are the ideals and behaviors that we need to express to fulfill our mission and realize our vision?

In order to fulfill our mission and realize our vision, Eden Church strives to embrace and express the following core values:

- Worship and spiritual practices that are both traditional and contemporary
- Religious education and spiritual practices that are grounded in a progressive theology
- Caring relationships that honor differences and foster unity and growth
- Enriching experiences for children and youth in our church and community
- Programs and partnerships that serve those in need while addressing the root causes of social problems
- Being a true sanctuary that nurtures and protects all participants, especially the most vulnerable among us

## OFFICERS

Jana Aloo | Moderator  
Jennifer Vetrovec | Vice Moderator  
Rev. Robert Parrish | Treasurer  
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer  
Kim Shuss | Clerk

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