VILLAGES COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Prelude "Reflection on "Veni Emmanuel" Catherine Ellacer
Arr. David Lasky

Call to Worship "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Chapel Choir

Welcome & Announcements Nancy Canepa

Lighting of The 1st Advent Candle - The Prophets Candle

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first purple candle, the PROPHETS CANDLE. The Old Testament has a chain of prophesies about the coming of Jesus, The Messiah. More than 700 years before His coming, the Prophet Isaiah identified Him with five names. He said "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the Government shall be upon His shoulders and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9: 6)

Lighting of the Purple Candle

Hal Hallock

Reading: Matthew 3: 1-3

Diana Hallock

Congregation and Candle Lighters Pray:

Lord, as we begin our journey in this Advent season, we will face many distractions from the true meaning of Christmas. Help us keep our minds on what this season is about so our lives may be filled with the peace you came to bring. Amen.

*Hymn

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Congregation

*Silent Prayer

Anthem: "Do You Hear What I Hear" Chapel Choir

by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne, arr. Harry Simeone

Morning Prayer Pastor Bill Hayden

*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Congregation

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory "O Holy Night" Aileen Reid

Sermon:

"The Mystery Of His Coming"

Pastor Bill

Hayden

*Benediction "May God's Blessing Surround You Each Day" Congregation

May God's blessing surround you each day, As you trust Him and walk in His way. May His presence guard and keep you from sin. Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

Postlude "O Come, Little Children"

Catherine

Ellacer

Arr. Jason D. Payne

*Please stand if able

SERMON TEXT

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

- **6**. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Applications:

God has provided an eternal hope for all people to live in His presence. True peace can only be received through a relationship with the Prince of Peace.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Sunday 03 Beverly Guzman Thursday 07 Colleen

Merendino

Monday 04 Caroline Ritchey Friday 08 Dean Pearson

Tuesday 05 Choo & Suzy Kim Saturday 09 Doris Rowe

Wednesday 06 Connie Jamrock

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER Brooks Fuller

USHERS /GREETERS Colleen Merendino, Suzanne Fazzio

Carol Watkins, Teri Tyrrell

ALTAR: Suzy Kim, Lydia Curet, Cynthia Amador

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THIS SUNDAY'S FLORAL ARRANGEMENT IS DONATED BY:

Dee Willey: "In loving memory of my dear husband, Don. My life is not the same without you! You are deeply missed, and you will remain in my heart forever."

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE SERVICE:

Preparation and Servers: Diana & Hal Hallock **Cookies:** Dianna Hallock, Bev Newman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY: Pastor Bill will be speaking.

CHAPEL CHRISTMAS DINNER: is next week, December 10th. ALL bookings MUST be received by today! Sunday, December 3rd.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: are available for pick up today. If you do not see your name, please take one of the unmarked boxes. Please put your name on the envelope if your donation is in cash. This allows us to match an envelope number to

your name and issue a donation receipt at year end for your tax purposes. Thanks!

POINSETTIAS: for Chapel & Home: We will be using 6" potted poinsettias to decorate the chapel for December 17th for our musical Christmas Celebration and then they go home with you! \$18 each, cash or check. See Diana with questions.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: for Norma Gwinn will be on Saturday, 9th December in the Foothill Center at 12 noon.

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