

Songs For Today:

THE FIRST NOEL

The first noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAINS

Go, tell it on the mountains, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountains That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Be hold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Saviors birth.

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

Good Christian men rejoice With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:

News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!

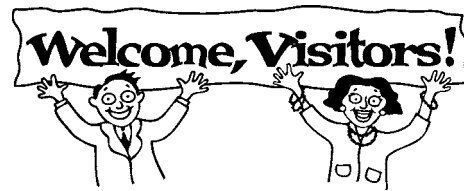
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and man is blessed ever more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.



Learn More About Us

If you are new and want to know more about Canyon Creek Church and how to get connected, stop by our welcome table in the lobby near the stairs. You'll get a newcomer packet with helpful information. We would love to answer any questions you have about our church and help you get involved.

Sign-Up for Weekly E-Mails

Do you want to be kept informed of what is going on at Canyon Creek Church? It's easy, just sign up for one or more of these weekly e-mail newsletters. For information about the upcoming sermon, upcoming events and other things happening in the church body, e-mail Pat Belzer at pbelzer@canyoncreekchurch.com or go to our website and click on the link.

For Jr. High and High School activities and events e-mail Sara Erickson at sara@canyoncreekchurch.com. You will see pictures of past events, find out what is coming up and more.

For Children's programs e-mail Julie Lueddemann at Julie@canyoncreekchurch.com. See what your children are learning and experiencing in their Sunday School programs.

Get Acquainted Cards

In the seat backs you will find Get Acquainted Cards. We encourage you to fill one of these out if you are visiting for the first time, have come before but never filled out a card or if you have any request or comments for us.

We use these cards as a starting place to get to know you. We want to know that you were here so we can acknowledge you, answer any questions you may have and/or provide you with any additional information you request.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself!

Basics Class - January 9

If you are interested in becoming a member of Canyon Creek Church, we invite you to attend our next Basics Class on January at 9 AM to Noon. The class is intended for people who are fairly new to Canyon Creek and are looking for an overview of what the church is all about. Pastor Marty Scales explains Canyon Creek's philosophy of ministry, vision & goals. He also outlines basic information about our denomination, church government & the history of our congregation. Please fill out a Get Acquainted Card, e-mail Pat Belzer at pbelzer@canyoncreekchurch.com or call 498-9802.

If you missed a Sermon or want to hear it again,
go to <http://ccpc.mypodcast.com>



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Affiliated with the
Presbyterian Church in America
8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

SERVICE ORDER:

Opening Song
"The First Noel"

Announcements
Lisa Gergley

Joyful Noise
"The Season to Sing"
"Star Shine Bright"
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Worship Songs
"Go Tell it on the Mountains"
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Women's Ensemble
"There is Faint Music"

Prayer
Marty Scales

Greeting One Another
Jr. High Sunday School

Message
The Wonder of Christmas
Part 2: "The Genealogy
of Jesus Christ"
Marty Scales

Offering & Closing Song
"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Refreshments & Coffee
Join Us between services!

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News and Views of Canyon Creek Church

December 13, 2009



The Wonder of Christmas

PART 2: "THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS"

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS:

- **Nursery:** Available for infants (ages 0 - 12 months); located in the infant/toddler center
- **Canyon Creek Kids:** Children are dropped off and picked up in their classrooms :
- **"The Sunday Saga"** - Junior High worship & study time located in Room 204 at 10 AM Service Only
- **High School** - High School worship & study time located in Room 201 at 10 AM Service Only - no meeting today.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We're happy to have you with us today at Canyon Creek Church. Our goal is that the worship service will touch you with God's love and power and help you face the week ahead. There are many other opportunities for you and your family to receive support or get involved in the life of our community. **Please stop by the visitors table -- we would love to tell you more -- or you can visit www.canyoncreekchurch.com.**

If you have made some kind of spiritual decision as a result of today's service, or if you would like to know more about how to become a Christian, simply fill out a Get Acquainted Card and place it in the offering bag. Pastor Scales will mail you free material to help you grow.

Christmas Concert & Dessert



Join us TONIGHT at 6:00 PM for an informal time of music and fellowship. We will all come together for an hour in the Worship Center for a "concert" performed by our Christmas Choir, the Korean Church Choir, soloists, our children's choir and many instruments. After enjoying this informal program we will all go to the Gathering Hall for a **potluck cookie** reception.

Bible Study

If you are interested in joining a women's Bible study this winter and need childcare, this might be the place for you. The Tuesday morning women's Bible study will begin Beth Moore's Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman, on January 5th. Childcare is available with registration. The deadline for workbook orders and childcare registration is December 20th. Please contact Victoria Park at toriapark@yahoo.com or (925) 560-9585 for more information.

Mission to Mexico Adults

If you are interested in being an adult leader for this year's mission trip to Mexico (April 4-10), please come to an informational meeting on Sunday, January 3rd immediately following the 10 AM service in Marty's office. If you have questions, or are interested in the trip but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Sara Erickson at 925-498-9804, or sara@canyoncreekchurch.com

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 7:30 AM for a great home cooked breakfast, a speaker and a time of fellowship. The next breakfast is on December 19. We will travel to Harbor House in Oakland after enjoying a continental breakfast.

Mom's Group

The Mom's Group at CCPC consists of moms and their children ages newborn through preschool age. We get together every month for fun and fellowship. Monthly there is a scheduled outing that moms and their children can attend. This month's gathering will be at the Park's house on Monday, December 14 from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Please bring a snack to share.

Every other month the moms get together without their children to fellowship together at a local restaurant. That's just 6 nights a year but it is well worth it and well deserved. Join us Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 PM at Esin in Danville.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Sears at sears-family@sbcglobal.net or call 820-0659.

Year End Giving

As 2009 comes to a close, please consider Canyon Creek in your plans for giving. Pray with us that our 2009 budget will be met through the offerings of many. If you would like to make a donation and have it be a part of your (tax deductible) 2009 contributions; please keep in mind that the IRS requires your check either be delivered to the church or postmarked by December 31st.

Christmas Eve Services



We will have a special Christmas Eve Service geared to families with young children at 4:00 PM. This service will be approximately 40 minutes long. At 6:00 & 7:30 PM please join us at one of our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. This year we will stay inside where it is warm!

New Study Beginning

Beginning January 10 we will be going through the book titled The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller as a congregation. On Sunday morning Marty will be presenting sermons based on the book. We as a congregation will read it and discuss it in small groups. This is a six week series which we are hoping everyone will participate in. After today's service, please visit the table in the Gathering Hall or Courtyard, depending on the weather, to purchase your book and study guide and to check out what small groups we have available for you.

Elder Nomination

We are pleased to announce the nomination of Dale Holmgren for Elder of Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church. The Session of our church is now recommending to the congregation that we vote to ordain and install him as a Ruling Elder. On Dec. 27, 2009 there will be a congregational meeting held between our two services. There are two agenda items for that meeting: 1. The nomination of Dale Holmgren for Elder. 2. The required yearly meeting of the California non-profit corporation, Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions regarding these two items contact your Pastor or any of our Elders.

The Lobby Quilt

The beautiful Star Quilt in the lobby was made by our quilt group that meets on Monday nights twice a month. It was entered into the Pacific International Quilt Festival along with approximately 10,000 other quilts and it was chosen to be displayed in the show. That is quite an accomplishment and speaks to the hard work that went into making it and the beauty of the quilt.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this group or just would like more information, contact Carol Wattles at carolj@reivn.org or Janice Monkowski at jmonkow@sbcglobal.net.

HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday Morning:
High School - No Sunday School today
High School Youth Group: "The Refuge"
Tuesdays - 7:15 - 9:00 PM

JUNIOR HIGH & CHILDREN

Sunday Morning:
Junior High - Students get dismissed to Room 204 during 10 AM Service only
DiscoveryLand (PreK-5th Grade)
Children are dropped off and picked up in their classrooms
Junior High Youth Group: "Stronghold"
Wednesdays - 7:15 - 9:00 PM
Wild Night: 4th & 5th Grade -Fridays - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Renee Olsen and her parents who are both critically ill. Pray for God's will.
Pray for Melanie Howard's mom, Barbara, who has pancreatic cancer. Pray for her surgery on the 11th and that the surgeon will have Gifted Hands.
Pray for Anna Lucchesi's friend, Virginia, whose cancer has returned.
Give praise that Clement Jeremiah's brain tumor surgery went well. Pray there will be no complications and will be completely successful.
Give praise that Chase Thenemann has been released from the hospital and is at home!
Give praise that Don Talley's prostate cancer surgery went well & he is recovering at home.
Pray for Yuri Alexandrian and his family as they grieve the death of his dad, Alex.
Pray for Jesse Rivera's cousin, Wendy Casiano, whose cancer has spread throughout her body. She is a loving mother of three very young children. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and a miracle. Pray for success for her upcoming brain surgery.
Pray for Don Weisse and Pat Hedl's friend, Lou, as she goes through some difficulties.
Pray for Kim Cristobal's friend, Connie who has had breast cancer and colon cancer surgery. Pray for wisdom for her doctors.
Give praise that Dana Calvert's mom, Andrea Allen, is responding to the treatment and is continuing to improve.
Pray for Don Weisse who lost his job. Pray for patience as he seeks employment.
Pray for Gini Arent's friend Kathy Phillip who had a massive stroke.
Pray for those people who do not understand the power of God and how His influence can affect millions of lives. Also, the people who need God so much in their lives to feel like they are protected, needed and wanted.

Stop by the Shoebox Ministry table, pick out a card. Address it and we will mail it for you.

How Are We Serving?

CITY TEAM MINISTRIES, a Christian men's shelter with ongoing needs from mentoring to men's toiletries. Special needs may include clothing, food, or cash donations. Contact John Garcia to volunteer or with questions at jrgarcia37@sbcglobal.net

GOSPEL FOR ASIA. Gospel for Asia missionaries share the Good News of Jesus in more than 10 Asian nations: India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar (Burma), Bangladesh, Thailand, Bhutan and others that cannot be named for security reasons. Although many of these countries oppose or are even closed to Western missionaries, the people are open to hearing about Jesus from people just like themselves--native missionaries. To learn more and help support these native missionaries, contact Bobi Vieira at bjv234@comcast.net

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD provides shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items to disadvantaged children. We have just completed this year's collection with 130 boxes. Thank you for your participation.

SHEPHERD'S GATE needs volunteers to help provide monthly meals to women and their children. Always in need of food or monetary donations. Questions on how to contribute or volunteer? Contact Debbie Cavin at dcavin@canyoncreekchurch.com.

VALLEY PREGNANCY CENTER - provides free confidential services to women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. In these difficult times, the Center's financial support has fallen but they are helping more women than ever. If you can help with a generous year-end gift, please send a check to: Valley Pregnancy Center, 7660 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568. Questions? Contact Renee Olsen at reneeoelsen@comcast.net.

GET FIT + HELP CHILDREN IN POVERTY - Join Team World Vision in a race for clean water in Africa. Upcoming event Half Marathon in L.A. on January 10, 2010. Walker Friendly! Informal buddy walk/runs and training available. For more info. visit www.WorldVision.org/team or contact Andrea Wittig, TWV West Coast coordinator at 818.400.2614 or e-mail andrea.wittig@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

December 13 - Christmas Concert & Potluck Dessert - 6:00 PM

December 14 - Mom's Group Outing - 9:30 AM
- Quilt Group - 7:00 PM

December 15 - The Refuge - 7:15 PM

December 16 - The Stronghold - 7:15 PM

- Mom's Group Dinner - 7:30 PM

December 17 - Little Bridges Christmas Program - 7:00 PM

December 18 - The Refuge Christmas Party

December 19 - Men's Breakfast and trip to Harbor House in Oakland- 7:30 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services - 4:00 PM (children's service) 6:00 & 7:30 (candlelight)

December 27 - Annual Meeting - 9:35 AM

January 3 - Mission to Mexico Adult Leader Information Meeting - 11:10 AM

January 9 - Basics Class - 9 AM - noon

Online Giving

Did you know you can make a donation by using the PayPal link on our website? Go to www.canyoncreekchurch.com and click on the donations link at the bottom of the main page.

2009 Financial Update

Last week's tithes & offerings:	\$	18,697
Weekly budget amount:	\$	16,500
YTD Tithes & offerings:	\$	756,537
YTD Budget amount:	\$	808,500

To inquire about electronic donations, please E-mail phyllis@canyoncreekchurch.com