

## Songs For Today:

### JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord has come: Let earth receive he 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 men their 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 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, wonder of His love.

### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King:  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

Christ by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, Off spring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th' incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and Life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."



### Today's Special Music

"Peace is Here" is off Jars of Clay's CD  
"Christmas Song"

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## Peace Is Here

Little children, born to chaos, sojourn by the stars appear,  
Though your fears wrap all around you,  
Love has come and peace is here.

Men to men, in violent rapture,  
Wars lay sons in fields unknown,  
Hope to quell the disappointment,  
Justice born and mercy shown,

Gloria, Gloria, peace is here, Gloria, Gloria, peace is here.

Angels sing in righteous envy,  
Kings of Earth kneel by the throne,  
Born to push against the fall, as far as the curse is found.

Gloria, Gloria, peace is here,  
Gloria, Gloria, peace is here, Peace is here, peace is here.

### O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above the deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in the darkness streets shineth the everlasting Light:  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in

O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today,  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

### O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Chorus)



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

### SERVICE ORDER:

**Opening Song**  
"Joy to the World"

**Announcements**  
Travis Marsh

**Worship Songs**  
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"  
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**Christmas Choir & Ensemble**  
"Follow the Star"  
"Holy Night, Silent Night"

**Scripture Reading & Prayer**  
Marty Scales

**Special Music**  
"Peace is Here"  
Scott Hughes

**Greeting One Another**  
Jr. High Sunday School  
High School Sunday School

**Message**  
The Wonder of Christmas  
Part 3: "Lying in a Manger"  
Marty Scales

**Offering & Closing Song**  
"O Come All Ye Faithful"

**Refreshments & Coffee**  
Join Us between services!

# canyoncreek Currents

News and Views of Canyon Creek Church

December 20, 2009



## The Wonder of Christmas

PART 3: "LYING IN A MANGER"

### 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](http://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 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!

## 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.

## Join us for The Prodigal God

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.

## 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

## 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 9 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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 January 2. Jeff Louie will be the guest speaker.

## Small Groups

We have many small groups at Canyon Creek. If you have not signed up for a group but are interested in doing so or just want more information about what small groups are, please contact either Dale Holmgren at dholmgren@canyoncreekchurch.com or Travis Marsh at tmarsh@canyoncreekchurch.com.

## Communion Service

Join us for Communion on January 3 at both services.

### HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday Morning:  
High School - Students get dismissed to Room 201 during 10 AM Service only  
High School Youth Group: "The Refuge" - no meeting this week  
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" - no meeting this week  
Wednesdays - 7:15 - 9:00 PM  
Wild Night: 4th & 5th Grade -Fridays - 7:00 - 8:30 PM - next meeting 1/15/10

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Renee Olsen and her parents who are both very ill. Pray for God's will.  
Pray for Melanie Howard's mom, Barbara, who recently had pancreatic cancer surgery. Pray for her recovery and improvement. She is experiencing many medical issues.  
Pray for Anna Lucchesi's friend, Virginia, whose cancer has returned.  
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. Give praise that Kim Cristobal's friend, Connie is continuing to improve.  
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 reneeolsen@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](http://www.WorldVision.org/team) or contact Andrea Wittig, TWV West Coast coordinator at 818.400.2614 or e-mail [andrea.wittig@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.wittig@gmail.com).

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 27 - Annual Meeting - 9:35 AM

January 2 - Men's Breakfast - 7:30 AM

January 3 - Communion Service

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

January 9 - Basics Class - 9 AM - noon

January 10 - Six week The Prodigal God study  
begins

## Online Giving

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

### 2009 Financial Update

Last week's tithes & offerings:	\$	28,155
Weekly budget amount:	\$	16,500
YTD Tithes & offerings:	\$	784,692
YTD Budget amount:	\$	825,000

*To inquire about electronic donations, please  
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