

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEBASTIAN



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*"So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open,
drinking in your strength and glory."*

Psalm 63:2

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Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Affirmation of Faith

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*Hymn

All of You Who Walked in Darkness

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.7.7 with Refrain ("Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")

All of you who walked in darkness
who have known the fear of night
Now rejoice and sing with gladness;
come and see the wondrous light!
God has turned your tears to songs,
lifting burdens, righting wrongs.
God sent us a tiny boy
bringing hope and peace and joy.

In one little baby's birth,
God knelt down to love the earth.
Still Christ comes to save God's people,
still he comes to those oppressed.
To the folks who toil and struggle,
God has sent the very best.
To the young and to the old,
to the homeless, tired and cold,
To the lost, to those who mourn,
to the world, a child is born.

In one little baby's birth,
God knelt down to love the earth.
In this time of celebration,
may we show what life can be,
As we care for God's creation,
as we serve the Prince of Peace.
Seeking justice everywhere,
lifting burdens others bear,
May we gladly serve and pray —
knowing why we live this way:
In one little baby's birth,
God knelt down to love the earth.

*Please stand if you are able.

1. Please silence electronic devices

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

As we begin this new year, O God, we are humbled to remember the mistakes and sins of the one behind us. We are further humbled by your forgiving us and helping us again and again. The year ahead has it's opportunities for faithfulness and service. It also invites us to remember You and reach out to You. This is no somber invitation but rather a glad one. So hear and see us look to You and hear and see us being thankful to have you in our lives and world.

(Silent Individual Confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 288 v. 5 *We Three Kings*

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

First Reading

Choir Anthem

Sermon Lesson

Sermon

Guest Preacher: Carmen Torman

Invitation to Offering and Offering

Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 282 v. 3 **O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful**

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O thou joyful, O thou wonderful Peace revealing
Christmastide! Darkness disappeareth,
God's own light now neareth:
Peace and joy to all betide!

Ascription of Praise

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***Hymn 270 v. 2, 4** *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

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.

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, wonders of His love.

***Charge and Benediction**

Wherever you are, Christ has put you there.
There is something He wants to do through you there.
Wherever you go, Christ is sending you.
The indwelling Christ has something
He wants to do through you there.
Believe this and rely on His power,
His grace, and His love.

--Adapted from R. Halverson, former Chaplain of the Senate

***Response** **“Shalom”**

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

*“Our hope is not in the new year..
but in the One who makes all things new.”*