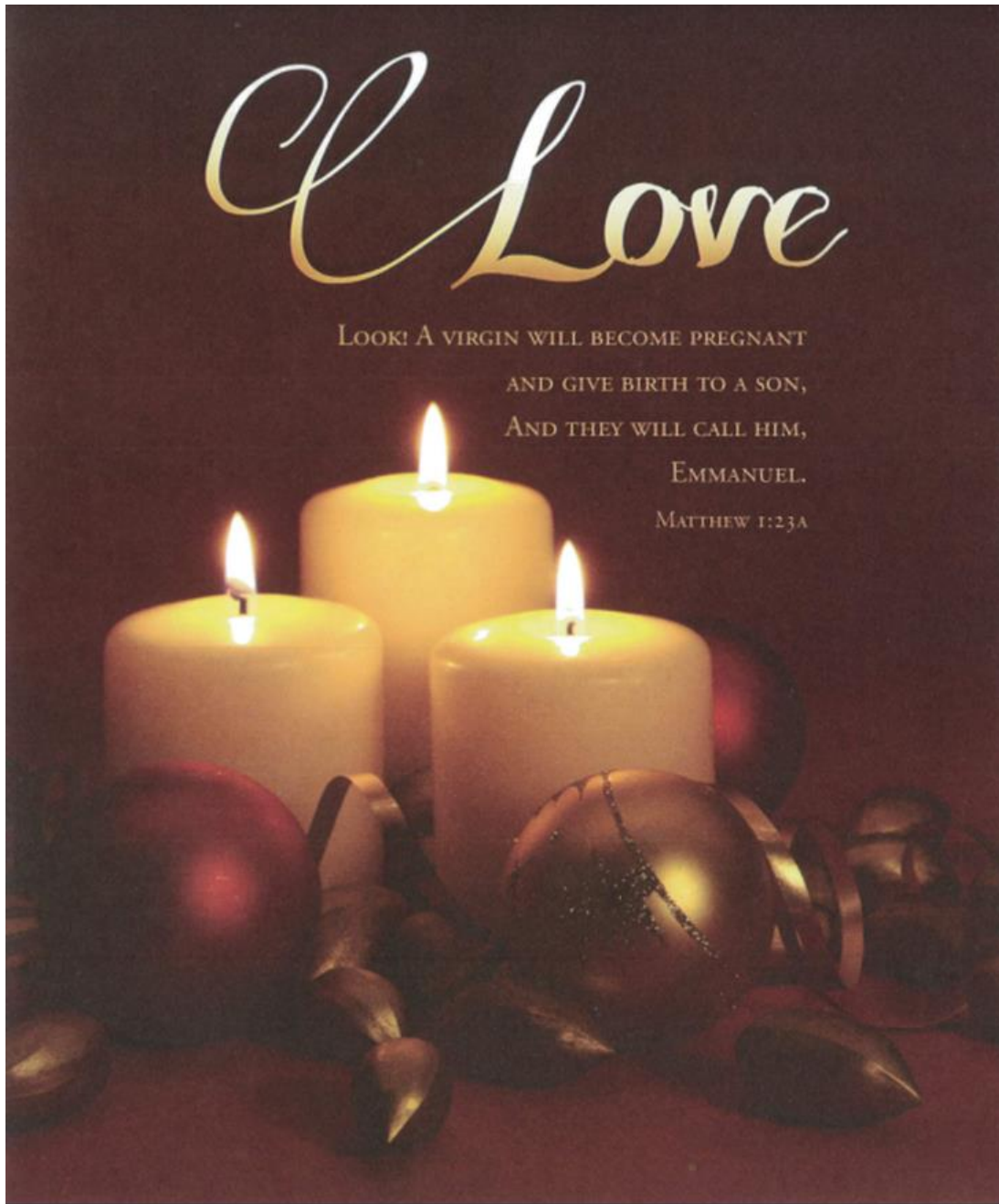


Love

LOOK! A VIRGIN WILL BECOME PREGNANT
AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON,
AND THEY WILL CALL HIM,
EMMANUEL.
MATTHEW 1:23A



December 18, 2022

ROLLING HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 10 a.m.

As we gather we hope you will visit quietly with friends.

Please silence cell phones.

**Standing - if comfortable*

PRELUDE

“Partita in B-Flat Major” – J. S. Bach

Althea Waites

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 80

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel.

People: Stir up your might and come to save us.

Leader: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

People: Give us life, and we will call on your name.

*HYMN

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” vs 1, 3 & 4

#203

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;

To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.**

**Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.**

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;

His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;

His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Eternal God, too often we miss the signs of your presence among us. You show us a way forward and we turn aside. Forgive us. Make our eyes and hearts ready for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. We are eager to welcome him among us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

8:30 – Merrietta Fong

10:00 – Brent Howell

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#213

Redeemer, come, with us abide;

Our hearts to thee we open wide;

Let us thy inner presence feel;

Thy grace and love in us reveal.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome pads are at the seats closest to the center aisle. Please share your name and any helpful information and pass down the row. Afterward please return to the aisle seat.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Lighting the Candle of Love

The children are invited to gather in front of the steps for a brief sermon and prayer.

Afterward, they may leave for Sunday School or stay for the rest of the service.

A candle is burning, a candle of love.

A candle to point us to heaven above.

A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,

For Jesus is bringing God's love to the earth.

ANTHEM

"Mary Had a Baby" – W. Dawson

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY

#95

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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

8:30 – Merrietta Fong

10:00 – Brent Howell

- Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph has a dream

Pg.1, New Testament

SERMON

"Waking up to God's Plan"

April Herron

*HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" vs 1, 3 & 4

#220

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;

Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;

Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;

Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

POSTLUDE

"Concert Overture" – Handel

Althea Waites

Important year-end note! To have your gifts count toward 2022 please be sure they are received or postmarked by December 31. Thank you for your generosity as we bring this remarkable year to a strong finish.

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Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
Gabby Palacios, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
Debra DeLuca, Children's Ministry Director
Rev. Kristin Sutrave, Youth Ministry Director
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Althea Waites, Organist
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
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Peggy Roulette, Church Office Admin.
Lori Brunn, Admin. Asst.
Miguel Portillo, Custodian

New to the Church?

We are grateful that we can worship together.
Please use our digital welcome pad by
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