

Parson to Person by Pastor Dave

People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Advent is upon us, and with Thanksgiving so very late this year, the holiday emphasis on *hospitality* is off to a great running start. We make ready to receive guests; family and friends, and the one special guest our hearts welcome back every year, the newborn hope of God in the form of Jesus.

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

By the time you read this Trinity will be immersed in preparing for the annual Bazaar, a festival of creativity and connectedness gracefully dancing into its eighth decade! And we are mindful of the One Seed, the flower waiting beneath the frost, and we do give up our strength to nourish it, sewing and baking and cooking and serving and loving. And as the hymn promises, in course the flower will flourish, and blossom in gifts of support all over Chico.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

Our Purpose
To ENGAGE people in joyful relationships with God and with each other, so we will GROW in Christ-like compassion, and SHARE the blessings of the Holy Spirit.



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Love, like a bird, alights and sings its chirpy, joyous song, and then off it goes, spreading its wings of joy and healing among God's children. This Advent time we celebrate not just the infant Jesus, but our own fledgling ways and habits and new learnings. We embrace our child-like nature to the astonishment of the hunched, grunting world. And a little child shall lead them, right?

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as
sun and moon together.*

*People, look east and sing today: Love, the
star, is on the way.*

The light is fading, fading, and our darkest days of the year are just weeks away, but then... one more light, one more radiance, gleaming softly within us, our light joining with others' light, until the presence of Christ radiating from us illumines the whole world. Love, the guest; Love, the rose; Love, the bird, and Love, the star... these images will help us navigate the wild and swirling holiday season and become the hope and freshness and light our world so desperately needs. Happy Holy Days, everyone!

Facility Use Tip

When using Hadley Hall, there may be a need to plug a device into one of the electrical outlets on the east wall. It has recently come to our attention that in order to have power to those outlets, the middle switch above the piano near the stage must be turned on. Please keep this in mind.

Submitted by Rich Wolff

Join Us at the Bazaar!!

Our annual Christmas Bazaar is approaching! Tea towels, candy, pies, cookies, crafts, jellies, jewelry, and Christmas décor will all be available for purchase. This bazaar has been a fixture at Trinity for about 70 years (!!!). We hope to continue for many years into the future – but that depends...

One of the greatest benefits of the bazaar is the camaraderie!! During a recent discussion about bazaar plans, this was the factor that everyone agreed was the best thing about the bazaar. But as we ladies age, we are hoping that we can get a bit more help – and enjoy the subsequent fellowship - from those whose ages are somewhere south of 80.

So please join us if you can – for some great fellowship and fun. In addition, you will be helping us raise funds for the 15 or so local charities that we support with the proceeds from this event!! We will be meeting Thursday (Dec. 5th) morning to set up from 9-12. Lunch will be provided. The bazaar itself will be from 9 am – 2pm on Friday Dec. 6th and from 9 am to noon on Saturday Dec. 7th. Sign-up sheets will be available in Hadley Hall for the next 2 Sundays. Come join us during any of those times!! We'd love to share the fun with you!!

We also **welcome any and all contributions** to the cookies, candies, breads, pies and any other homemade goods you would like to contribute to the bazaar goods! We also welcome “next to new” jewelry and household goods – please only items that are in really good condition!! It is best to bring your contributions no later than Thursday December 5th between 9 am and noon – that’s when we will be setting up for the bazaar.

Katya Yarosevich, President

Alternative Giving Cards

Do you have loved ones who have all they need, but you’d still like to give them a gift? At a loss as to how to express your love for them in this way? Consider giving to a charity in their name. Any charity you prefer – Heifer Project, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), a missionary (such as Katherine Parker in Nepal), or any of our local charities. If you decide to do so, as long as supplies last, I will make cards available in Hadley Hall that you can give your loved ones telling them of the gift you have given in their name. These are just homemade cards that I have made to give loved ones. Here is a sample:

(backside)	(scripture on inside) <i>"Freely you have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8</i>
(cover)	(inside) <i>This Christmas, to honor the love and charity in your heart, a gift has been given in your name to</i>

There are several designs to choose from! Check them out! -- Katya Yarosevich

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WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

Sunday, December 1st ADVENT 1 HOLY COMMUNION

Advent begins with its strange mixture of calm and apocalypse, expectant hope and anxiety about the future... some things never change, eh? Our text today will be Luke 21:25-36, and the message will be called "Beyond Distress and Confusion". Holy Communion will be enjoyed today, and our traditional Great Thanksgiving sung to holiday carols will warm our hearts.

Sunday, December 8th ADVENT 2

Instead of hearing about John the Baptist today, we will enjoy a reading from the apocryphal book of Baruch, chapter 5, vs.1-9. It expands the imagery expounded by the prophet Isaiah and speaks of the equitable world of God's design. The message today is entitled "On the Level".

Sunday, December 15th ADVENT 3 GAUDETE!

"Joy, the Bodyguard" is the title of the message that will dance naturally to the strains of Philippians 4:4-7. This Sunday of Joy will be lively and lovely and brief; many of us are involved in the Messiah, presented in Vina and beginning at 1pm. Expect and uplifting, super-charged worship experience!

Sunday, December 22nd ADVENT 4

Today we marvel at the grandeur so long ignored in our Protestant habits, the astonishing clarity expressed by Mary in the passage famously known as the Magnificat. It is found in Luke 1:39 – 55, and will lead us into chanting, historic prayers, the sermon "Magnificat", and a host of inspirational challenges.

Tuesday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE 7PM

Our service this evening will be both traditional and fun; the Methodist Merry Makers are back, fiddling and squeezing and singing and blowing our horns to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Luke 2. 1-14 is the famous story of the events of this night, which will have carols and candles and all manner of loveliness! The homily will be called "Seraph Songs to Sooth Scared Shepherds".

Sunday, December 29th CHRISTMASTIDE

The gentle time between Christmas and Epiphany is our beloved Christmastide, and our services will be lovingly led by Rev. Brian Peterson today.