



**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church**  
**December 20, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



**Presider - Faith Kelley**

**Prayer**

**Do Not Be Afraid Christmas Pageant**

**Scene 1-** When The World Feels Scary

**Hymn -** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

**Scene 2-** Mary, the Favored One

**Hymn -** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Scene 3-** Mary Visits Elizabeth

**Scene 4-** Joseph Has a Dream

**Hymn -** *Do You Hear What I Hear?*

**Scene 5-** Tough Questions

**Scene 6-** Caesar Augustus

**Hymn -** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Scene 7-** Mary and Joseph Arrive in Bethlehem

**Hymn -** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

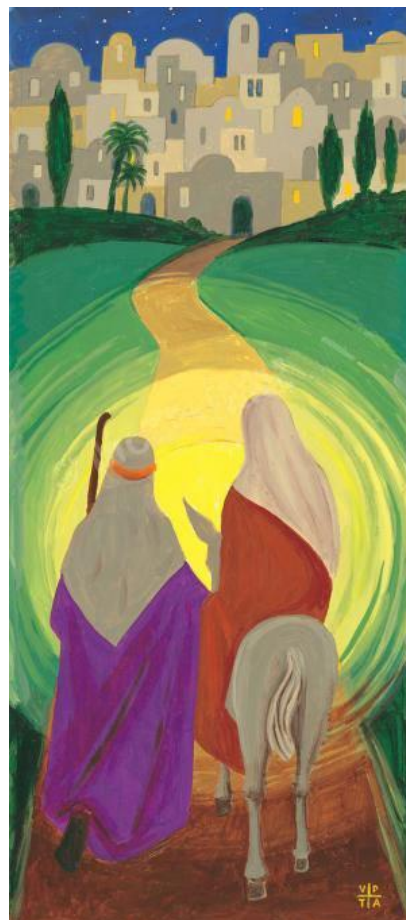
**Scene 8-** Wait a Minute. . .

**Scene 9-** The Shepherds Hear the Good News

**Hymn -** *Joy To The World*

**Scene 10-** The Magi and King Herod

**Hymn -** *O Come All Ye Faithful*



**Scene 11-** This is Just the Beginning

**Scene 12-** Mary Gets the Last Word

**Hymn -** *I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day*



## **Open Worship**

*Christ is ministering to us in the silence. Nothing needs to be said, unless there is a clear leading to speak. After a period of centering down, if you feel a leading to speak, please be obedient to it: Speak clearly, loudly, and succinctly. Allow time for a message to settle before another message is offered.*

## **Welcome – Announcements- Offering**

*God is the Great Giver and has given much to us. The contributions you make are vital to the life of the meeting. Please consider offerings through mail or the Donate Now button on the church's website.*

## **Welcome**

We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation. We trust that your heart may be warmed by the Lord's Presence as we worship together. If you have prayer needs or spiritual concerns, please call or email the pastors, Micah Bales and Faith Kelley, or any member of Ministry and Council.

## **Church Announcements**

Today, will be having our **Monthly Meeting for Business at 1:15 PM.**

**Bible Study** starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. We are discussing David Johnson's book, "Jesus, Christ and Servant of God: Meditations on the Gospel According to John." You do not need to have read or have a copy of the book available as we read a discussion and then discuss.

**Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM on December 24** on Zoom. Engage with the Christmas story, sing songs and rejoice that God with us and so we fear not! A time for people of all ages as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**Good News Associates** is continuing their **Way of the Spirit** program.

The next three Saturday interactive online mini-course will be focused on "Forgive- Relationships in the Holy." **The sessions are 9:30-1:30 January 16, 30, and February 13, 2021.** To register and for more information, go to their [website](#).

Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at [pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org](mailto:pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org) and follow us on Facebook.

## Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church December 20, 2020

- We thank you for **the peace you give**, which is not like the world's peace. Bring it among us with your justice and love.
- We pray for **loved ones** in our circles of care: All those diagnosed with, suffering from, or recovering from serious illnesses including **Liz's classmate Allie, Joe Williams, Dianna's friend Sebastian, Robbie Williams, Marilyn's friend Bruce, Faith's cousin Vicki, Veneita Porter and Stanley Chagala Ngesa.**
- We ask for God's presence with **Friends not able to be with us: Julie Rowlette, Charles Blue, Janice Wells and Joe Williams.**
- We pray for **all those who are currently sick with COVID-19.** Give their doctors and nurses wisdom on treatments. Comfort the family who can't be with them. Provide the resources that are needed to care for them well and safely. We grieve all those who have died and ask for an end to this pandemic.
- We pray for **all of us for whom the holiday season is hard.** Often our joy is mixed with sorrow, disappointment, grief or depression. We are reminded of our losses and what we wish was different. Come alongside us, Lord. Help us to lean on you when we feel sad and alone. Knit us together with those around us that we might feel your embrace.
- We pray for **all of us looking for housing.** May they find what they need at a price they can afford. You know what it feels like to be homeless or in a makeshift situation. Give us all safe, warm places to live.
- We thank you that **Faith** is feeling better after battling mastitis this week. Help her regain her energy. Support her and Amos through the final few weeks of breastfeeding.
- We pray for **kids and families** who are about to have big breaks off school. Make it a time in which they enjoy each other. Allow parents to get the work they need to get done completed. Give everyone time to relax and rest.
- We thank you for **the rain.** It refreshes us and the earth. We pray that it continues and we get what the land and we need to survive and thrive here.
- Beloved, when we were in exile, you dwelled with us in our tents. When we were afflicted, you comforted us in your mercy. Like sheep in the pastures, you gathered us to you. In this pregnant time of waiting, **we yearn for the coming of your Son again**, as if for the first time. For with you, Holy One, all things are possible.



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