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Preparing for Christmas

By Chris Baldwin – Pastor, Community & Formation

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6



Happy holidays and a very merry Christmas! Do you have holiday traditions that help you prepare for the arrival of the Christ child, Jesus?

Each December, our family decorates our home with garland across our mantles, lights on the outside of the home, a Christmas tree, and also a VERY well-loved nativity set. By VERY well-loved, I mean that it’s taken a beating over the years! Our nativity set is a Fischer Price plastic toy set that includes a baby in a manger, Mary, Joseph, some animals, magi, and an angel who sits atop the roof. If you press down on the angel the song “Away in a Manger” plays. Over the years we have lost characters, the angel’s batteries have died, and thus “Away in a Manger” becomes a limping noise from the small speakers from behind the play set. It’s sweet, and again, very well-loved!

We absolutely love this nativity set! Our kids are invited to enter into the Christmas story acting out the various parts using the figures. Yes, sometimes surprise guests arrive — firetrucks, dollies, action figures, and baseball cards — and they all add character and fun to the story too. Sometimes I ask questions about the different characters, and the kids or I will act them out using the toys. It has been a fun and immersive way to remember the arrival of Jesus during Advent and Christmas season.

Do you have holiday traditions that help you prepare for Advent and Christmas? If you’re looking for some ideas, I invite you to attend the many activities at LOPC through the month of December. Attend the Jingle Bell Jamboree (Dec. 8), Christmas concerts (Dec. 7 – 8), and of course our Family and Traditional Christmas Eve Services (Dec. 24).

Friends, I wish you a very merry Christmas! May you experience the faith, joy, hope, and love of God as you hear and experience anew the story of Christmas. Immanuel — God is with us!

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Christmas Eve Services

Family Service

3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Traditional Service

7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Livestream will be available
for all services.

ALL IS

calm

ALL IS

bright



THOSE WHO DREAM

Advent Sermon Series

Those Who Dream...

12/1 - Keep Awake

12/8 - Prepare the Way

12/15 - Sow Joy

12/22 - Are Not Alone



LOPC
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Amazing Grace-filled Giving

In a recent sermon series, we were asked to take notice of the difference that Grace has made in our own lives — and in that of our community of faith. And we were asked to consider how we felt

when we received Grace: a sense of relief, overwhelming joy, or a deep sense of gratitude.

The Foundation is blessed by our Friends' grace-filled giving, and for that we have a deep sense of gratitude. We are overwhelmed with joy when we can return those gifts to LOPC in support of its many ministries and mission partners.

The LOPC Foundation strives to be a permanent, reliable source of significant funding for LOPC's ministries. To learn more about legacy giving, please reach out to a Foundation trustee or visit lopc.org/foundation.

Christmas Special Offering

This Christmas Special Offering we are highlighting two partners that focus on children's education in India and in Guatemala. Both of these longtime LOPC partners truly change the trajectory of children's futures. Through education, children with Fotokids and Children of Faith can secure better futures for themselves and begin to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their families. Please join us this Christmas season by helping children get access to quality education with Fotokids and Children of Faith!



Fotokids

Nancy McGirr, founder of Fotokids, began her journey as a Reuters photographer in Guatemala and was compelled to help children living in the Guatemala dump dream of a brighter future. She started Fotokids as a means of using photography, graphic design, and media technology as tools for self-expression and ultimately a way to rise up out of poverty. Fotokids is so thankful for LOPC's 33 years of support working together to empower children from vulnerable communities through photography, design, and the latest in media technology. Families in both Guatemala City and Santiago Atitlán are facing huge challenges, but their struggles look different. In the city, people are crammed into tiny spaces, dealing with rising food costs, unstable jobs, and gang violence that makes even going to school

dangerous. In rural Santiago Atitlán, many homes lack reliable water, electricity, or sanitation. Families there rely on seasonal farming and traditional crafts like beadwork and embroidery, but income is scarce and unpredictable. Despite all this, parents everywhere are deeply committed to their kids' education, seeing it as the key to a better future. Fotokids works with these families, offering creative and vocational training that gives kids the skills and hope they need to overcome obstacles and aim for a brighter future. This year, we're excited to welcome 85 new students, each one ready to unlock their potential and creativity. But we need your support to make this happen! Your help doesn't just teach skills, it opens doors, builds confidence, and transforms lives. Thank you for your continued support in changing lives and capturing dreams.

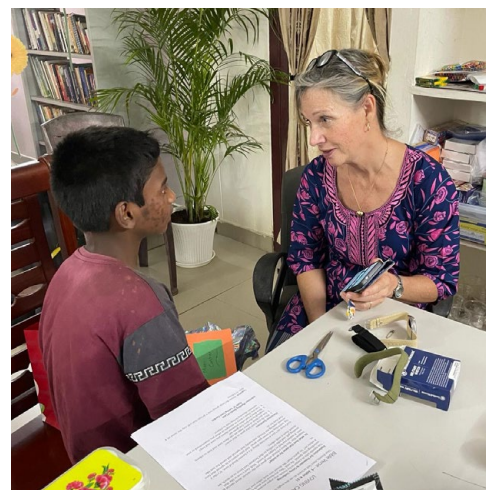
Children of Faith

Children of Faith Missions (COF) provides a secure home and valuable education to 120 vulnerable school-aged children in Visakhapatnam, India. Many of the children served by Children of Faith come from broken homes and are at risk of living on the street. Most are orphans or semi-orphans (meaning they have just one parent) and were in the care of extended family prior to being welcomed at COF. Shelter, nutrition, healthcare, and education are the primary services of COF, all of which are offered in a loving Christian environment. The program was founded by Rosie and Anand Thandu in 2004, who felt God calling them to return to their home country and help children. This past winter, 15 adults from LOPC visited COF, the first visitors from LOPC since the pandemic. Among these visitors was Carrie Wiseman, a retired elementary school teacher. Carrie led the team in several classroom projects that augmented the student's curriculum. This included science projects, writing, and reading. Carrie observed how well the children

work together and care for each other, and they appreciate the opportunity to learn. Graduated children have gone onto careers in nursing, engineering, operating their own small businesses, and more. Carrie said, "They wouldn't have the opportunities for successful careers that lift them out of poverty if not for Children of Faith." COF couldn't continue to transform the lives of young people in India without the generous support of donors like LOPC.

Our goal this Christmas season is to raise \$20,000 to support children's education in both of these organizations! Thank you so much in advance for your generosity!

Donate from December 1 – 31 by writing "Christmas Fotokids/COF" in the memo line of your check or by going to lopc.org/give and selecting "Christmas Fotokids/COF" in the drop-down menu.



holiday hope

Giving Opportunities 2024

Contact Robin Freeberg at robin@lopc.org with questions.



Monument Crisis Center Food Box Assembly

Help a family struggling with food insecurity this holiday season by putting together one or more food boxes. This can be a fun activity to do with family, friends, or a fellowship group. Boxes will be distributed to clients of Monument Crisis Center. Food in these boxes not only provide holiday meals, but more importantly help sustain families after the holidays. Empty boxes will be available beginning on November 17.

1. Pick up an empty box and instructions on the plaza through 12/1 or in the Ministry Center during the week.
2. Return your filled box to LOPC on 12/8 ONLY between 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. A van will be parked in front of the Oak Room to receive your donation. Thank you!

Please go to lopc.org/lovedoes for more information.



White Pony Express Giving Tree Opportunity

The mission of White Pony Express is to eliminate hunger and poverty by delivering abundance all around us to those in need — with love. This Christmas, they are helping to fulfill holiday wishes by collecting gifts to be distributed to clients who would otherwise go without. Look for the Giving Trees located on the plaza after Worship through December 1. All gifts must be returned to the Ministry Office on or before December 8.

1. Choose a star from the Giving Tree.
2. Purchase the item on your star.
3. Return the **unwrapped gift with the star attached** and deposit in the barrel inside the Ministry Center. The last day to return gifts is December 8.

Hope Village Walnut Creek Volunteer Day

Saturday, December 14

Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek

In 2023, LOPC donated funds to Hope Solutions to help build cottage communities including Hope Village Walnut Creek. Hope Village sits on the faith-owned land of Grace Presbyterian Church in Walnut Creek. The community was designed to give low-income seniors a place to call home.

Join other volunteers as we help furnish and prepare a new cottage for each new resident. Help is needed to unbox housewares, wash and put away newly purchased pot and pans, and making beds. In addition, volunteers will make each new cottage feel homey for its new residents.

Look out for more information on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on December 10. Thank you to all who participated in the Hope Solutions Capital campaign and made this dream a reality.

For more information or to sign up go to lopc.org/lovedoes.

Christmas Gift Card Collection for Refugees

This Christmas season, LOPC will be collecting gift cards for Church World Services (CWS.) CWS has partnered with denominations such as PCUSA for more than 70 years to provide support for refugees, immigrants, and asylum-seekers. CWS has recently opened a Norcal office in Walnut Creek to better support individuals in Contra Costa County. Your contribution of \$20–\$50 gift cards to use at Target or grocery stores will enable resettling families to purchase needed items such as food, clothing, and housewares.

Cards must be dropped off at the Ministry Center office by December 8.

the GENEROSITY corner

“The Church’s One Foundation....”

By Alan Coe, Generosity Team Member

“From Him the whole body [the church, in all its various parts], joined and knitted firmly together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, causes the body to grow and mature, building itself up in [unselfish] love.”

– Ephesians 4:16

Just think for a minute about where we have been (pandemic), and more importantly, where we are now, and where we are going!



LOPC has a strong foundation! That foundation – the whole body of the church – enabled us to navigate the pandemic and come out better and stronger. That is cause to celebrate and give thanks!

Let’s start by saying THANK YOU to our staff! Peter Whitelock explained that LOPC established a number of post-pandemic objectives:

- A church that is not defined by place or denomination.
- Comfortable with technology.
- Selective, relevant programming.
- Connected to local community.

- Gracefully inclusive and open.
- Known as the most loving place in town.
- Open to new ideas and approaches.
- Willing to address issues while honoring diversity.
- Delivering a great volunteer experience and allowing staff the opportunity to grow.

In many ways, we are really being called to get back to the basics of providing care and love for our members and the community at large. It is working! Look at the new families taking part in programs, the surge of children in our nursery, the rising numbers of people in worship, the volunteerism that is lifting our mission partners, the numerous community events that LOPC supports, the growth in special needs ministry, the return to weekly programming of our seniors, and on and on.

Thank you LOPC — the church and all of its parts — for making this our place of worship and the most loving place in town!

Amen...

mission

Extended Family Program

Need for Furniture and Household Items

LOPC continues to help the Walnut Creek United Methodist Extended Family Program. Dining tables and chairs, dressers, bedside tables (no beds,) sofas, and other basic household furniture in very good condition are needed so small apartments can be furnished for families who have been previously unhoused.

Smaller kitchen items, bedding (twin, full, queen), and towels in very good condition can be dropped off at the church’s Social Hall adjacent to the lower parking lot at 1543 Sunnyvale Avenue, Walnut Creek on Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – noon.

Make your donation before the end of the year!
Please email a picture of a possible furniture donation with measurements to Randi Long at hrlong13@sbcglobal.net.





FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

First Friday Forum Begins in January Put these Dates on Your 2025 Calendar

The First Friday Forum speaker series provides lectures of importance and interest to the entire community about this ever-changing world sponsored by Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church.



January 3: John Haveman, economist, consultant, author, and media commentator, will present on “The Economics of Migration.” Haveman will shed light on several aspects of immigration that tend to overwhelm the narrative such as crime, government support programs, and jobs and will raise other issues that ought to be contemplated when developing appropriate immigration policy.



February 7: Thomas Boyce, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at UCSF, will speak on “Unlocking the Science of Sensitive Kids: Why Some Children Struggle and How All Kids Can Thrive.” Boyce will discuss his research as a developmental pediatrician working with children living in difficult situations. Some can thrive anywhere, while others have special sensitivities and strengths and need to be nurtured and taught in special ways.



March 7: Robert Todd, innovator, tech executive, and lecturer, will present on “The Dawn of the Artificial Intelligence Age.” Todd has built innovative teams and products at McKinsey & Co, LinkedIn, and San Francisco State University. He has taught a very popular AI course with Berkeley Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.



April 4: Betty Ann Hagenau, director and founder of Freedom Insight will speak on “The Story of Human Trafficking in the Bay Area.” Hagenau, who spent 18 months interviewing former human traffickers, will discuss the suffering, challenges, and successes in addressing this important local tragedy.



May 2: Craig Clements, professor in the Wildfire Interdisciplinary Research Center SJSU will present on “What You Need to Know about Wildfires.” Clements initiated the fire research center in 2007. His insights on the structure of a wildfire help explain how wildfires become so powerful that they create their own weather.



June 6: Danny Wan, Port of Oakland executive director, will speak on “Port of Oakland: Leading Innovative Climate Change and Air Quality Initiatives.” The Port of Oakland generates vital economic activity, community benefits, and environmental innovation. The Port oversees San Francisco Bay Oakland International Airport, the Oakland Seaport, and nearly 20 miles of waterfront.

The programs are offered at 1:30 p.m. on the first Friday of the month January through June and are available simultaneously on the Lafayette campus and via streaming. Attend the programs that interest you with no subscription or entry fee. For more information, go to lopc.org/first-friday-forum.

thursday Fellowship

caring • sharing • loving

A program for Senior Care Ministries

Every Thursday

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

By Julie Peterson, Coordinator

In November, there was so much to be thankful for! We were grateful for the continued growth of our program, both in number of guests attending, and also for the fellowship, camaraderie, and friendships that continue to blossom and grow stronger. Meeting weekly, except for holiday breaks, provides the continuity to build these strong relationships. We are also blessed to have a dedicated group of volunteers who give generously of their time and talents and make our program possible. We have welcomed new guests and new volunteers in the past weeks to add to our already wonderful group.

To accommodate LOPC's hosting of Winter Nights in Fellowship Hall we met in the Oak Room on November 7. We honored our veterans and had a meaningful program by ARF and how they help veterans with PTSD. On November 14, Joe and Gillian Roebuck wowed us with a program on "Remembering our Favorite Songwriters." And on November 21 we enjoyed a Michael Kistner sing along.

We are looking forward to our **three** December gatherings on 12/5, 12/12, and 12/19. We will **not** meet 12/26 and 1/2. We will resume Thursday Fellowship on January 9, 2025.



Looking forward to December:

- **December 5:** Cristina Hussey, New York trained singer and entertainer will perform a variety of musical styles, from Barbra Streisand to Queen.
- **December 12:** Rossmoor's "Moonglow," an octet of singers, will fill Fellowship Hall with Christmas joy!
- **December 19:** Join us for our traditional Christmas Party! Seedlings preschoolers will join us for a visit from Santa, and we will sing our favorite Christmas carols with Mike Kistner leading us.
- **NO THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP December 26 and January 2**

Our typical daily schedule is as follows:

- 11:00 a.m. "Meet and Greet" with snacks and beverages.
- 11:15 a.m. Creative arts and crafts, activity, or light exercise program.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch: Bring a sandwich, and we will provide salad, beverages, and dessert.
- 12:45 p.m. Entertainment.
- 1:30 p.m. Program ends.

We invite you to join us and look forward to welcoming you!

Questions? Contact Julie Peterson at julie@lopc.org for more information.



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Puppet making
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YOUTH Holiday Schedule

▶ For more information, contact jaime@lopc.org or check out the **LOPCYouth Instagram** to sign up!

Christmas Break

No YA: December 29

No YOW: December 25
January 1
January 8

No BTW: December 29
January 5

BTW *By the Way*

BTW Bowling and Bocce Dinner

December 15, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun night of fellowship, food, bowling, and bocce as we kick off the Christmas season together! We will meet at LOPC and head there together. Alumni are always welcome.

BTW Alumni Dinner

December 22

BTW youth and alumni will gather for a Christmas get together on December 22 at the home of one our alumni for food and fellowship!

YOW *Youth on Wednesday*

YOW Christmas Party

December 4

Come and join us for YOW's festive Christmas party! We look forward to celebrating the kick-off of the Christmas season together with games, cookie decorating, Christmas songs, and a wonderful evening of fellowship!

Mediocre Talent Night

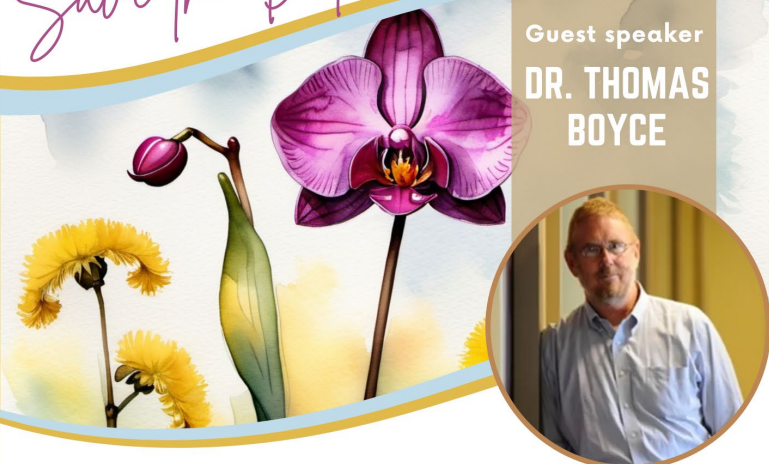
December 11

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by youth group from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Come showcase not-so-great talents at YOW's annual mediocre talent night on December 11! Sing, dance, tell a joke or story! Prizes for the most average performance!

UNLOCKING THE SCIENCE OF SENSITIVE KIDS

Save the Date



Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church
49 Knox Drive Lafayette, CA 94549

1:30PM | FRIDAY | FEB 7

LOPC'S FIRST FRIDAY FORUM WELCOMES

DR. W. THOMAS BOYCE

**UCSF PROFESSOR EMERITUS
PEDIATRICS & PSYCHIATRY**

Why do siblings differ even though they share the same parents and environment? Why do some children appear to flourish despite facing serious obstacles, sometimes even tragedies, yet others wither when confronted with stress, and sometimes end up severely troubled? Dr. W. Thomas Boyce answers these questions in his popular book, *The Orchid and the Dandelion*, and will address these topics for parents, teachers, and all those who engage with children at any level.

All are welcome in person and online.



seedlings



CELEBRATING A WONDERFUL YEAR AND WELCOMING NEW BEGINNINGS

As the holiday season approaches, we take a moment to reflect on the joyous year we've had at Seedlings. This past year, our little learners have thrived in an environment that encourages exploration and imagination. We have cherished the moments of growth, creativity, and new friendships that have blossomed in our classrooms.

As we embrace the holiday spirit, we invite you to celebrate kindness, sharing, and gratitude with us. Family traditions enrich our community, and we love learning about the diverse backgrounds that make our preschool special.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities for continued growth and exploration in the new year. Our commitment remains to foster a nurturing environment where each child feels valued and loved. This year, we created opportunities for parents and special guests to engage with our classrooms by reading stories to our students, which we are excited to carry into 2025.

Thank you for being an integral part of our preschool family. We wish you a warm and joyous holiday season filled with love and cherished memories. May the new year bring fresh beginnings and endless possibilities.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

finance

December Giving Tax Deadline

If you plan to make a year-end gift, LOPC must receive your mailed donation postmarked 12/31/2024 or in-person by 5:00 p.m. on 12/31/2024. There can be no exceptions.

If you are making a stock gift, please notify our accountant, Farah Mohammadzai at farah@lopc.org with the type of stock and how the gift should be applied. The stock must be received in LOPC's brokerage account by 12/31/2024.

Please do not file your 2024 tax return until you receive your year-end LOPC statements, with written acknowledgment of your gifts to LOPC, which will be made in January 2025. Thank you for your generous giving to LOPC!

Double Your Blessings

There are many ways to give of your time, talent, and treasure to LOPC.

Did you know that a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to LOPC offers tax benefits even if you do not itemize? The distribution is not included in your income and is always a tax-free gift. In addition, QCD's from your IRA can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) in whole or in part and are available to make an immediate ministry impact.

If you are a senior and interested in learning more, please confer with your tax advisor to discuss if it is advantageous to fund your LOPC giving out of your required IRA distributions. Thank you for remembering LOPC in your end-of-year giving.

New Ways to Give

Gifts to LOPC can now be made through Venmo and Paypal in addition to credit or debit card, and bank ACH. One-time gifts can be made with Apple Pay and Google Pay.



Please go to lopc.org/waystogive to learn more!

Giving at LOPC

One of the most practical ways you can help is through your financial support so LOPC can share God's love through our ministries.



To give, visit lopc.org/giving, or scan the code on your mobile device.

Can you help LOPC
GROW GRACEFULLY
in 2025?

Pledge Campaign Challenge

ALREADY PLEDGING?

Please consider increasing your pledge.

GIVING TO LOPC BUT NOT PLEDGING?

Pledging helps us prepare a thoughtful budget for the coming year.

NOT GIVING OR PLEDGING?

Now, more than ever, LOPC needs full participation with annual giving.

www.lopc.org/pledge



session

October Session Highlights

By Mark Weaver, Clerk of Session



After Cati Dole opened the meeting by sharing her faith journey, Session approved the consent agenda which included

several motions from our Finance Team. Of particular importance, session approved (1) additional personnel costs related to the hiring of a new Treasurer, Suzanne Ferraro, and (2) a request to receive a \$200,000 grant from the LOPC Foundation to fund the previously approved Kurth Memorial Garden refurbishment and expansion project.

In his report, Clerk of Session Mark Weaver highlighted key upcoming dates, including the Leadership Retreat for Elders, Deacons and Foundation Trustees in February 2025. Pastor Peter Whitelock explained that the retreat will focus on strategic planning and will highlight what we are doing well as a church and determine how to build upon those strengths.

Peter then reported the results of our worship questionnaire, which

received a high number of responses (300+) and had participation across all generations. After reviewing the survey results, discussing with ministry teams, and evaluating budget considerations, session decided not to add a second service at this time, but that there will be continued conversation in the future.

Pastor Lauren Gully then provided a report on Mission. As a church, we engage in three types of mission: (1) direct service (e.g., *love does*), (2) financial support (e.g., special offerings); and (3) advocacy (e.g., Port Chicago, SB4). We have many mission partners (four of whom we raise up for planned special offerings each year). Lauren reported that although volunteerism has improved since the early years of the pandemic, the level of commitment is not at 2019 levels. The number of people in their 50s and 60s who previously were key service program participants (along with their children) has declined. To address this, Lauren, along with Chris Baldwin, developed “community groups” — i.e., larger groups of volunteers who can

be called upon to participate on an as-needed basis.

Next, Finance Elder Jim Nagle stated that ministry teams are working on their 2025 budgets, and that a proposed budget will be brought to session in December, with a request for approval in January. Generosity Team Elder Linus Eukel then provided an update on the Amazing Grace pledge campaign. We seek 100% member participation in giving so that we can fully fund to ministry plans for 2025. Linus urged elders to lead by example and submit their pledge cards right away.

Finally, during Executive Session elders were informed that Pastor Chris Baldwin and his wife, Carly, were in the process of a home purchase in Lafayette. This would not have been possible without the help of LOPC’s Pastor Housing Fund, in which LOPC becomes a part-owner of a pastor’s home and will ultimately recoup its investment (with appreciation) at the time of sale. This benefit attracts and keeps pastors at our church.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**JINGLE BELL
JAMBOREE**

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
FELLOWSHIP HALL

CRAFTS COOKIES
MUSIC SMILES PLAY

QUESTIONS? EMAIL MICHELLE@LOPC.ORG

hold in PRAYER

Prayers of comfort and peace go out to the families and friends of:

Trudy Ausfahl,
who passed on July 4. A service will be held on January 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Christina Dodge,
who passed on October 22. A service will be held on December 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Vayle Mariano,
who passed on October 22.

Larry Rose,
who passed on November 1.

Ben Hemphill,
who passed on November 6.

worship



Sanctuary Flower Sponsorships

2025 Calendar is open!

Each week, LOPC's talented and creative flower team design the large Sanctuary chancel arrangement to enhance the worship experience. Sponsoring the flowers for a Sunday worship service is a beautiful way to celebrate or honor your loved ones. For a \$150 suggested donation to our Flower Fund, your personal dedication will be published in the worship bulletin on the Sunday of your sponsorship, and the flower team will do their best to accommodate any special requests for the arrangement.

Sign up at lopc.org/flowers to confirm your Sunday of choice for 2025.

Join the Flower Team!

The LOPC flower team creates the beautiful arrangements that grace our sanctuary each week. If you have a passion for floral arranging or experience with floral design, being a part of this team is a wonderful way to use your skills!

For information, please email Jayne Hegenbart at hegenbart.jk@gmail.com.

christmas eve POINSETTIAS

This Christmas, LOPC will continue its well-loved tradition of adorning the sanctuary with poinsettias. This year, they will be a festive winter white! You can sign up on the plaza after worship on December 1, December 8, and December 15, or you can mail or drop

this form to the Ministry Center offices. All requests must be received by December 16. A list of poinsettia dedications will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Those who have donated poinsettias may take their plant home with them after the final Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Eve
Poinsettias

Yes! I/We would like to donate a poinsettia to adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve.



Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

OR

In Honor of: _____

Email: _____ Amount: _____ Cash Check

Paid by (circle)

Poinsettia donations are \$20 each. Please make checks payable to LOPC. Please fill out this form and return to the Ministry Center Office by December 16.





**LAFAYETTE-ORINDA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
49 Knox Drive
Lafayette, CA 94549



info@lopc.org
925-283-8722

IMPORTANT

Dated Material
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BEFORE 12/1/24

Thank you!

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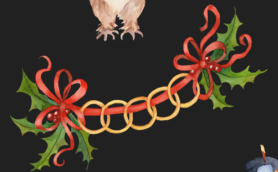


Twelve Days *of* Christmas



with the LOPC Choir and Orchestra

Reserve tickets today at lopc.org/christmas.



**Saturday
December 7**

**Sunday
December 8**

1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.



Join us for this musical countdown of cherished traditions and fresh favorites!