



Welcome to  
**FirstChristianChurch**  
of North Hollywood (Disciples of Christ)

We Make  
the Road by  
Walking

A VOICE CRIES OUT:  
In the wilderness prepare the  
way of the Lord, make straight in  
the desert a highway for  
our God. - ISAIAH 40:3

4390 Colfax Avenue | North Hollywood, CA 91604  
Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Hall, Senior Pastor  
Taulau Tupua, Associate Pastor of Youth and Mission  
Jennifer Le'au, Director of Children's Ministries  
Alfredo Gomez & Loydi Rivas Gomez, Pastors, Spanish Speaking Congregation

# ORDER OF SERVICE

10:00 am – 3 December 2023 – First Sunday of Advent



\* WHERE INDICATED, PLEASE RISE AS YOU ARE ABLE  
PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Prelude	<i>Lo, How a Rose</i> (arr. Sharon Elery Rogers)	David Rigsby
Choral Call to Worship	<i>Prepare Ye</i> (Stephen Reinhardt)	Chancel Choir
Call to Worship		Pastor Taulau Tupua
Lighting of the Advent Candle		David & Felicita Prentice
Advent Carol	<i>One Candle Is Lit</i>	#128 (verse 1)
*Opening Hymn	<i>People Look East</i>	#142
Announcements   Opening Prayer		Craig Harris
Special Music	<i>We Need a Little Christmas</i> (Jerry Herman)	Lucy Zavala - Solo
Welcome		Pastor Taulau Tupua

At this time, children are invited to come down to the steps of the chancel.

Children's Message		Jennifer Le'au
Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 653)	read by Craig Harris
Choral Call to Prayer	<i>O Come, Let Us Adore Him</i> (arr. Richard Kingsmore)	Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	#307
Sermon	<i>We Make the Road By Walking</i>	Pastor Jonathan Hall
Special Music	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> (Dan Forrest) - LYRICS BELOW	Jon Butler - Solo

VERSE 1 - CHANCEL CHOIR & CONGREGATION

Come, thou long-expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

VERSE 3 - CHANCEL CHOIR & CONGREGATION

Born thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

VERSE 2 - CHANCEL CHOIR ONLY

Offertory Meditation		Jon Butler
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Gifts offered in this service will be received in the offering plates.

Offering envelopes are available in the envelope holders on the back of the pews for your convenience.

Offertory Music		John Dickson
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Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	#47
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving		Jon Butler
Communion Hymn	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	#160
Communion Meditation		Sarah Lord
Words of Institution		Pastor Jonathan Hall
Partaking of the Lord's Supper		
Partake of the elements as you receive them. The communion wine is non-alcoholic. Your finished communion cup may be placed in the center of the tray.		
Communion Music	<i>The Wexford Carol</i> (arr. Jeff Jones)	Jeff Jones - Guitar
*Invitation Hymn	<i>Christians, All, Your Lord is Coming</i>	#136
(Those who wish to unite with the church are invited to come forward at this time.)		
*Benediction		Pastor Jonathan Hall
Benediction Response	<i>Let There Be Peace on Earth</i>	#677
Postlude	<i>Lift Up Your Heads</i> (arr. Lani Smith)	David Rigsby



Following the service, please join us upstairs in the Social Hall for refreshments and a Meet & Greet.

## — TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS —

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hall - Senior Pastor  
 Pastor Taulau Tupua - Associate Pastor of Youth and Mission  
 Jennifer Le'au - Director of Children's Ministries  
 David Rigsby - Music Director | Organist  
 Jennifer Le'au - Director of Children's Ministries  
 Craig Harris - Worship Leader  
 Jon Butler - Offertory Elder  
 Sarah Lord - Communion Elder

### VOCALS

Lucy Zavala - Solo

### MUSICIANS

John Dickson - Piano | Jeff Jones - Guitar



Flowers provided by *Floral Crush Studio*.

— CHANCEL FLOWER DONATIONS —

*In Memory of Marilyn Claire Myers—Happy Birthday in Heaven. Love, Mom, Robert, Karen and Robbie.*



Sound Enhancement Equipment is available, please see one of the Elders for assistance.

# upcoming EVENTS

## **TODAY** 11:30 Meet & Greet

Elders' Advent Meditation booklets available  
5:30pm IMAGO DEI Film in the Social Hall  
Christmas Tree Lot Now Open  
HOURS: FRI 4-8pm • SAT & SUN 10am-8pm

## **THIS WEEK**

TUES 10am Zoom Bible Study w/Ed Esau  
6:30pm Online Game Night  
WED 7pm Men's Group via Zoom  
FRI 7:30pm Women2Women Meeting via Zoom  
SAT 2pm & 7pm *Dona Nobis Pacem: A Concert  
for Christmas Peace*

## **JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

12/10 10am Children's Christmas Pageant  
11:30am CWF Bake Sale/Jewelry Sale  
6pm Poinsettia Orders Deadline  
12/16 7:30am Operation Santa Claus  
12/20 7pm Longest Night Service  
12/24 10am Worship Service  
5pm Live Nativity  
5:30pm Family Worship Service  
11pm Candlelight Service

For details on any of these listings please check your newsletter or visit the website ([fccnh.org](http://fccnh.org)). If you're not signed up to receive the weekly newsletter you can do so by contacting the church office at 818.763.8218 or emailing [glenda@fccnh.org](mailto:glenda@fccnh.org).

## WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

**NOTE: Now you can donate  
to the church via Zelle [offering@fccnh.org](mailto:offering@fccnh.org).**

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Venmo@fccnh.org  
Zelle to [offering@fccnh.org](mailto:offering@fccnh.org)  
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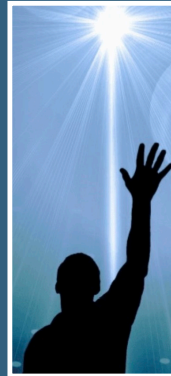
PRESENTS

## IMAGO DEI

an inspirational  
multimedia video

**TONIGHT • 5:30pm**  
*in the Social Hall*

written and performed only  
once in 1985, IMAGO DEI is a  
contemporary Christian mass for  
the Christmas season. IMAGO DEI:  
Latin for "the image of God"



**SPONSORED BY:** Roz Noziska, Ted Mantz, and  
Richard Follett as a Christmas gift to the members  
and friends of FCCNH. Refreshments to follow. In  
the tradition of Ken Burns and with the inspiration  
of the Holy Spirit, the 46-minute IMAGO DEI now  
has 373 glorious visuals giving it a new breath of  
life. Join us to be imbued with this Holy Wonder!

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SAVE THE DATES

**JUNE 10–AUGUST 2**  
FOR FCCNH SUMMER CAMPS

Specific Camps, dates and details  
will be announced here as soon as those  
decisions have been finalized.