

NOTES

Parents

Children will be dismissed partway through the service to their class in the multi-purpose room. Parents and toddlers, there is a room upstairs with speakers and a sightline to the auditorium.

Offering

We pass the offering bags around on Sunday mornings both as a reminder for supporters of this church to give regularly and to be thankful for those who do. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please do not feel obligated to give.

PASTORAL TEAM

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 Midtown Guest / Password MTC-2020

10 a.m. Sunday, December 17, 2023 **Welcome!**



PROMISE

Message: 'While Shepherds Watched'

Pastor Dave Kirsch

Third Advent: JOY—The Shepherd Candle

The shepherds received a message of joy!

"...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger'. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests'. When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about'." Luke 2:7-15



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEA & COFFEE

Please stay for tea & coffee and fellowship after the service.



2024 CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Please talk to an usher to pick up your copy of our 2nd and final Addendum to our 2024 Church Photo Directory. If you don't have a directory and/or you missed getting the 1st Addendum, please see an usher we have copies for each family.

WHITE CROSS

We will not be meeting in December but will resume in the New Year, meeting the last Wednesday of each month beginning January 31, 2024. Please see Terri Miller for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

4:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 24

We are gathering for our Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m., and we invite you to return in the afternoon for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:00 p.m.



*"Connecting the unconnected to Jesus
Christ and together becoming
fully devoted to Him"*



PRAYER & PRAISE

BCBA CHURCH OF THE WEEK

Hartland Baptist Church

Pastor Joel Carlaw (Lead Pastor)



NAB CHURCH PLANTERS OF THE WEEK

Chris & Laurie Finchum,

CityWalk Church

In Yuba City, CA



For twenty years, Chris and Laurie prayed for God to send people to plant life-giving churches in Yuba City, Laurie's hometown. The Holy Spirit prompted them while visiting family there in 2016 that they were the people they had been praying for. Citywalk is a church that seeks to walk people into a growing relationship with Jesus, whether they are a long-time follower or just investigating faith. Pray for the whole team at Citywalk as they work to establish a second campus in neighboring Marysville, seeking to serve their cities with the grace and goodness of Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We will continue to process offerings to Midtown & Mountain View separately until the end of 2023. Receipts will be also be issued separately (Feb.2024)

NEW IN 2024

Beginning January 1, 2024, we will be receiving offerings together under "Midtown Church." After your first donation, an offering number will be assigned to you for bookkeeping purposes.

Giving can be done in three ways:

1. **Cheques or Cash** in an offering envelope
2. **Interac e-Transfers** through your online banking account. E: theoffice@mymidtown.church.
3. **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)**. See Mandy for details, or check out our website to download the form. Go to www.mymidtown.church and click on the 'Giving' tab.