



Welcome . We are thrilled to have you join us at Fruitvale .

We believe in joining together to worship as God's extended family, where all generations participate together in community.

Please turn off your cell phone (or set to vibrate). Thank you.

– **We want to hear God calling all of us in worship!**

“\*” PLEASE STAND (AS YOU ARE ABLE)

CONGREGATION TO READ ALOUD/SING THE **BOLD PRINT**

**Meditation:** Having found joy, love, hope, and peace this season, how do we carry forward the message of Christmas? How do we live like it is Christmas all year long?

### COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude:	Halsworthy Church Bells	Jerry Martin
Welcome and Invitation to Worship		Caroline Yee
Prayer of Preparation		Caroline Yee

\***Gathering Song:** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #22 (HYMNAL)

\***Opening Affirmation** (from the Iona Community) Fruitvale Youth

One: God of Creation, shaper of sea and stars,  
of planets and of people,

**People: God is here with us.**

One: God, born in Bethlehem,  
gurgling, crying, laid in a manger,

**People: God is here with us.**

One: God, breath of the universe,  
flickering, dancing in the candle flame,

**People: God is here with us.**

One: God, Immanuel, amongst us, within us,

**All: We bring ourselves and our dreams,  
For we want to be here with you.**

**Christmas Hymn:** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, #37* (HYMNAL)

**Prayer Confession:**

Merciful God, even though we know you bring light into the deepest darkness, we don't always live as if that is true. Even

**though we know we are chosen and loved, we don't always live as if that is true. Even though we know that you walked among us as Emmanuel, we don't always live as if that is true. Show us how to repent of meanness, greed, arrogance and hatred. Clothe us in your love, wrapping our beings with your light, so that we are changed, always living as if you are among us, always living as if we know your truth. Amen.**

Moment of Silence and Personal Reflection

Assurance of God's Forgiveness and Grace:	Abigail King Kaiser
* <b>Passing of the Peace:</b> <i>Ping An</i>	(CHINESE)
Musical Response <i>Halle Halle Hallelujah</i>	#66 (SONGBOOK)
FEEL FREE TO RESPOND WITH JOY BY PLAYING ONE OF THE INSTRUMENTS IN THE BASKET!	
Sharing with the Children	Joan Curtis
Announcements	
Happy Birthday January Friends!	

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

Prayer of Illumination	Caroline Yee
Readings from the Prophets:	I Samuel 2: 18-20, 26
Readings from the Psalms:	Psalms 148
Readings from the Epistles:	Colossians 3:12-17
Leader: The Word of the Lord	
<b>People: Thanks be to God</b>	

### APPLYING GOD'S WORD TO OUR DAILY LIFE IN THE WORLD

Sermon:	<i>Being Christmas People</i>	Rev. Leslie Veen
* <b>Responsive Song:</b> <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	#28	(HYMNAL)

### WE RESPOND TO GOD BY GIVING OF OURSELVES

Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer -	Gary Yee
Invitation to Offer Our Pledges and Gifts to Do God's Mission	
Offertory: <i>On Wings of Song</i>	Jerry Martin
* <b>Song of Praise</b> <i>Doxology</i>	

* <b>Prayer of Dedication</b>	Gary Yee
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### GOD SENDS US TO SERVE IN THE WORLD IN JESUS' NAME

* <b>Sending Song:</b> <i>Thuma Mina</i>	#39 (HYMNAL)
* Charge and Benediction	Abigail King Kaiser
Musical Amen: Bouree in G	Jerry Martin