

GATHERING
WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY
Assisting Minister (*Assistant*) Anja Damazyn
Lector (*L*): John Caldwell
Choir Director/ Pianist: Alice Kubo



ADVENT I
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021
9:30AM WORSHIP

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Greening of the Sanctuary

Invitation to Worship

Please be seated, silence your cell phones and prepare your hearts.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ALICE KUBO

*Before the Prelude, speak to one another. During the Prelude, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you. During the week, let God speak through you.*

MEDITATION MOMENT

*"Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away"*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity ✠ one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber,
the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

**All: we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside.
To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in
your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all.
Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell
peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that
your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here ✠ Jesus Christ, our
Savior.

All: Amen

MEDITATION MOMENT

“Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away”

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;
from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;
dear de - sire of ev-'ry na - tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835


GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

KYRIE

Choir



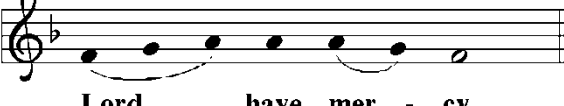
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Choir



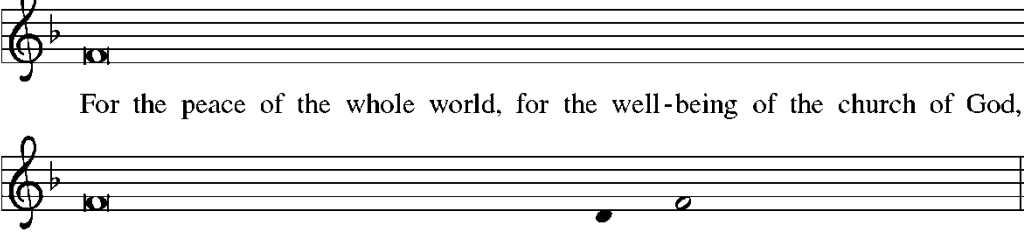
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All



Lord, have mer - cy.

Choir



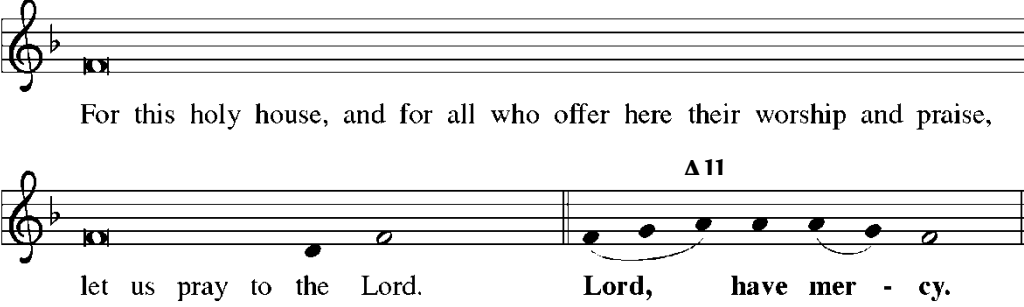
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All



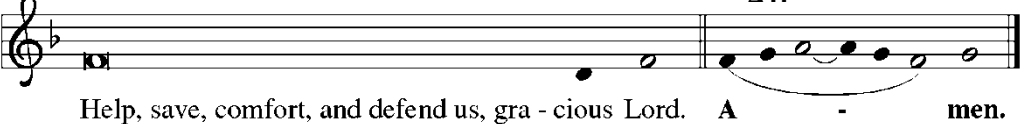
Lord, have mer - cy.

Choir



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Choir



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Choir



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

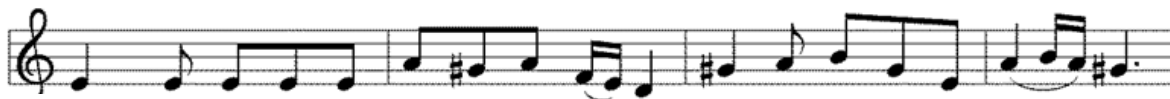
Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us join in prayer:

All: **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH



Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NRSV)

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name – "The LORD is our righteousness" – proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

Lector: **Word of the Lord.**

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25 (NRSV) Read responsively

Lector: To you, O LORD,

All: **I lift up my soul.**

Lector: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,

All: **nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Lector: Let none who look to you be put to shame;

All: **rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.**

Lector: Show me your ways, O LORD,

All: **and teach me your paths.**

Lector: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

All: **in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Lector: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
All: **for they are from everlasting.**

Lector: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
All: **remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

Lector: You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
All: **therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

Lector: You lead the lowly in justice
All: **and teach the lowly your way.**

Lector: All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
All: **to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NRSV)


Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Pastor: God be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

LUKE 21:25-36 (NRSV)

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Pastor Dave Miller

Preaching brings God's word of law and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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CREED

Pastor: Let us profess our faith.

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and loved among us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; who descended into hell,
and on the third day rose from the dead; Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

Each petition ends, "Here us, O God." We respond, "Your mercy is great."

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect.
Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

PEACE

Pastor: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share that peace with one another.

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

OFFERING *You may also leave your offering in the church office during the week, mail it in to the church or give online from our website.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

EMMANUEL

CHOIR

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assistant: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

All **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

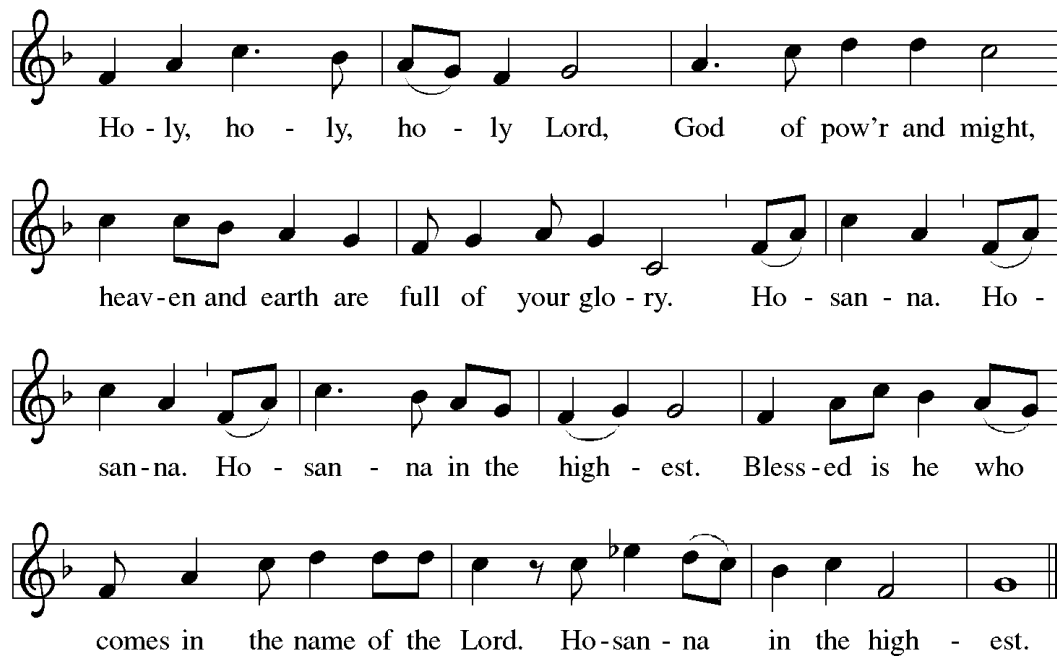
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: Holy One, the beginning and the end...

Pastor: We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Bring the gift of peace on earth:

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

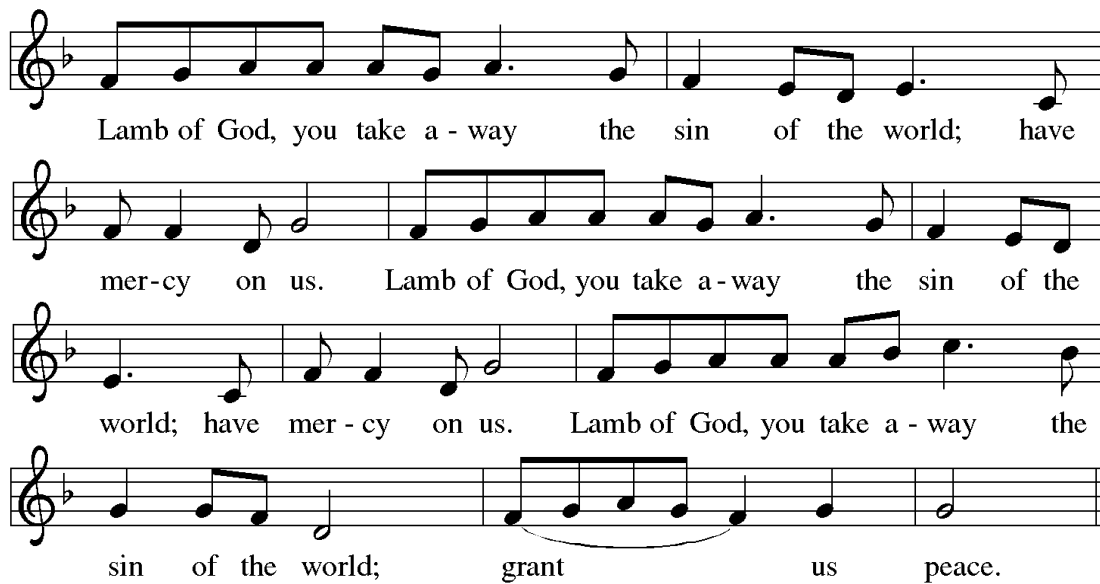
Pastor: Let us join the Lord's prayer.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be
your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

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Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*You may be seated. The ushers will invite you forward for communion.
Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.
White grape juice is in the center area of the communion trays.
Those at home may partake of bread and wine as they wish.*

LAMB OF GOD**BLESSING**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We ask God to help us extend the blessing of the table in our lives and in the world.

Pastor: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

All: Amen.

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

BLESSING

Pastor: God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is near.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers...
 ... are given to the glory of God

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

In November, our Second Mile Giving Partner is ELCA World Hunger. Thanks to the ministry of ELCA World Hunger, families and communities who once knew hunger now give thanks for daily bread.

Our offering for World Hunger will be matched! Please give generously.

WOMEN'S ADVENT BRUNCH

The women will gather in person for the annual Advent Brunch this year on December 4 at 10:30 a.m. Reservation forms are available in the narthex.

Deadline is TODAY. Only 60 women can be seated.

THANK YOU!

To all who contributed to the Ritter House food drive in honor of Brian Mattson. They received 147 canned items, plus 32 additional units (rolls, potatoes, etc.) for a total of 179 units. The folks served by Ritter House have been blessed by your generosity in Brian's memory.

SOCKS

Don't forget our homeless brothers and sisters, especially as the weather gets colder and wet! Socks are always needed and right now the sock barrel is hungry and needs to be fed with new pairs of socks! It is the blue barrel by the Sanctuary doors. Thank you!

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MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

On Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. and each following Wednesday through the 22nd, Bridges Conference of the Sierra Pacific Synod has organized YouTube Holden Evening Prayer worship. Bridges Conference consists of ELCA congregations in Marin, Napa and the East Bay. Different congregations will lead worship each week, and All Saints will be hosting on December 15th. On the 15th, we encourage all to gather in the Sanctuary as we lead Holden Evening Prayer. Several friends at Good Shepherd will join and assist us for this service. Meanwhile be sure to log onto

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcb87T-S-XAJd4JRHTTrP_Q

(A clickable link will be on email as well)

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS
NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 5, 2021

- TODAY:** **ADVENT I**
Hybrid Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Cross Church – 1:00 p.m.
Al Anon – 7:15 p.m.
AA – 8:30 p.m.
- MONDAY:** NMA – 7:00 -9:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY:** Church Office 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
WW – 8:30 a.m.
Cross Church – 7:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:** Church Office 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Choir – 7:00 p.m.
Holden Evening Prayer (youtube) 7:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY:**
- FRIDAY:** Church Office 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Cross Church Prayer – 7:00 p.m.
- SATURDAY:** *Cross Church, Prayer – 6:30 a.m.*
Advent Brunch – 10:30 a.m.
- SUNDAY:** **ADVENT II**
Hybrid Worship – 9:30 a.m.
Lutheran Social Services Speaker – 10:30 a.m.
Cross Church – 1:00 p.m.
Al Anon – 7:15 p.m.
AA – 8:30 p.m.



Holiday Share & Toy Drive Campaign

Help us bring the magic of the holidays to vulnerable children and families in Marin!

Our Holiday Share Toy & Drive Campaign has been bringing the magic of the holidays to vulnerable children and families in North Marin for 49 years. This treasured program serves families facing financial hardship during the holidays

**Go to
<https://www.northmarincs.org/news-events/>
to learn about the families we are serving this year and shop for a family in need.
If you prefer to purchase a gift card,
Target gift cards at \$25 and \$50 values
are welcomed for teens.**

***Please do not wrap the toys.**



Please drop off items on
December 10, 13 and 14 from
10:00 am to 3:00 pm or
December 12 from
2:00 to 5:00 pm
at 680 Wilson Ave, Novato.

Monetary donations and gift
cards can be **donated**
online or sent to North Marin
Community Services, attn:
Holiday Share, 680 Wilson
Ave, Novato, CA 94947.

Thank you!

North Marin Community Services (NMCS) is an established nonprofit organization that serves more than 6,000 people in need each year through programs that connect people to food, housing, educational opportunities, physical & emotional wellness and more! Learn more at www.northmarincs.org. Contact us to inquire about volunteer and giving opportunities that help us create a stronger community, with opportunities for all.

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