Invitation

Advent is a season of holy waiting. As the days grow shorter, we light one candle at a time and make room in our hearts for the coming of Jesus, the Light the darkness cannot overcome.

Whether this season finds you full of joy, carrying grief, or simply longing for rest, there is a place for you here. Castro Valley United Methodist Church invites you to journey with us through Advent and Christmas in worship, music, fellowship, and service as we prepare to welcome the Christ child once again.

Come as you are. You are welcome here.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Akesa Po'oi Fakava, Pastor

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Advent & Christmas

2026

AT CASTRO VALLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Advent

Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Each Sunday we light a candle on the Advent wreath.



HOPE

First Sunday of Advent
Sun., Nov. 29, 2026



PEACE

Second Sunday of Advent
Sun., Dec. 6, 2026



JOY

Third Sunday of Advent
Sun., Dec. 13, 2026
Christmas Cantata



LOVE

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sun., Dec. 20, 2026

Sermon Series

with Pastor Akesa

Special Events



Holiday Tea & Boutique

Fri., Dec. 5, 2026
Boutique: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tea: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Enjoy tea, treats, and holiday shopping with friends old and new.



Christmas Cantata

Sun., Dec. 13, 2026 |10:00 AM
Our choir, led by Music Director Matt Bourne, shares the Christmas story in song.



Christmas Caroling

Thurs., Dec. 17, 2026
Join us as we carry Christmas cheer to our neighbors, followed by dinner together.



Blue Christmas

Mon., Dec. 21, 2026 |6:00 PM
On the longest night of the year, we make space for all who carry grief or loss this season. Join us in the Chapel for a quiet service of candlelight, prayer, and hope.

Christmas Eve



FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

A service for all ages and young families, with Holy Communion and special music.

7:00 p.m.



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Close the night with carols, Scripture, and the glow of candlelight as we welcome the birth of Jesus.

10:00 p.m.

