

## The Night before Christmas

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'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through  
the earth, Every creature was stirring, awaiting a birth.

The time for Messiah was certainly near,  
The prophets foretold it; the Bible was clear.

From the book of beginnings, the very first sin,  
God's word made it clear how His grace entered in.  
Born of a virgin, He'd come as a man.

The Creator among us, the time was at hand.

The stars were arranged to show marvelous things,  
Setting Wise Men to journey and find the true King.

Shepherds in Bethlehem gazed on the sky,  
Longing to see him, their Lord the Most High.

How could they know that the very next night,  
An angel of God would speak words of delight?  
How the Savior was born, it was news of great joy.

In a cloth and a manger they'd find the dear boy.

And a heavenly host would soon join to sing  
Of the glory of God and of wonderful things.

He entered creation, set position aside  
To show us how deeply his love did abide.

Sin sent us away from our almighty Lord.

He became one of us that we might be restored.

He's the Prince of our Peace; He's the one who makes  
whole. He is Wisdom Incarnate, a Shepherd of Souls.

He's the Author of Life; He's the Ruler of All.

He can offer salvation, on His name we call.

The shepherds and Wise Men would bow to adore  
Holy God among men, our greatest reward.

All glory and honor is due to this King.  
Let all join in worship; let every tongue sing.

Jesus is Lord, all creation proclaims.

He's the first and last, He is always the same.

History turned on the first Christmas day,  
When God became man in a humble display.

As we think of the manger in which He was laid,  
Let our hearts welcome Him in to stay once again,

As we celebrate redemption this Christmas day!

## Week at a Glance

Today	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	4:32pm
Sunday	NO Pathfinders Tonight!	
Tuesday	Harvest Share	8:00 am
	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	11:00 am
Wednesday	Bulletin Information Deadline	3:00 pm
	Prayer Power Group	7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	4:37 pm
	Agape Feast & Communion	6:00 pm
Next Sabbath:	Sabbath School Classes	9:30 am
	Offering: Church Budget	
	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	4:37 pm

**Do You Have An Urgent Prayer Request?** To start the prayer chain please call the church office (503) 661-4100.

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## Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church



*Growing Disciples*  
*Preparing People to Meet Jesus*

December 24, 2016



## Exploring the Way

### Small Groups

9:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

*Please visit our information desk in the lobby for a complete list of Sabbath School Groups. We invite you to join the group of your choice. We have groups for ALL ages!*

### Worship

11:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M

Prelude	Brent Sumaraga
Welcome	Pastor Gene
Praise Time	Praise Team
Children's Story	Pastor Gene
Our Gift to God	"OC Youth Support" Everyone
Offertory	Brent Sumaraga
Worship in Song	Natalya Osina
Worship in Word	Pastor Gene
<b>"Shepherding Your Fears"</b>	
Prayer Song	"Tell Me the Story of Jesus" #152
Prayer Garden	Barbara Specht
Postlude	Brent Sumaraga

*Sermon Audio available at [RockwoodAdventist.com](http://RockwoodAdventist.com)*

## Rockwood Community News

**Our Annual "Thanks & Memorials"** are in your bulletins today. "Thank You" to those who participated this year.

**Harvest Share** - Come help share fresh fruits and veggies with those in need on Tuesday, December 27, at 8:00 am.

**Attention All Deacons** - We will have a meeting for ALL deacons on Thursday, December 29, at 7:00 pm. We have some things to discuss, and we will also set up for the communion service/Agape Feast on December 30.

**Agape Feast & Communion Service** on Friday, December 30, at 6:00 pm.

**Membership Transfers In** - 2nd Reading: Angel Laurencio & Bertha (Betty) Soriano Laurencio from Cuba Adventist Seminary Church; David & Donna Scott from Fresno Central; Tim, Brenda, Kristen and Juliana Zollbrecht from Tabernacle.

**Revive-2017** - Join us for a special 10 day email revival series at FAST Missions! It starts January 1 and it's FREE! Learn how to experience more of God's Spirit in your life. <http://www.fastmissions.com>

**The Christmas Card Box** will be in the lobby through January 14, 2017. Please remember to check for cards that have been addressed to you!

**Children's Safety** is a priority at Rockwood Adventist. The Child Protection Policy and Guidelines are available on the bulletin board. Parents please escort your children to the restrooms and be aware of their whereabouts at all times.

## Other News and Events

**The Oregon Conference** Nominating Committee invited Dan Linrud to become our next Oregon Conference president. He has accepted and will begin the transition immediately.

**First Friday at Adventist Medical Center** on January 6, 2017, from 7:15 - 8:30 pm in the lower level amphitheaters.

First Fridays are a time of music and spiritual fellowship and we would like to encourage you to join us. The January First Friday service will feature praise and worship by the Sharon church praise team and an inspirational thought from Patty Danielson. Registration for the free January 6 First Friday soup and salad dinner will open on December 19 and will run through Wednesday, January 4. Be sure to reserve your spot! Remember that registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and each dinner guest must register separately. Soup and salad will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 6.

**Walla Walla University** will host a free online webinar for prospective students and their parents titled "How to Pay for College" on Wednesday, January 11, at 4:00 pm, and again at 7:00 pm. This 40-minute presentation will be led by experts from WWU Student Financial Services team and the Marketing and Enrollment Services team. After the presentation, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. Register at [sfs.wallawalla.edu/webinars](http://sfs.wallawalla.edu/webinars)

**Support Big Lake This Winter** - This year we have been working to help Big Lake expand their winter program. We have helped them get over 400 ice skates and an ice skating rink for this winter. We need your help. We have someone who's willing to donate \$3,000 as a matching grant for every dollar we can raise. Would you be willing to donate some so we can buy new cross country skis and maybe some more snow shoes? We have till the end of December to raise the money. Go to Big Lake's page and click on the "Support Big Lake This Winter", or call (503) 850-3585 with a credit card, or write them a check and mail it to: Big Lake Youth Camp, 19800 Oatfield Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027.

**Heart Help Presents "The Passenger,"** a Women's Group by Drs. Ron & Nancy Rockey. This 10-week series begins on Wednesday, January 25, from 7-9 pm at Healing Hope SDA Church, 15150 NE Glisan. Details are on the bulletin board.