



# *Christmas Through The Classics*

## *"Misfits Fitting In"*

**Order of Worship****December 02, 2018****\*\*please rise as you are able in Body or Spirit***Prelude**Call to Worship (9 am only)**Announcements (11am only)**Opening Songs-**Opening Prayer**Welcome**Passing of Peace**Reading*                    ***John 1:14-18 (Amplified)****Sermon-*                    ***"Misfits Fitting In!"***  
***Rev. Keith Mozingo****Sermon Response\*\***Announcements (9 am only)**Offering/Making Ministry Happen**Prayers of the People\*\***Communion**Song of Sending-**Benediction\*\**

Dear Saints,



Thank you for sharing YOUR testimonies last week, as we celebrated Thanksgiving in our worship services last Sunday. Thank you all for helping us feed more than 50 young people on Thanksgiving Day who have no permanent residence. And thank you for joining us for some great fellowship time as well!

While I'm rejoicing at all that God has done for us, my heart has been really heavy for our siblings coming up to our Southern border. The LGBTQ folks were the first to arrive, and others are arriving daily. I am looking at the possibility of joining some interfaith groups to head down to the border to let them know we stand in solidarity with them and are praying for their safety. I'll keep you posted on this issue.

This Sunday, we begin the Advent season with our Advent sermon theme being, "Christmas Through The Classics." Each week, we will look at the Gospel through some classic (and maybe not so classic) movies for the holiday season. This Sunday, we'll base the message on *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and coordinate it with John 1:14-18 (Amplified). The sermon is entitled, *Misfits Fitting In*. I hope you'll join us for each Sunday's worship during Advent as well as Christmas Eve.

God bless.

Pastor Keith

**Founders MCC Core Values:** *Love, Inclusion, Social Justice, Diversity, Spirituality, Acceptance***Founders MCC Vision Statement** We see our church as a community of faith, goodness, respect and union for all members regardless of race, color, language, immigration status, gender identity or sexual orientation. We see it as the house of Christ where our fundamental values of spirituality, love, social justice, diversity and inclusiveness and the feeling of community prevail.**Mission of Founders MCC:** *Being the hands, feet, and heart of Christ here at Home, in our Community, and our World as we are called.*

# Welcome First Time Visitor

We are honored that you are worshipping with us this morning. Our community is diverse and come from many different traditions, backgrounds and life situations. Wherever you are on your life or Spiritual Journey you are welcome at Founders MCC. Here are answers to a few common questions that we hope will make your visit more pleasant:

## Greeting one another in Service

Following our opening song we pause to greet and welcome one another. Feel free to participate in these greetings as much or as little as you would like.

## Social time following worship

Each Sunday we offer snacks and beverages following worship. It is a great way to get to know a few people and find answers to your questions. Social time usually takes place in Fellowship Hall (listed on the Helpful Information section) and on occasion in the court yard.

## Video Recording

Our worship services are live streamed as well as archived on our website for international distribution. If you do not wish to be recorded, please sit in the rear right section of the main floor, pulpit side.

## Communion

We serve communion each Sunday and it is open to everyone. We use wafers and unfermented grape juice.

- Ushers help direct when and where to go for communion
- Servers dip a small wafer in juice, serve you and offer a brief blessing
- You may serve yourself. Just let the server know your preference.
- You may ask for a blessing from the server without receiving the bread and juice.
- You may receive communion alone or with a loved one(s).
- You may also take communion without a server at the private station to the right of the pulpit on the main floor.
- You need not receive communion and may remain in your seat.
- You are invited to use this time for personal reflection or join in singing songs during communion.

# Helpful Information

## Elevator Access

Elevator access to the Theatre, Fellowship Hall, and the Rodney, Gandhi, Rosa Parks, and Upper Rooms is available via the rear Rodney Avenue entrance.

## Baby Changing Facilities

A restroom with baby changing facilities is located up the stairs from the Sanctuary Lobby.

## Parking

Free parking is available at Barnsdall Park and for a small fee at the Bank of America parking lot.

## Restrooms

Located at the east and west ends of the Sanctuary Lobby, and off the west side of Courtyard. Handicap facilities are located off the Courtyard and in the Lower Level near the Fellowship Hall.

## Flowers At The Altar

You may provide the altar flowers for any given Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one, etc. Your donation will be acknowledged in the Worship Bulletin if you so desire. Contact the Church Office for further information.

## Today's Worship Service

Click on the "Watch Us" tab of our website to view today's Services. Recent Services are also available.

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**A Founders Christmas Carol - December the 25<sup>th</sup>** “A Christmas Carol,” written by Charles Dickens in 1843, has become synonymous with the holiday season, and with good reason. This heartwarming story of repentance, redemption, and the transformative power of love and charity is especially poignant during the season of goodwill to all.

**Narrator, of Scrooge:** “And it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us!”

Join us on Christmas Day for **CAROLS and FEASTING** as we bring the Christmas Spirit to LGBTQ youth who have no place to call their home.

**Scrooge:** “I don’t know what to do! I am as light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a school-boy. I am as giddy as a drunken man. A merry Christmas to every-body! A happy New Year to all the world!”



“You Shop, Amazon gives!”

**Altar Guild Training on December 2 & 16 at 10 AM!**

There will be Altar Guild Training delivered by Garrett our Altar Guild Coordinator on the above dates. For those who are interested in serving on the Altar Guild ministry this is a valuable training that you want to be sure not to miss. This is also a good refresher course for seasoned ministry personnel who already work in this valuable ministry! Please meet Garrett Klindt, who will conduct the training, at the altar at 10:00 a.m.



**News from Trans\*Unity**

1. Make way for the new, it’s that time to empty your closets, donate “clutter -N- stuff” for last yard-sale in 2018. Others less fortunate need use of your “treasures”. Every dollar raised supports FMCC activities in 2019. Contact Ina Serene and Trans\*Unity for details.
2. Donate blankets to help those folks sleeping rough; nights get colder towards Christmas time! See Ina Serene or any Trans\*Unity member.

**Amazon Smile**

Did you know that one way to contribute to FMCC is to simply name FMCC as your charity of choice when you order online from Amazon? Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select "Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles." Amazon will then contribute a part of your purchase to FMCC!

**Founders MCC's  
Holiday  
Toy drive**

**Donate new unwrapped toys  
and bring a smile to a child in  
Mexico this holiday season  
Sundays thru January 6**



**THANK YOU TO OUR FAITHFUL FAIRIES & ENCHANTING ELVES**

**Special thanks to all those who came out to share your gifts of decorating and labors of love to transform our worship space for Advent and increase our anticipation of the celebration of Christ’s birth and place in each of our lives this Christmas Season. God bless us everyone!**

**Stewardship Commitments: Total Up, Givers Down? We’re on a Mission!** We now have received 31 estimates for **\$150,804.00** for the new year, a 73% INCREASE over last year. HOWEVER, last year we had 48 commitments made, and this year we had 31 commitments, a 35% DECREASE. If you have not yet had the opportunity to turn in your Estimate of Giving card, you can still do so. The amount is not as important as your participation with us in expressing our GRATITUDE to God.

# This Week at Founders MCC

Request Rooms at  
[foundersmcc.org/connect/calendar/](http://foundersmcc.org/connect/calendar/)  
 Call (323) 669-3434 for changes and updates

## Sunday, December 02, 2018-

**9:00am FMCC Liturgical Service- Sanctuary**  
 9:30am Al-Anon Meeting – Gandhi Room  
**11:00am FMCC Celebration Service- Sanctuary**  
**1:30pm ICM Servicio en Español- Santuario**  
 5:00pm SAA Meeting – Hunter Room  
 5:30pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) – Ryland Room

## Monday, December 03, 2018

8:30am CMA Meeting Men’s Meditation – Gandhi Room  
 6:00pm OA Focus on Abstinence – Ryland room  
**7:00pm Desarrollo Emocional – Hunter Room**  
 8:00 pm Easier Way AA Group – Gandhi Room  
 8:00pm Top Line Behavior - SLAA Meeting – Founders Theater

## Tuesday, December 04, 2018

8:30am CMA Meeting Mens Meditation – Gandhi Room  
 1200pm Feel It & Say It Women's AA Meeting – Ryland Room  
 6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous (OA) Ryland Room  
 7:00pm We Agnostics AA Group  
 7:45pm SLA Anorexia Group- Ryland Room

## Wednesday, December 05, 2018

8:30am AA Morning Meditation- Gandhi Room  
**6:45pm Circle of Prayer- Chapel-**  
**7:30pm Choir Practice- Sanctuary**

## Wednesday, December 05, 2018 (Continued)

**7:30pm Reflexiones Espirituales en Español – Hunter Room**  
 7:30pm No Losers AA Meeting - Founders Theater (lower level)  
 8:45pm Fight Club: Men's AA Stag Meeting – Ryland Room

## Thursday, December 06, 2018

8:30am CMA Meeting Men’s Meditation – Gandhi Room  
 8:30am AA Birthdays & Bagels – Gandhi Room  
**6:00pm ICM Voices of Praise rehearsal – Sanctuary**

## Friday, December 07, 2018

7:30am Hope Net Food Receiving- Hunter Room  
 8:30 am CMA Meeting Men’s Meditation – Gandhi Room  
 8:30am Take 5 Men's Stag East AA – Gandhi Room  
 6:45pm Al-Anon Meeting –Chapel  
 8:00pm Super Studs AA Meeting – Gandhi Room

## Saturday, December 08, 2018

8:30 am AA Men’s Meditation  
 8:30am *HopeNet Food Pantry Distribution – Hunter Room*  
 10:00am Big Book AA – Gandhi Room

## Sunday, December 09, 2018-

**9:00am FMCC Liturgical Service- Sanctuary**  
**10:00am Training for Alter Guild and Worship Participants**  
 9:30am Al-Anon Meeting – Gandhi Room  
**11:00am FMCC Celebration Service-Sanctuary**  
**1:30pm ICM Servicio en Espanol**  
 5:00pm SAA Meeting – Hunter Room  
 5:30pm Meditation AA (11 Steppers) – Ryland Room

**November 25, 2018**  
**Attendees: 153**  
**Amount: \$4,338.82**  
**Thank You!!!**

**2019 Generous Giving Pledgers: 31**  
**Amount; \$ 150,804.00**

## Upcoming Activities

Activities through Advent

- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Alter Guild Training- 10 AM
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> - Alter Guild Training- 10 AM
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Special Christmas Offering to bless the volunteers
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service- Spanish at 8pm and English at 10:30pm
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Carols and Feasting on Christmas Day with the Youth of our Family and Community
- Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> Kwanza Service



**Every Sunday Morning**  
**at the 11 o'clock hour**  
**in the Rosa Parks Room**  
**All children ages 4 to 12 are welcome!**

**Volunteers needed in**  
**hospitality, Ushers/Greeters,**  
**multimedia, worship**  
**participants (readers,**  
**communion, acolytes, servers),**  
**office and reception. Email**  
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## Finding Your Way Around

