

Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



The First Sunday After Christmas
Sunday, December 29, 2024
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit.

The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
Ashley Phillips, Director of Youth and
Children's Ministry
Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth
Kristine K., Parish Administrator
Teresa Garnica, Sexton

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Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Sue Jenks

Altar Servers: Debbie Shields and Lynn Walsh

Ushers: Greg McCauley and Bob Pope

Greeter: Audra Botwin

~Prelude~

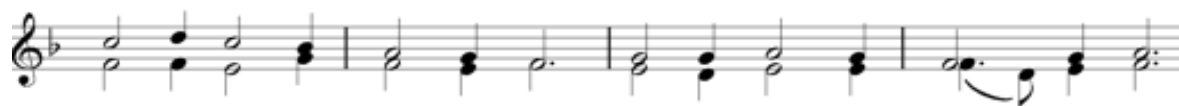
"Lully, Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child"

By: Kevin Uppercue

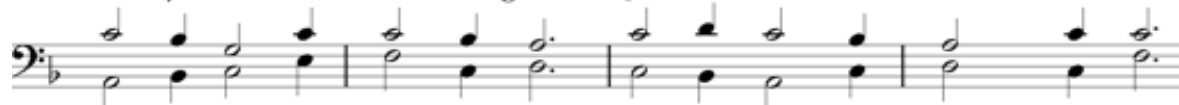
~Processional Hymn~ #107 "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi ce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi ce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi ce with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

~Hymn of Praise~ #96

"Angels We Have Heard On High" (vss. 1 & 4)

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

A Reading From Paul's Letter To The Galatians

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

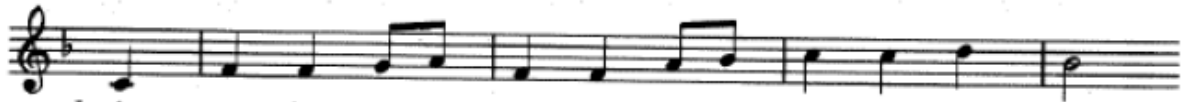
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn #101~
 “Away In A Manger”
 (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



1 A - way in a - man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 *3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol
 Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

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The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from
God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made, of
one Being with the Father. Through
him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he
came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from
the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he
suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

~Prayers Of The People~

P# 130 "While We Are Waiting"



1. While we are wait - ing, come; _____
 2. Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly, come; _____
 3. With pow'r and glo - ry, come; _____



While we are wait - ing, come. _____
 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly, come. _____
 With pow'r and glo - ry, come. _____



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,



While we are wait - ing, come. _____

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Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we gather this blessed Christmas, fill our hearts with hope, peace, joy, and love given to us because you gave us a child born in a stable - Jesus Christ our Savior. Let us celebrate the good news the angels delivered to the humble shepherds long ago. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: On this Christmas, we pray for the worldwide church, especially for peace in the Holy Land where your Light was brought into the world. May this Light give hope and comfort to the whole human family. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: As we come to the end of another challenging year help us to be faithful in knowing we are surrounded by your love. Fill us with hope and strength to create a joyful new year filled with peace. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: We saw your Light shine in acts of kindness, and in reaching out to those who were most vulnerable. May we always be grateful for the many blessings you have provided in our lives. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: We pray for those who are weary, lonely, isolated and for those who have lost hope. We pray for those who are sick and suffering, whether in mind, body, or spirit, especially those close to our hearts. May they feel the presence of your love, comfort and healing. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: We pray for those who have recently died. Christmas time, when there should be such joy, help those who mourn to bring their sorrows and heavy hearts to you, so that you may surround them with your love and peace.

People: Receive our prayers

Celebrant: Loving God, like the shepherds in the field, let us rejoice in the good news of hope, peace, joy and love at Christmas and throughout the year. May we glorify your name and honor you as our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Offering (*The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.*)

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

~Offertory Anthem~

"O Holy Night"

By: Adolphe Adam

(Solo: Eunhee Suh)

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The musical score is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

The Holy Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus #130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are

full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

***Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

[Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

Communion of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.



~Communion Hymn~

"How Bright Appears The Morning Star" By: J.S. Bach

Post-Communion Prayer *Celebrant*: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness
and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Priest gives the blessing

**May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon
him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of
sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.
Amen.**

**May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of
the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of
the Gospel. Amen.**

**May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth
and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.**

**And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.**

~Recessional Hymn #83~
 "O, Come, All Ye Faithful"

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love in the name of Christ

People : Thanks be to God.



~Postlude~
 "A Joyous Noel"
 By: David Paxton



The Church Office will be closed
December 26th to December 28th and
December 30th to January 1st.



**Please pray for those celebrating their
Birthday:
Tycha Flickinger**

Please Pray For the Following People

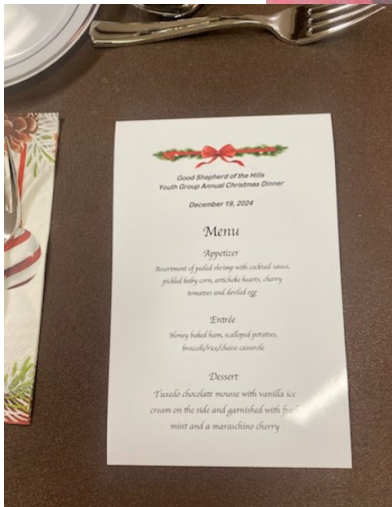
Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis,
Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo,
Jan, Edna, Mat, and Rick Rhoades, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan,
The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Charles,
Aaron Parson, Bill Turner, John, Hank Zolkiewicz, Tim Rosenhoover,
Andrea Hensley, Roger Powell, The Friends and Family of Sharon,
The Friends and Family of Hope Ann Kelly, Ed Simpson,
The Friends and Family of Art Graf, Christopher Thoms, Penny,
Bernice Insalaco, Claudia Joehl, Cindy Creamers, Joe Garcia,
Amelia & Family, Bob S., Vivian, Suzanne,
The Friends and Family of Patrick Doherty, Cathy DeGroat,
Joan Shillingburg, Lindsey Hensley, Susan Harte,
Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels, Jordan Jones

Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker,
Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie,
Nathan Cole, John A. Malley-Garza, Benjamin McCombs, Gabriel Leite,
Blake Henderson Jr., David Allen Slockett, Bryson Henderson,
Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)

Youth Group Christmas Party

The youth group celebrated Christmas with their annual Christmas Party. They made ornaments reflecting on the themes of advent where they wrote two things that brought them love and peace this year and two things they pray will bring them hope and joy for the year to come. They had a White Elephant gift exchange and then the most beautiful (and delicious) dinner. Tommylu and Jack bless our students with meals each week and the holiday meal was no exception! They also gifted each student a Christmas present. We are so proud of our students and so thankful for all of the love and support our





More pictures from the Youth Ministry's Christmas Party!



CHARITY PURSE DRIVE!
PURSE-IMPRESSIONS IS ON A MISSION TO PROVIDE
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CELEBRATING THEIR GRADUATION FROM REHAB.



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COFFEE HOUR!

Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour !

If you are interested in being a host please sign up on the sheet inside Maitland Hall.



What's A Coffee Hour Host?

The host provides delicious food for all to share on the Sunday of their Choice! The host is also in charge putting their food and treats on the banquet table, helping to serve the beverages, and cleaning up after coffee hour ends. (Just the basics i.e. removing the food and trays from the banquet table, storing leftover items, loading the dishwasher, emptying the coffee pot, and wiping down the counters)

Altar Flower Dedications !

Our Altar Flower Dedication Program is taking altar flower dedications for 2025! the new sign up sheet is posted in Maitland Hall! Our beautiful Altar flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild but sponsored by our members in celebration for birthdays, anniversaries, and in memory of loved ones. Our Flower Guild works hard to keep the costs low but we are encouraging a donation of \$50 when sponsoring flowers. Donors are encouraged to let the office know the occasion so we can include the information in the Sunday Bulletin.



Autism Society of Greater Phoenix **Caregiver Support Group**

Join us as we connect with other caregivers on the Autism Journey,
Register at www.PHXautism.org

When: Meetings 3rd Monday of every month

Time: 6:30-7:45 P.M.

Where: Maitland Hall Building

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