



Welcome to

ORONAZ

OROVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

WELCOME

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

THANKS FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP AT ORONAZ! Please fill out a Connection Card via the Church Center app on your phone (see QR code) to share prayer requests, find ministries & get plugged in! Through Church Center you can find a complete list of staff & leadership information as well as links to the numerous ministry opportunities we have available.

Visit us at the Connection Center in the lobby if you'd like personal help or have any questions.

Scan this QR Code to open the Church Center app & don't forget to turn on notifications so you don't miss anything!



WHAT IS ADVENT?

Originating from the Latin word meaning “coming” or “arrival,” Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (which this year is November 30th). It's the season when we look back to Christ's first coming, as a baby born in Bethlehem, and look forward to his second coming when he will return to renew and redeem every part of fallen creation.

We have the tendency to forget, and so Advent reminds us that Jesus Christ has come AND will come again. The Advent season is a time to reflect upon the promises of God and to anticipate the fulfillment of those promises. To help us focus on some of the key aspects of Advent, each household is invited to take one copy of this year's **Advent Devotional: 30 Promises of God**.

NEW HERE?
WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!

STOP BY THE
CONNECTION CENTER
IN THE LOBBY

WAYS TO SERVE

We're excited to be growing in many areas of ministry here at OroNaz and we'd love to have your help in continuing to serve as many of God's people as possible! Some specific areas we need help include, *children's teachers and classroom support, hospitality team, youth ministry, worship team and sound/technology crew*. Please go through Church Center to fill out a Connection Card and someone will contact you about getting plugged in.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Drop & Shop an impactful day for over 30 kids and their families! Thank you for showing up to help with childcare, wrap gifts and serve food for our OroNaz family and the community.



WESLEYAN COVENANT SERVICE: Thursday January 1st, at 6pm. Begin 2026 with this traditional time of self-examination, reflection, and renewing covenant with God.



MAKE AN IMPACT IN 2025: If you have been praying about a special year-end financial gift to put toward the mission of God’s work here at OroNaz, we appreciate your careful consideration and along with you, we are excited to see what God is going to do in 2026 and beyond! To receive a tax credit for your contribution in 2025, it must be in the Sunday morning offering by December 28th, as an online gift on or before December 31st, or post-marked by December 31st. Thank you in advance for your investment in the kingdom of God through the ministry of OroNaz!

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING, 8am in the Prayer Room, open to all.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES, 9am, in the Fellowship Hall and Room 117.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP, 10am, in the Sanctuary.

PURE DESIRE MEN'S GROUP, Mondays, 6:30-8pm, Pastor's Conference Room.

YOUTH GROUP, Tuesdays 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Room.

PRAYER MEETING VIA ZOOM, Wednesdays, Noon, [OroNaz.org/prayer](https://oro-naz.org/prayer).

SERENITY 12-STEP RECOVERY, Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

DISCIPLED BY JESUS PRAYER MEETING, Thursdays, 6-7am, in the Fellowship Hall.

CAME TO BELIEVE RECOVERY, Thursdays, 6-7:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER EMPHASIS

We have a prayer emphasis during *Prayers of the People* in our worship gatherings and encourage you to continue in that focus throughout the week.

The Prayer Room (in the lobby) is open before and after Sunday morning worship. This is available to everyone, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. We have people there after Sunday morning worship services who can pray with you and for you, or you can use this space quietly on your own. God is ready to hear anything you have to say.

FINANCIAL CONNECTION

You can give your tithes & offerings **in person** Sunday morning in the offering bags/boxes or mail/drop-off at the church office, **on our website** ([OroNaz.org/give](https://oro-naz.org/give)), or through the **mobile app**, Church Center (download in your mobile app store).

Week 41 Updated 12/3/25

Needed Year to Date	\$ 502,422
Giving Year to Date	\$ 491,398
Expenses Paid YTD	\$ 445,553

Our staff, CLT, and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at Finance@OroNaz.org to start a conversation.

View the Full Financial Connection and more info at [OroNaz.org/finances](https://oro-naz.org/finances)

Find contact information for our staff & leadership at the Connection Center or online at [OroNaz.org/leadership](https://oro-naz.org/leadership)

Oroville Church of the Nazarene

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Pastors and Staff Available Monday-Thursday

WiFi Info: OroNaz_Guest Password: LoveJesus



Advent

Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.

Pastor Darlene Franks

December 14, 2025

This third week of Advent we focus on joy and how we can choose REAL JOY in all of life's circumstances.

Luke 2:8-12 (NIV) And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

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“Joy is the attitude God’s people adopt, not because of happy circumstances but because of our hope in God’s love and promise.”

-Tim Mackie, The Bible Project

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“Christian Joy is a profound decision of faith and hope in the power of Jesus’ own life and love.” -Tim Mackie, The Bible Project