



*Welcome to*

# ORONAZ

OROVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



## WELCOME

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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.





**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**, RECESSED for the holiday break, resumes Tuesday 1/6/26.

**PRAYER MEETING VIA ZOOM**, Wednesdays, Noon, [OroNaz.org/prayer](http://OroNaz.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](http://OroNaz.org/give)), or through the **mobile app**, Church Center (download in your mobile app store).

Week 42 Updated 12/17/25

Needed Year to Date	\$ 514,676
Giving Year to Date	\$ 503,330
Expenses Paid YTD	\$ 475,659

*Our staff, CLT, and Finance Team welcome your questions and feedback. Please email the Finance Team at [Finance@OroNaz.org](mailto:Finance@OroNaz.org) to start a conversation.*

*View the Full Financial Connection and more info at [OroNaz.org/finances](http://OroNaz.org/finances)*

**Find contact information for our staff & leadership at the Connection Center or online at [OroNaz.org/leadership](http://OroNaz.org/leadership)**

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**Pastors and Staff Available Monday-Thursday**

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# Advent

*Hope. Peace. Joy. Love.*

Pastor Darlene Franks

December 21, 2025

**On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we pause to reflect on the deep and abiding love of the Father, made known in the gift of Jesus, His one and only Son. Our prayer is that you would encounter the Father's love for you - the greatest gift of all!**

*1 John 3:1 (NRSVA) & 1 John 4:7-12 (NIV) See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!...Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.*



John 3:16-17 (NIV) *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

We are His **BELOVED!**

“One of the hardest things for us to do is just be loved” -Francis Chan

John 21:17 (CSB) *Simon, son of John, “Do you love me?”*

1 Peter 4:8 (CSB) *Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins.*

1 Corinthians 13:4,13 (NIV) *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres...And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

How could you demonstrate the Father's love to those you know who are grieving, lonely or weary this Christmas?

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