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For a child is  
born to us, a son  
is given to us.  
The government  
will rest on His  
Shoulders. And  
He will be called:

**Wonderful Counselor,**  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.

*Isaiah 9:6*

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### Volunteer Highlight: Brent

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Brent serves in our Care and Recovery Ministry and understands that this time of year can be difficult for many. "Thanksgiving and Christmas are the two holidays that usually hurt the most. At Blue Christmas, we pray for those who are hurting and give them the support they need. Working in hospice, I was surrounded by death which was difficult, but the Lord told me that I was looking at it all wrong. I can't fix, heal or save someone, but I know the One who can. My main job is to give hope and that's something I can do."

Want to use your gifts to serve those in our community?  
Go to [marinerschurch.org](http://marinerschurch.org) and search **serve**

### PRAYER

If you're in need of prayer, our prayer team is available at the **front of the Worship Center** after every service. To submit a prayer request online, email [prayer@marinerschurch.org](mailto:prayer@marinerschurch.org)



# WELCOME TO MARINERS CHURCH

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



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**We're so glad you're here!** Our mission is to inspire people to follow Jesus and fearlessly change the world. If this is your first time here, we'd love to meet you! Here are the next steps:

- Visit the **Welcome Center** on the patio to find ways to get connected and opportunities to serve.
- Text **CONNECT** to 949.267.3131
- Attend our **New to Mariners** class to meet our pastors, learn who we are and how to get involved.  
**Sat, Jan 12 • 6:30p | Sun, Jan 13 • 12:30p | Upper Room**



Jesus was given to us and for us. He is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. Join us for one of our nine Christmas Eve services and invite a friend who needs the hope of Christmas.

**Sat, Dec 22 • 5p | Sun, Dec 23 • 9, 11a, 4 & 6p**  
**Mon, Dec 24 • 1, 3, 5, & 7p**

[marinerschurch.org/christmas](http://marinerschurch.org/christmas)

A graphic for 'Blue Christmas' with a dark background and warm lights. The text 'Blue CHRISTMAS' is in a light blue script and sans-serif font. Below it, the date and time are listed, followed by a description of the service and a search code.

*Blue*  
CHRISTMAS  
Tue, Dec 11 • 6:30p  
A worship service to bring hope to those who have experienced relational, emotional, physical or material loss this year.  
search **blue**

A graphic for 'Choose Love' with a colorful geometric border. The text 'Choose Love' is in a mix of fonts. Below it, the event title, description, and search code are provided.

Choose Love  
SERVE EVENTS  
This Christmas we're choosing to love the under-resourced by throwing the best parties of the season! Join us as we serve our community with our time, talent and treasures.  
search **choose love**

A graphic for 'Annual Read' showing hands holding an open book. The text 'ANNUAL READ' is in large white letters. Below it, the price and where to find the books are listed.

ANNUAL  
READ  
\$20 including tax  
bibles available at the bookstore

There's something for everyone at Mariners.

Visit [marinerschurch.org](http://marinerschurch.org) for info on all our events

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THE  
*Weekly*

For daily updates, follow  
**@marinerschurch**



MAKING  
**GENEROSITY**  
SIMPLE & SECURE

We give because God first gave to us. We invite you to experience a life of generosity by **GIVING ONLINE** at [marinerschurch.org/give](http://marinerschurch.org/give) or through the offering boxes located at the back of the Worship Center.

## WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

The yearly reflection.

Pain and/or regrets leave me wanting more wisdom, better advice, and clearer decision-making.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

Throne Names: represent a *quality* or *accomplishment*

Amazing! [Matthew 12:22-24; Matthew 21:20; Mark 2:12; Luke 5:26]

Jesus proved it... and continues to prove it!

Jesus, as the Wonderful Counselor, has the wisdom you need for the life you're intended to live.

### He knows what you need!

*...your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!*  
Matthew 6:8

### He identifies with your pain!

*We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. Hebrews 4:16 (MSG)*

### He wants to guide you!

*The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. John 10:10-11*

### His counsel is not hidden!

- Listen to His Word
- Listen to His Spirit

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. John 14:16*

*But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. John 14:26*

- Listen to His children

*“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.” Matthew 7:24-27*

*When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. Matthew 7:28-29*

Counsel is most wonderful when we obey/follow it.

I don't obey Jesus because of the steps I've taken. I obey Jesus because of the steps he has taken for me.