



Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino

Art in the Auditorium

Invites PBCC folk **OF ALL AGES**, children through adult, to submit art for the 2019 Advent Exhibit,

We Can Only Imagine: When Jesus Returns

Opening November 17, 2019

The season of Advent is a time of waiting and preparation – waiting for the anniversary of the day when the Savior came in history as a baby born of Mary, and waiting for the day when He will return to set everything right. This exhibit will explore Jesus' second coming and the new creation he will bring. Read what the Bible says about this and then create art that imagines what His return will look like, what the new Heaven and new Earth will be like, or what we and our lives with God will be like. Check out a more detailed discussion of this theme on the provided insert.

New for this year: there is no minimum age for this Call and **CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** are invited to join PBCC **HIGH SCHOOLERS AND ADULTS** in submitting art for this exhibit. A version of this Call adapted for children is included in this packet.

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Artist Statement: With each work submit a statement of 100 WORDS OR LESS, that explains how that piece of art relates to the theme, including any Biblical passages that you had in mind as you created it.

Sales: Indicate if your work is for sale or not. The Brochure that will accompany the Exhibit will identify those that are not for sale, and will give an email address and/or phone number for the artists who wish to sell their work with directions to interested buyers to contact the artists directly. No commission will be charged on sales occurring during the Exhibit, but a donation to PBCC is suggested.

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Artist Agreement:

To be used for any age, children through adult

This agreement can also be submitted at pbcc.org/ministries/art

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Print Artist's Name: _____

If artist is a child, age of the artist: _____

Phone (Of the Responsible Adult if the artist is under 15 years old): _____

Email (Of the Responsible Adult if the artist is under 15 years old): _____

Address: _____

Works that are not for sale will be designated as such. All sales will be handled directly by the artist; interested people will be instructed to contact the artist. If you wish to sell your work, please circle above whether you wish your phone and/or email info to be printed in the Exhibit Brochure. All artwork will remain in the Exhibit through the end of the Exhibit on January 5, 2020.

Title #1 _____

Relevant portion of Scripture: _____

h" x w" x d" (including frame) _____ Price if for sale _____ NFS _____

Medium _____

Title #2 _____

Relevant portion of Scripture: _____

h" x w" x d" (including frame) _____ Price if for sale _____ NFS _____

Medium _____

Title #3 _____

Relevant portion of Scripture: _____

h" x w" x d" (including frame) _____ Price if for sale _____ NFS _____

Medium _____

Please sign this Agreement on the back of this page:

I agree to exhibit the artwork listed above in the *We Can Only Imagine* Exhibit as described above.

I hereby release Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino (PBCC), all others affiliated with PBCC and all individuals involved in the preparation of and installation of this Exhibit from liability due to loss or damage of my artwork. I understand that I am solely responsible to provide my own insurance for my artwork, from the date of drop-off until the date of pick-up of that artwork.

I grant PBCC the right to photograph my artwork and to include those photographs and any provided by myself, in the PBCC eBulletin, in the Arts in the Auditorium History Scrapbook, and in group photos posted on the PBCC website.

Signature of Artist (Of the Responsible Adult if the artist is under 18 years old):

_____ Date: _____

I grant PBCC the right to photograph my art work and to include those photographs and any provided by myself in the password-protected PBCC Visual Arts Ministry Image Library that will be made available to a limited set of people (such as PBCC pastors) to use in support of their teaching and preaching ministries. For more information, refer to the contacts listed on the previous page.

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Discussion and Resources for Adults and High Schoolers

The Church's traditional sequence of themes and Scripture readings for the Church Year begins with the month of Advent, which starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and lasts through Christmas Eve. Advent, which means "coming" or "arrival," is a season of waiting and preparation for the arrival of Jesus, when the Church reflects upon God's promise to come to His people to save them. We look back to the First Advent of Jesus when He came as a baby to be mankind's Savior and we look ahead to His Second Advent when He will return as King to set all things right.

The Bible does not give us much information about Jesus' Second Advent or Return. We do know that Jesus will return in glory and gather all His followers, past and present, to Him and to a new Heaven and new Earth where sin and death will not exist. They will see Him face to face and be transformed to be like Him. They will live there forever, and God will be present with them in that glorious new existence. God didn't give us much information, but He did give us imaginations that we can use to explore what is awaiting us. Read some of the passages in Scripture that give us some clues and then create art that imagines – the day of Christ's return, the new Heaven and the new Earth, what Jesus and the Father will look like, what we will look like and what our lives with Him forever will be like, and what our relationships with God and with each other will be like. Enjoy this adventure, not of prediction but of playful imagining of the glorious future God has prepared.

Start with reading what the Bible says about Jesus' Return and the New Heaven and New Earth He will usher in. The following is a sampling of relevant scriptures:

The Manner of His Return:

- 1Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Revelation 1:4-8

We will see God; what might He be like?

- Matthew 17:1-8 Is this description of what Jesus looked like when he was transfigured a clue?
- Revelation 1:12-18
- Revelation 4:1-5:14
- Revelation 21:22-23

We will be changed; what might we be like?

- 1John 3:1-2
- 1Corinthians 13:1-13
- Revelation 19:6-8
- Revelation 22:3-5
- Exodus 34:29-30;34-35 When Moses spoke with God in His presence, the skin of his face shone. Might this be a clue to what we will look like when we will be in God's presence?

God is preparing a place for us; what will it be like?

- John 14:1-3
- Isaiah 65:17-25
- Revelation 21:1-22:5

God will live among us; what might our relationship with Him be like?

- John 14:1-3
- Revelation 21:22-25
- Luke 15:17-24
- Romans 8:14-17

The tabernacle that God instructed Moses to build provides a picture of God dwelling in His heavenly temple.

- Exodus 25:1-31:18; 35:4-38
- *The Tabernacle: God's Presence With His People*, a sermon series taught by Bernard Bell in one month segments over the years 2016 – 2019. Messages #2 and #4 are especially relevant to the theme of this Exhibit. The texts of all the sermons can be found at <https://pbcc.org/sermon-speaker/bernard-bell/>
 - Message #2, 2/7/16 Does God Dwell in Houses Made By Hands?
 - Message #4, 2/21/16 Bread and Light: Symbols of Presence

For inspiration, look to others who have imaginatively explored Jesus' second coming:

- *The Great Divorce*: a short novel by C.S. Lewis of which he says in his Preface "...is a fantasy – an imaginative supposal: (it is) not even a guess or a speculation at what may actually await us. The last thing I wish is to arouse factual curiosity about the details of the after-world."
- *I Can Only Imagine*: a song by Christian rock band MercyMe; written and composed by lead singer Bart Millard. Videos of its performance and the lyrics can be found online by searching for "I Can Only Imagine".
- Many hymns, past and present, focus on this theme and their music and lyrics can be found online at sites such as: <http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/heaven-hymns/ind-heaven-hymns-sz.html>
- Artwork:
 - *Revelation 21*, a Mixed Media Textile Artwork by Karen Goetzinger. Follow this link to see this artwork; it is the first artwork displayed – click to enlarge so you can see the entire piece. <https://blog.spu.edu/lectio/then-i-saw-a-new-heaven-and-a-new-earth/>
 - *Ascent of the Blessed*, painting by Hieronymus Bosch. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ascent_of_the_Blessed
 - *A New Heaven and a New Earth - Revelation 21:1-4*, drawing by Douglas Rickard. <https://bible-christian-art.com/articles/revelation-21-1-4.html>
 - *John of Patmos watches the descent of New Jerusalem from God in a 14th century tapestry*. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jerusalem#/media/File:La_nouvelle_J%C3%A9rusalem.jpg
 - *The New Jerusalem and the River of Life (Apocalypse XII)*, Illumination on parchment by Beatus de Facundus, 1047. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jerusalem#/media/File:B_Facundus_254.jpg



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The four weeks that come before Christmas Day are called the Advent season. The word advent means “coming” or “arrival” and during the weeks of Advent we are waiting and getting ready for Christmas Day when we celebrate the coming to earth of the baby Jesus. During these four weeks of Advent we are also looking forward to another coming day – the day when Jesus will return to earth as King. When He returns, He will get rid of sin and death and make a new Heaven and new Earth where everything will be perfect. He will take everyone who believes in Him to that wonderful place to live with Him forever.

Read some of the Bible verses that tell us about the new Creation that Jesus will make, and then make some art that imagines what that might be like. The back of this page lists some Bible verses to read.

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We Can Only Imagine – Resources for Children

The following are some of those in the Bible that tell us about the new Creation that Jesus will make. Read them and then make some art that imagines what that might be like.

The Bible tells that Jesus will return in glory and gather all His followers, past and present, to Him.

John 14:1-3 “There are many rooms in my Father’s house...I am going there to prepare a place for you. After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back. Then I will take you to be with me so that you may be where I am.”

1Thessalonians 4:16-17 “The Lord himself will come down from heaven. There will be a loud command with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God. And those who have died and were in Christ will rise first. After that, those who are still alive at that time will be gathered up with them. We will be taken up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And we will be with the Lord forever.”

These verses describe the new Heaven and new Earth:

John 14:1-3 “There are many rooms in my Father’s house ...” and Jesus is preparing a room for each of us.
Revelation 21:3-4 “Now God’s home is with men...He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain.”

Isaiah 65:25 It will be a place of peace where even the animals get along, “Wolves and lambs will eat together in peace. Lions will eat hay like oxen. A snake on the ground will not hurt anyone. They will not hurt or destroy each other...”

Revelation 21:15-21 There will be a new Jerusalem, “The city was built in a square...The wall was made of jasper. The city was made of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundation stones of the city walls had every kind of jewel in them (jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, onyx, carnelian, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth, amethyst) ...Each gate was made from a single pearl. The street of the city was made of pure gold. The gold was clear as glass.”

Revelation 21:23 “The city does need the sun or the moon to shine on it. The glory of God is its light, and the Lamb is the city’s lamp. By its light the people of the world will walk...The city’s gates will never be shut on any day, because there is no night there.”

Revelation 22:1-2 There will be a river of life in the city, “The river was shining like crystal. It flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the street of the city. The tree of life was on each side of the river. It produces fruit 12 times a year, once each month.”

We are going to be different too.

1 John 3:2 We will be like Jesus, “Dear friends, now we are children of God. We have not yet been shown what we be in the future. But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like him.”

Revelation 22:3-5 We will be like kings, “The throne of God and of the Lamb will be there. And God’s servants will worship him...And they will rule like kings forever and ever.”

All Bible quotes are from the *International Children’s Bible*, Word Publishing