



Growing the Beloved Community



We actively engage society to nurture lives,
cherish creation, and heal the world



December 15, 2024
In terra pax
**Chancel Choir and eSSO
Symphony Orchestra**

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

TODAY

- 8:30-9:30am **MorningSong–Pope Hall**
- 8:15-12:15pm **Childcare available**–Youth room
- 8:30-9:30am **Children’s Program**– Begins at MorningSong in Pope Hall then 3rd floor Youth room.
- 9:45-10:45am **Adult Education**–McFarland Chapel, This Sunday, Pastor Andrew continues the two-part course, “Is Christ Divided?”
- 11:00am **Worship**– Sanctuary
- 3:00pm **SFWE presents “Winterscapes”**–Sanctuary

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Angel Tree Giving-Remember to drop your gifts off by tomorrow 12/16

Parking Availability

- *County building (FPC parking pass only)
 - *Convention Center (PAID parking only)
 - *Street Parking (free on Sundays)
- Hearing impaired
*Sanctuary is set up with a T-coil operation

THIS WEEK

Wednesday

- 7:30am **Morning prayer and Coffee**– McFarland Chapel
- 5:00pm **Christmas Carol Singing**– Sanctuary, cookies and hot chocolate before and after. Stay for Celtic Evensong.
- 5:30pm **Celtic Evensong Worship**–Sanctuary or via Zoom

Friday

- 5:30pm **TGIF Concert**–Sanctuary, Travis Bregier, baritone and Debbie Wagner, piano

NEXT WEEK

- 5:30pm **TGIF Concert**– Sanctuary, Luke Raffanti, piano

Sunday Dec 22

- 8:30-9:30am **MorningSong**–Pope Hall
- Church Holiday Celebration!!!** Lobby
- 11:00am **Worship**– Sanctuary Service of Lessons and Carols

Put More Joy in Christmas and Less Pollution in the Environment

Make an Advent wreath for home Advent worship. Get creative and make your own wrapping paper using newspaper, old maps, etc. Decorate with natural items, such as pinecones, dried flowers, etc. Remember: Time together in person or on the phone can be a more precious gift than what we buy.



Poinsettias! We invite members to contribute to the poinsettias funds if you wish. If you wish to contribute the plant(s) in honor or memory of anyone, please submit the name(s) to with your contribution. Contributions should be submitted by tomorrow 12/16. You may pick them up on January 5th.

PRELUDE *Tif in Veldele* (Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah)

Wayne L. Wold

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts

**LIGHTING OF THE
ADVENT WREATH
CANDLE OF JOY**

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Sandra, Andrew,
Hank, and Julia
Morello

‡CALL TO WORSHIP
(bold in unison)
posted on Third
Space

This Advent, we hope and pray for:
Joy as we journey together,
Sight for the blind and healing for the sick,
Freedom for the prisoners and good news for the poor,
Release for the oppressed with justice for all
and love for each other.

Judy Crawford

**And the coming of God's topsy-turvy,
inside out, upside-down Kingdom.**

‡HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

OPENING PRAYER

The voice of one comes
crying out in the wilderness
... **prepare the way of the Lord.**
A messenger prepares the way,
transforming us like the refiner's fire
... **calling us to account.**
For the prophets of old have spoken,
announcing the breaking open of the dawn
... **guiding our feet in the way of peace.**

Merciful God forgive us...

**Forgive us when we are quick
to point the finger at someone else.
Forgive us when we put our heads down
and ignore the cries of injustice.
Forgive us when we presume to understand
the complexity of issues that divide and distract
the peoples of the land your feet once walked.**

Merciful God...

**forgive us, heal us, encourage us and speak through us,
that we may be transformed through the refiner's fire,
and the offerings of our hands and our hearts
may prepare the way for the Christ child
to be welcomed among us in peace.
Amen.**

**The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks Be to God.**

ANTHEM *In terra pax, opus 39*

Gerald Finzi

Chancel Choir and eSSO Symphony Orchestra
Nancy Maret and Tim Willson, soloists
Hannah Martin, conductor

‡HYMN 94 *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

OFFERING AND *Advent Medley*

OFFERTORY

‡DOXOLOGY 607 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Sing words that are meaningful to you

‡PRAYER OF **See, you come in this holy season**

DEDICATION **with the simple gift of life itself.**

Thom M. Shuman **See, you invite us to share from
the abundance of our lives,
so others might be filled with life,
with hope, with love, and with grace.
Bless these gifts we offer to You,
so they may be used to share the gospel
of wholeness and welcome for all.
Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE**

PRAYER CANDLES *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
LORD'S PRAYER

Mark Hayes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS &
WELCOME**

Rev Harry Eberts

PASSING OF PEACE

‡HYMN 107 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

‡BLESSING **In body, mind, and spirit, may you be well this day.
And may you be strong for the work of healing in the world.**

‡BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Incantations*

Rev. Harry Eberts

Alfred V. Fedak

SERVING TODAY

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts
 Liturgist: Judy Crawford
 Organist/Music Director: Dr. Linda Raney
 Assistant Organist: David Solem
 Assistant Choir Director & Cantor: Travis Bregier

WORSHIP COORDINATORS

Worship & Music: Diane Buchanan
 Ushers: Allen Gulledege
 Liturgical Arts: Judi Haines
 Communion: Alice Tinkle
 Jean Withers
 Welcome Ministry: Sharon Kirby

ELDERS SERVING IN 2024

Rick Andrew	Dick Lindahl	Tom Tindall
Sharon Eklund	Janice Mayer	Madeleine Wright
Mary Gulledege	Melissa Mitchell	Judi Haines,
Kathy Harris	Gary Murphy	Clerk of Session
Elizabeth Hook	Juanita Thorne-Connerty	

DEACONS SERVING IN 2024

Alvin Baca	Sharon Marrs	Ellery Truesdell
Bruce Black	Tom Mott	Kelly Truesdell
Bruce Goslin	George Parr	M'lea Walsh
Leslie Goslin	Carol Schneider	Heather Weir
Christina Hill	Gary Schneider	Mary Norris, Moderator

We pray for:

Kyle Estrada (son of Kalgaree Fish)	Bill Gee
Friends and Family of Maurice Trimmer	Linda Larkin
Friends and Family of Rev. Dr. Mary Kuhns	Bruce Rolstad
Katrina Nugent (daughter of Arthur Neudek)	Gayle Green and her family (friends of Madeleine Wright)
Bia Neudek (daughter of Arthur Neudek)	Mary Ann and Greg Edwards (friends of Leah Pallman)
Roland Salazar (friend of Jim and Pauline Toevs)	Ona Larson Malleck (sister of Leah Larson)
Bernie Chittenden (cousin of Pauline Toevs)	Elaine Lea (mother of Leah Paalman)
Connie (friend of Jim and Pauline Toevs)	Simon Bredbeck (great nephew of Janis Chitwood)
Eva Reneau (mother of Donna Shands)	Carolyn Bell (mother of Rebecca Hodges)
Evan Hollingsworth (great nephew of Chris Haynes)	Daniel Weir (son of Heather Weir)

And we pray for our ministry partners:

Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis

Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith
Sagua la Grande Church, Cuba

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