



Growing the Beloved Community



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



December 22, 2024
Lessons and Carols

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.
- 9:30am **Church Holiday Celebration/Farolito making!!!** Lobby
- 11:00am **Worship–** Sanctuary

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00pm Candlelight service with the Chancel Bell Choir, carol singing, and an impromptu nativity scene with the children.
- 8:00pm Candlelight service with carol singing and special music by the Chancel Choir and Jan McDonald on the trumpet.

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 5:00pm **Christmas Carol Singing–** Sanctuary, stay for Celtic Evensong.
- 5:30pm **Celtic Evensong Worship–**Sanctuary or via Zoom
- Friday**
- 5:30pm **TGIF Concert–**Sanctuary, Luke Raffanti, piano
- Sunday Dec 29th**
- 10:00am **Worship Service–** Sanctuary

Put More Joy in Christmas and Less Pollution in the Environment

When planning to give gifts, think beyond your own family and friends. Find a need in your community and volunteer to help. If possible, shop at an International Gift Market that supports artists and organizations around the world. If you send Christmas Cards, select cards made from recyclable paper, perhaps to support a worthy cause, and which express the Christmas message. Better yet, send e-cards.



Church Office will be closed Dec 23rd-Dec26th and Dec 30th-Jan 1st.

PRELUDE Ralph's Pavane (For Ralph Vaughan Williams)-Herbert Howells
Finzi Rest (For Gerald Finzi)
Dyson's Delight (for Sir George Dyson)

WELCOME

Rev. Harry Eberts

**LIGHTING OF THE
ADVENT WREATH
CANDLE OF LOVE** 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.

Elise & George
Packard

‡CALL TO WORSHIP Our souls magnify the Lord,
(bold in unison) and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
(based on Luke 1:46-55) **God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant.**
God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
God has shown strength with God's arm.
God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
Come, for God is doing a new thing! Come, let us worship God!

Margaret Dean

‡HYMN 147 *The First Noel* vs. 1,2, and 6

OPENING PRAYER In a few days' time we will be celebrating the birth of Christ,
by Ann Siddall so let us restore our souls, and refresh our spirits.
Stillpoint **Restore us, O God,**
Spirituality Center **let your face shine that we may be saved. Amen.**
Though we are complicit in the frenzy of consumerism,
the unreality of expectations, the tension of gift giving,
and the pressure to attend gatherings:
Restore us, O God,
let your face shine that we may be saved. Amen.
Though we would like to be more Christ-centred in our daily lives,
we know we can turn to God, and be restored. So, we ask:
Restore us, O God,
let your face shine that we may be saved. Amen.

Lessons & Carols

First Lesson Genesis 22: 15-18

Margaret Dean

Carol Adam Lay Ybounden-Carson Cooman

Chancel Choir

Second Lesson Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6-9

Bruce Goslin

Carol 129 *Lo, How a Rose*

Third Lesson Micah 5:2-5a

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Carol 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

REFLECTION "Zip Code for Peace"

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Fourth Lesson Luke 2: 1-7

Alice Tinkle

Carol 124 *Still, Still, Still*

Fifth Lesson Luke 2: 8-16

Keith Kirby

Carol 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Sixth Lesson Luke 2: 17-20

Tom Tindall

Carol 123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

OFFERING AND *The Apple Tree*-Mark Schweizer

Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY Steven Stimmel, violin

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

‡PRAYER OF In these moments, God who comes, remind us of those who
DEDICATION are yearning to be lifted to their feet, those who hunger for
Thom M. Shuman **hope, those who look for peace, and may our gifts be used to**
serve them. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE

PRAYER CANDLES *O Little Town of Bethlehem*-Mark Hayes
LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS &
WELCOME
PASSING OF PEACE

‡HYMN 133 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

‡BLESSING In body, mind, and spirit, may you be well this day.

‡BENEDICTION And may you be strong for the work of healing in the world.

POSTLUDE *Variations on Wachet Auf* -Wayne L. Wold

SERVING TODAY

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

WORSHIP COORDINATORS

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

ELDERS SERVING IN 2024

Rick Andrew
 Sharon Eklund
 Mary Gullledge
 Kathy Harris
 Elizabeth Hook

Dick Lindahl
 Janice Mayer
 Melissa Mitchell
 Gary Murphy
 Juanita Thorne-Connerty

Tom Tindall
 Madeleine Wright
 Judi Haines,
 Clerk of Session

DEACONS SERVING IN 2024

Alvin Baca
 Bruce Black
 Bruce Goslin
 Leslie Goslin
 Christina Hill

Sharon Marrs
 Tom Mott
 George Parr
 Carol Schneider
 Gary Schneider

Ellery Truesdell
 Kelly Truesdell
 M'lea Walsh
 Heather Weir
 Mary Norris, Moderator

We pray for:

Kyle Estrada (son of Kalgaree Fish)
 Friends and Family of Maurice Trimmer
 Friends and Family of Rev. Dr. Mary Kuhns
 Katrina Nugent (daughter of Arthur Neudek)
 Bia Neudek (daughter of Arthur Neudek)
 Roland Salazar (friend of Jim and Pauline Toevs)
 Bernie Chittenden (cousin of Pauline Toevs)
 Connie (friend of Jim and Pauline Toevs)
 Eva Reneau (mother of Donna Shands)
 Evan Hollingsworth (great nephew of Chris Haynes)
 Gayle Green and her family (friends of Madeleine Wright)
 Carolyn Bell (mother of Rebecca Hodges)
 Daniel Weir (son of Heather Weir)

Bill Gee
 Linda Larkin
 Sara Romer
 Chuck Poitras
 Jennifer Elliott
 Steve Kinnett
 Teresa Bremer
 Mary Lou Williams
 Bruce Rolstad
 Mary Ann and Greg Edwards (friends of Leah Pallman)
 Ona Larson Malleck (sister of Leah Larson)
 Elaine Lea (mother of Leah Paalman)
 Simon Bredbeck (great nephew of Janis Chitwood)

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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