

Peace Lutheran Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4, 2022

As We Gather If you are like most people, during these weeks leading up to the celebration of Christmas, you have a lot of preparing to do. When we think about the preparations that need to be made, the list of presents to be bought, cards to be mailed, and special events to attend is almost dizzying! We might be surprised to find in today's Gospel reading that John the Baptist highlights the importance of preparing. However, the preparations John has in mind may not be the same ones on the forefront of our minds this time of year. Fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy, John's voice cries out "Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight" (*Matthew 3:3*). John's call to prepare is a call to repent. During this Advent, we ask that the Lord fulfill this essential preparation of repentance in our lives, as He turns our hearts away from sin to our Savior.

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there. *LSB 344:2*

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to Pastor.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

A special welcome to those with young children If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.

**RINGING OF THE BELL
PRELUDE
WELCOME**

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo-ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM



Olivia Lola Lliteras and Edward David Hudnell

BAPTISMAL HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His
in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In the wilderness

People: prepare the way of the LORD;

Pastor: make straight in the desert

People: a highway for our God.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Almighty God, heavenly Father, when John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness, he proclaimed, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2). We humbly ask, O Lord, that You would work repentance in our hearts today. With sorrow over our sin, we ask that You grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may turn from the sin that hinders Your kingdom from coming. For the sake of our Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” *Romans 15:13*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN DURING LIGHTING

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
O Lord our God, Your written Word gives us endurance and encouragement for our time of waiting and preparation. Grant that we may also look to the Word made flesh so that we abound in hope through His life lived and given for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1–10
(A shoot from the stump of Jesse)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

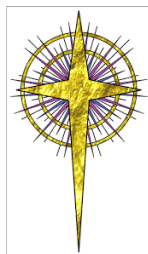
EPISTLE READING Romans 15:4–13
(Christ came for hope)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR

“Star of Advent ”



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1–12
(John the Baptist prepares the way)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You O Christ**

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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MESSAGE

"The Baptist's Cry:
From 1st Century Jew to Today's Red, White & Blue"
Matthew 3:1-12

Pastor Mike Schultze

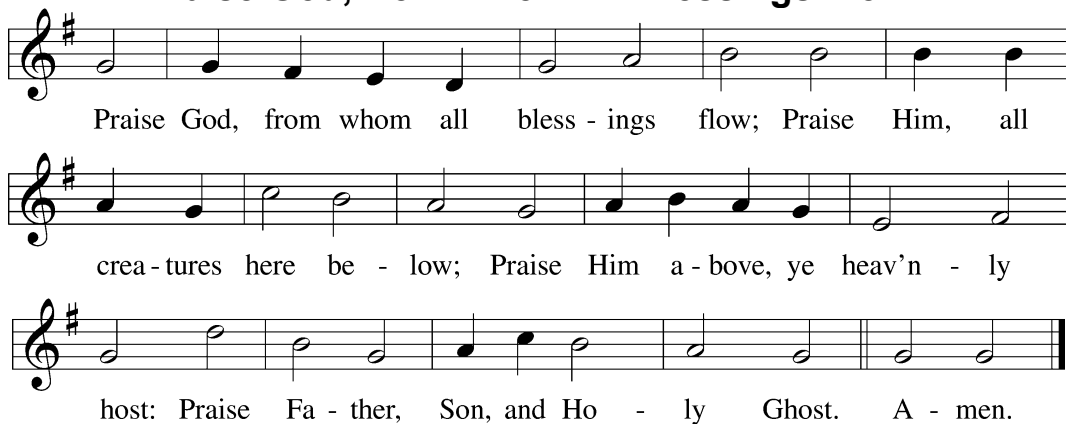
OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness




sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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“Lamb of God”



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and




sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;



He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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“O Savior, Precious Savior”



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who promised, the Son who came to save, and the Spirit who sends us out in love— bless you now and always.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Jane Morici in memory of her husband Ignazio and by Connie Morris in celebration of her birthday.

Attendance on 11/27/22: 9:00–83 11:00– 23 Total: 106

Sunday School–10 On Thanksgiving Eve: 36

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY DECEMBER 4, 2022

	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Elder:	Al Bosman	Tom Waddell
Greeters:	Donna Pickler	
Readers:	Toni Radle	Linda Elbert
Acolyte:	Michelle Ullerick	
Ushers:	Mike McCracken Tom La Jeunesse Rick Poore	
Altar Care:	Linda Young/Irene Hutchison	Rachael Ylizaliturri/Jane Morici
Organist:	Karen Foote	
Choir Director:	Linda La Jeunesse	

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXTSUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2022

	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Elder:	Al Bosman	Tom Waddell
Greeters:	Donna Pickler	
Readers:	Al Bosman	Tom Waddell
Acolyte:	Michelle Ullerick	
Ushers:	Scott Klittich Steve Rusch Mike Elbert	
Altar Care:	Linda Young/Irene Hutchison	Rachael Ylizaliturri/Jane Morici
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THIS WEEK AT PEACE December 4, 2022

- Today: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service
9:20 am Sunday School
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
11:00 am Praise Service (FH)
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
3:00 pm Advent Craft Faire
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- Monday: Office Closed
- Tuesday: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Council Meeting
- Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm Advent Service
6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group
- Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
5:45 am Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Friday: ++++++
- Saturday: ++++++
- Sunday 12/11 9:00 am Traditional Service
9:20 am Sunday School
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
11:00 am Praise Communion Service (FH)
12:00 Peace Christmas Casserole Party
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 4, 2022

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10am. Our study is of the book of "Daniel" . For more info, contact Connie at... 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- will resume January 5th.

THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY will resume in January.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the "Gospel of John." If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt at: 805-482-3867.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request please call Sandi *Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: footstepps@verizon.net.

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART is in the Narthex. Sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Arrangements are \$40.00 each. A check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the 9:00 service, you may take your arrangement home.

THE FOOD BANK- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex. Donations are taken to the pantry weekly. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY AND PEACE PRESCHOOL are partnering in the 8th annual "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MASON" toy drive for foster children in Ventura County. New unwrapped games, toys or sporting equipment for children 14 years and under, can be dropped off from Sunday November 27th through Thursday December 15th. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

PEACE ADVENT CRAFT FAIRE— **TODAY!** December 4th 3-5pm. Get your Craft On! Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. All ages welcome. There will be something for everyone! Help is needed to make this event happen. Volunteer sign up sheets are on the white announcement board. Fill out the form and return it to— Rachael Ylizariturri 's or Marsha Larson's mail boxes in the Narthex. Craftiness is Happiness!

Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Terry Breckinridge, Brian Derozer, Mike Elbert, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol

Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Jim Pedersen, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Paul Schedler, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland and Henry Andermann.

Also pray for comfort and peace for Dianne Pederson and her family, as they mourn the loss of Jim Pedersen, our brother in Christ.



DECEMBER 11TH (not the 18th)

Peace Christmas Casserole Party - We will be having the Christmas Party after the 2nd service on Sunday, December 11th. Fellowship will be providing drinks, salad and dessert. We are planning an old fashioned Lutheran casserole potluck. Please bring a casserole (or something similar) to share.



Please join us for:

Advent Craft Faire

TODAY, December 4 @ 3-5 pm

Advent Wednesday Soup Suppers @ 6 pm

Worship Services

December 7, & 14 @ 7 pm

Peace Christmas Casserole Party

December 11th After the 11am service

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18 (One Service) @ 10am

Christmas Eve Services

Contemporary Candlelight Service @ 5pm

Traditional Candlelight Service @ 7pm

Christmas Day Service

(One Service) @ 10am

