

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 6, 2020

As We Gather On the second Sunday in Advent we hear a voice rise up calling us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is not meant to be the voice of terror but the promised voice of comfort. God is coming to His people to announce an end to their warfare, the pardon of their sins, and the promise of a whole new future. Once this voice was the voice of John insisting he was not the one but was preparing for the One who is mightier than he. Voices still proclaim the comfort of the Lord and the grace that forgives sins---not as someone to come but as the One who came for us and our salvation. Today we not only listen for our own sake, but we listen so that we may speak into the world the grace of Him who came before He comes again.

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 the Pastor.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: The voice of the prophet cries out to us: Prepare the way of the Lord. The gracious God whom we know in Christ comforts us with the promise of grace bigger than every sin. God alone makes us clean and makes us ready to meet Jesus. He comes as a Shepherd to carry us in His arms and to lead us home clothed in forgiveness and His very own righteousness.

Pastor: Restore us, O God, and let Your face shine on us,

People: That we may be saved. *Psalm 80:3*

Pastor: Give ear to Your people, O Shepherd of Israel,

People: and lead Your people like a flock. *Psalm 80:1, adapted*

Pastor: You forgive all the iniquity of Your people;

People: You cover up all our sin and show us Your steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 85:2*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Silence for Meditation & Reflection)

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know---the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed---but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you By God's grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(During Advent we omit the Hymn of Praise until it is sung on Christmas.)

HYMN DURING LIGHTING

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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+LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD+

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, 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 Isaiah 40:1-11

(Comfort, comfort my people, says the Lord our God.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 2 Peter 3:8-14

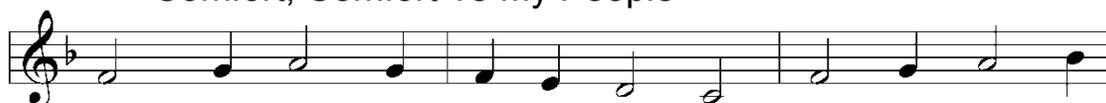
(St. Peter reminds us that God's time and our time are not the same and we must be ready at all times for our Lord's return.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.

HOLY GOSPEL.....Mark 1:1-8

(Our Lord's coming begins with the voice sent to prepare the world for His appearing.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head 6 Then when You will come again
That, set free from doubt and dread, As the glorious king to reign,
I may cling to You in faith, I with joy will see Your face,
Safely kept through life and death. Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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MESSAGE The Family Tree That Makes Families Free
Is Rooted In God's Love:
Part Two: Jesus, the Son of Abraham
Matthew 1:1-2
Pastor Mike Schultze

CONFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin
Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us,
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. Amen

OFFERING *(will be received as you leave)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT 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.**

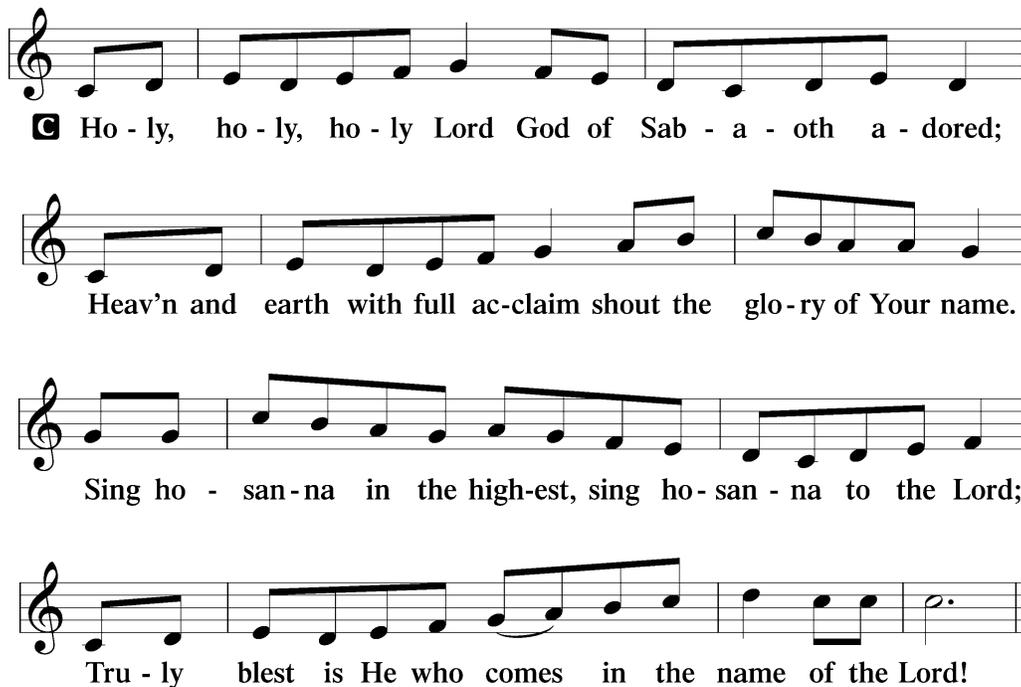
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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

“Lamb of God”

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.

(Please be seated)

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,
 3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
 A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
 That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
 Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

“Teach Me Your Way”



1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, Teach me Your way! Your guid - ing
 2 *When I am sad at heart, Teach me Your way! When earth - ly*
 3 When doubts and fears a - rise, Teach me Your way! When storm - clouds
 4 *Long as my life shall last, Teach me Your way! Wher - e'er mv*



1 grace af - ford—Teach me Your way! Help me to walk a - right, More by faith,
 2 *joys de - part, Teach me Your way! In hours of lone - li - ness, In times of*
 3 fill the skies, Teach me Your way! Shine thru the wind and rain, Thru sor - row,
 4 *lot be cast, Teach me Your way! Un - til the race is run, Un - til the*



1 less by sight; Lead me with heav - en - ly light— Teach me Your way!
 2 *dire dis - tress, In fail - ure or suc - cess, Teach me Your way!*
 3 grief and pain; Make now my path - way plain—Teach me Your way!
 4 *jour - ney's done, Un - til the crown is won, Teach me Your way! A - men.*

NUNC DIMITTIS



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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Great and merciful God, the days pass quickly and we grow weak and weary amid the rapid pace of change. Give us patience to wait upon You. Give us wisdom to judge with the discernment of Your Spirit. Give us an awareness of Your constant presence. And give us Your abiding peace to calm us on our way. These we ask with confidence that You will give us all that we need to be prepared for our Lord Jesus when He comes; 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 Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious onto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance 11/29/20 68

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Jane Morici in memory of her husband Ignazio, and by Carol Yung in memory of her husband Ron.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE DECEMBER 6, 2020

Today: 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service outside
1:30 a.m. New Life Church

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Traditional Services outside
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY: All Bible Study groups have suspended until after the first of the year.

Women's Bible Study with a study on the book of Revelation. Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information.

Men's Bible Study This study, "Bible Symbols", meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join or for more information. Please pick up your copy of the study in the church office.

LifeLight will resume meeting with Zoom classes after the new year: Contact Blaine or Diana Wanke (805)482-7524 if you would like to join this study.

THE FOOD BANK at St. Columba's Episcopal Church's has remained opened during the pandemic and has had a large increase in demand. The church office is open from 9 to 12 Monday through Friday. They give out food every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 9-10am for seniors and 5-6 pm for families. Below is a list of items most needed, but any nonperishable, non-expired donation is appreciated. Please take your donation directly to St. Columba's. Most needed items: Cereal, shelf stable milk, canned vegetables, canned meats, beans, rice, and pasta.

Thank you! Social Concerns

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October-December are now available for you to pick up either at the check-in table or in the church office during the week.

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

THE HANDBELL CHOIR has resumed rehearsals. If you are interested in joining please contact Linda LaJeunesse 805-443-3527.

THE 2021 FLOWER CHART is posted on the white board as you come to the check-in station. Please bring a pen to sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. (After signing-up, please remember to use the hand sanitizer on the check-in table.) Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$35.00 each, and the 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 11:00 service, you may take your arrangement home.



This year we are again collecting new **socks** and **gloves** for the homeless. We can use men's, women's and children's. A tub will be out during the Sunday services, or they can be taken to the office. Thank you for your help.

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Terry Breckinridge, Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Marshall Denninger, Bruce Fraser, Father of Gail Goesch, Beverly Gandy, Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Scott McComas, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer) and his parents, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Bev Toro, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.

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SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY is joining with our Peace Preschool in the 6th Annual Happy Birthday, Mason Toy Drive that benefits foster children in Ventura County. We are trying to collect the majority of the toys by 2nd week of December for the “Toy Store” event. This is where foster parents will come to pick-up toys for their foster children free of charge. The collection will continue through December 20th and gifts will be dropped off to families still in need. The goal is to provide a gift for every foster child in the county. Please see the attached Toy and Gift Suggestion List.

♥ 0—3 Years ♥	♥ 4—7 Years ♥	♥ 8—12 Years ♥	♥ Teens ♥
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity blocks • Baby doll • Bath toys • Books, cloth or board • Building toys • Chunky plastic toys • Matching game • Musical toy / instrument • Plastic tool set • Puppet • Push/pull riding toy • Rocking horse • Sensory / sorting /stacking toys • Toddler dishes / play food • Toddler shopping cart • Toy people • Toy car / truck • Train set • Tricycle • Wagon • Wood puzzle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art / craft supplies • Baby doll • Athletic equipment / balls • Bike / helmet • Board game • Books • Card game • Child's watch • Construction toys • Dishes / cookware / play food • Dollhouse / furnishings • Matching game • Musical toy / instrument • Remote control car • Roller skates / blades / helmet • Scooter / helmet • Toy car / truck • Wrist / knee / elbow pads • Educational tablets • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameras • Aquarium • Art / craft supplies • Athletic equipment / balls • Basic erector set • Beginner sewing machine • Bike / helmet • Board game • Books • Construction toys • Gym / sports bag • Models—car, airplane, etc. • Remote control car • Roller skates / blades / helmet • Science kits • Scooter / helmet • Wrist / knee / elbow pads • Action figures • Musical instruments • Electronic toys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameras • Art / craft supplies • Athletic equipment / balls • Bike / helmet • Books / journal • Clock / Clock radio • Hair appliances • Gym / sports bag • Electric razor • Jewelry / jewelry box • Make up case / kit / mirror • Movie passes • Photo album / scrapbook • Pillow / body pillow / sheets • Skateboard / helmet • Wallet / coin purse / purse • Watch • Musical instruments • Electronic toys • Ear buds / headphones • Backpacks • Bluetooth speaker