

**THE PAGEANT OF THE HOLY NATIVITY** will be presented during worship next Sunday, December 10. Children, youth and adult choirs will sing and dramatize the intrigue and wonders with the coming and birth of Jesus.

**THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** will be received during 10:00 AM worship as well as the 6:00 and 8:00 PM Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24. This offering helps provide opportunities for deserving students and assistance to former and current church workers and families.

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS** must be postmarked by Saturday, December 30, or received in the offering on Sunday, December 31 to be credited towards 2017 giving.

**ADULT/SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** Plan to join the senior luncheon group, Wednesday, December 13 at noon, for a Christmas season kick-off gathering. For a mere \$5, you will enjoy a scrumptious holiday lunch, gorgeous decorations, and time to visit with friends, both old and new.

**KIDZ MART IS COMING...**now accepting your gently used donations for Valley Kids to purchase as Christmas gifts for their families. Look for the Kidz Mart donation bin located in the church office lobby. Kidz Mart offers children an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their family, friends, and pets, under the guidance of our adult and teen shop keepers. Money received through sales will go to Children's Ministries.

This year's Kidz Mart schedule:

- Children only on Wednesday, December 6, 4:00-7:00 PM
- Children only on Saturday, December 9, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Adults and children on Sunday, December 10 after worship

**THE VALLEY BOOK GROUP** will meet on Friday, December 8, in the Fireside Room at 10:00 AM to discuss "The News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. This story takes place in the aftermath of the Civil War and follows an aging itinerant news reader who agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa Indians back to her people in Texas. All are welcome to join the discussion!



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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

December 3-10, 2017

SUNDAY, December 3	TUESDAY, December 5	THURSDAY, December 7
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	10:00 AM Staff Meeting	9:00 AM Personnel Committee
9:00 AM Adult Education Class	10:15 AM Tai Chi Class	5:00 PM Music Selection Team
9:00 AM Youth Choir	11:00 AM Worship and Music Committee	6:30 PM Cub Scouts Patrol
9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers		6:30 PM Cub Scouts Wolf Den
9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir	1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir
9:30 AM Early Coffee	1:30 PM Mission Committee	
10:00 AM Worship	6:00 PM Bear Den 592	<b>FRIDAY, December 8</b>
11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship	6:00 PM Christian Nurture for Children Meeting	8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group
11:30 AM Advent Fair	6:30 PM Girl Scouts	
	7:00 PM Christian Nurture for Youth Meeting	<b>SATURDAY, December 9</b>
<b>MONDAY, December 4</b>	7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 AM Pageant Rehearsal
8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group		
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	<b>WEDNESDAY, December 6</b>	<b>SUNDAY, December 10</b>
6:00 PM VCP Board Meeting	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop	8:00 AM Women's Exercise Group	9:00 AM Adult Education Class
7:30 PM Girl Scout Troop	5:00 PM Cherub Choir	9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers
7:30 PM Scout Troop Parent Meeting	5:00 PM King's Kids Choir	9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir
	5:45 PM Pageant Rehearsal	9:30 AM Early Coffee
	6:30 PM Scouts Den 6	10:00 AM Worship-Christmas Pageant
	6:30 PM Youth Group	11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

**Ministers:** All members of the congregation

### Valley Staff:

Jeff Binder .....	Pastor, ext. 133
Misty Bonham .....	Director of Children's Ministries, ext. 135
Connor Campbell .....	Building Superintendent, ext. 143
Chuck Falconer and Jenny Pratt .....	Pastoral Associates
Angela Graham .....	Publication & Office Administrator, ext. 126
AmyAnn Green .....	Business Manager, ext. 128
Bob Hinson .....	Organist/Pianist, ext. 139
David Jimerson .....	Minister of Music, ext. 139
Frank Powers .....	Treasurer, ext. 129
Amy Rheingans .....	Director of Youth & Children's Music, ext. 145
Anne Scarce .....	Preschool Director, ext. 146

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 3, 2017 ✠ 10:00 AM

❖ Please stand as you are able

**Bold Text is spoken by everyone**

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Please pass and sign the friendship folders.

PRELUDE *Savior of the Nations Come* J. S. Bach

ACOLYTES Claire Bedsaul and Paige Bedsaul

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Reed/Baker Family

ADVENT SONG *Advent Song*

**Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;  
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;  
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.**



❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from *Ministry Matters*  
 The Lord is coming to us soon. Make ready your hearts to receive Him.  
**We are caught up in the rush of the season. Calm us down, Lord.**  
 The Lord is bringing peace to you.  
**Praise be to God who brings peace to a hectic world.**

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* No. 267

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Psalm 80:1-3* Valerie Conner, Liturgist  
**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!**  
**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim**  
**and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!**  
**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

☪ *Silence is kept* ☪

❖ **GLORIA PATRI** *"Glory Be to the Father"* No. 581

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

❖ **THE PEACE**  
 The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

❖ *Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.* ❖

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *Glory to God* No. 583

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH** Rev. Jeff Binder

**MESSAGE SCRIPTURE** *Isaiah 64:1-9* Old Testament, p. 694  
 The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE** *Sheep, Goats,....GODZILLA* Rev. Jeff Binder

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)  
**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without**  
**ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to**  
**unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long**  
**silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**  
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in**  
**our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's**  
**new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**CHORAL OFFERTORY** *E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz  
*(Revelation 22:20)*

❖ *Congregation rising, row by row, as ushers pass* ❖

❖ **DOXOLOGY**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## EUCCHARIST

### INVITATION

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of faith, let us offer our prayers of joy and thanksgiving to God.

**Let us gladly celebrate with praise the presence of Christ.**

Let us pray.

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** Cantor, Raoul Bellis-Squires Malotte

*Please join in singing as you are able*

### BREAKING THE BREAD & FILLING THE CUP

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ **CLOSING HYMN** *The First Nowell* No. 147

❖ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Chaconne* Couperin

*You are invited to remain seated to conclude worship with the postlude.*

Sermon Notes:

1. How would you describe Advent to a stranger?

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2. What is one stress for you during the holiday season?

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3. Isaiah tells the story of the Babylonian \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is one hope for you this Advent?

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS:** we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! Please fill out a Visitor Card, located in the pew back, and drop it in the Offering Plate when it is passed.

**AN OPEN NURSERY** (Room 14/15) is available for your infant-three year olds every Sunday from 9:45-11:15 AM. Our Nursery is located in the Sunday School wing.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** will be hosted by the Clippers Mariners Ship upstairs in Davis Hall/Gym after worship. Coffee, tea, juice, conversation!

**BRING A THERMOS!** Most Sundays there is leftover coffee that gets poured down the drain after coffee fellowship. Please feel free to bring a thermos or insulated mug and take the leftover coffee home.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** next Sunday, December 10, at 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall. In the DVD series, "Jesus and His Jewish Influences," we discuss the end of the Babylonian exile and repatriation of the Jews reflected Persian policy. However, the Jews attributed their return to Israel as fulfillment of God's intent. Join us as we discuss this interesting topic!

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated today. Please come forward, as you are able, directed by the ushers. Take the bread, dip it in the cup and consume it. If you choose not to dip, you may eat the bread, take a small cup and drink. Please leave the cup in the basket provided. Return to your pew via the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward, a server will offer the elements to you in your pew. Gluten-free bread is available in a red cup.

**ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK INSTRUCTION SHEETS** will be available on a table at our Advent Fair today. We will be collecting recipes and our committee will be circulating to answer any questions you might have regarding and submitting your recipes.

**POINSETTIAS** will enhance the sanctuary chancel on the 3rd Sunday of Advent and Christmas in memory and honor of our loved ones. If you wish to participate, please provide the name of the honoree and a donation of \$15 noted to "VCPC Flower Fund" in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office by Monday, December 18. Honorees names will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

**THE NEXT RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** is Tuesday, December 19, 2:00-7:00 PM. Up to three people may be helped with each pint of blood collected. Please contact Karen Miller, plmkmm@comcast.net or Jim Sandberg, jim.sandberg@comcast.net, for more information. A sign up table will also be available during coffee fellowship.