



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

December 24-31, 2017

SUNDAY, December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve
 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir
 9:30 AM Early Coffee
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 6:00 PM Christmas Eve
 Worship
 8:00 PM Christmas Eve
 Worship

MONDAY, December 25
Christmas Day - Church
Building Closed

TUESDAY, December 26
Church Office Closed
 10:15 AM Tai Chi Class
WEDNESDAY, December 27
Church Office Closed
 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:00 AM Women's Exercise
 Group

THURSDAY, December 28
Church Office Closed
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, December 29
Closed Office Closed
 8:00 AM Women's Exercise
 Group

SUNDAY, December 31
New Year's Eve
 9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir
 9:15 AM New Spirit Ringers
 9:30 AM Early Coffee
 10:00 AM Worship
 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
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 Frank Powers Treasurer, ext. 129
 Preston Russell Director of Youth Ministries, ext. 131
 Amy Rheingans Director of Youth & Children's Music, ext. 145
 Anne Scarce Preschool Director, ext. 146



CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

☞ **6:00 PM** Worship with the Children's
 Nativity Tableau and Story.

☞ **8:00 PM** Carols and Lessons by
 Candlelight with the Sanctuary Choir



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 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

The Infant King

Robert Roth

ACOLYTES

Hayden Bach and Lars Hoffbeck

ADVENT SONG

Advent Song

Light the Advent candle, four. Think of joy forevermore.

Christ child in the stable born. Gift of love that Christmas morn..

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Bert, Cheryl, Olivia, Georgia, and Lars Hoffbeck

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.

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

NO ADULT EDUCATION CLASS next Sunday, December 31. Join us again on Sundays in January, 9:00 AM in Armitage Hall, for interesting and informative discussions.

OUR RECIPE COLLECTION for the 75th Anniversary Cookbook continues to grow! We would love to add your tasty dishes to our collection. You may do this by submitting recipes to Claudia Askew, clade9@gmail.com, the church office during the week or at coffee fellowship today.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE to contribute to the reverse Advent box items. These items help support Good Roots Food Pantry & Clothing Closet in SE Portland. Place one or two items into a box or bag each day through Epiphany (January 6, 2018) and return them to the Christmas tree in the church entryway between Christmas Eve and January 7, 2018. See the weekly e-blast for more information and a list of items needed.

HOLIDAY HOURS:

- **December 25 and January 1** - Building closed
 - **December 25-January 1** - Church office closed
- Even though the office will be closed, the East Door will unlock for previously scheduled events. Please notify the church office if your group will not meet that week. Thank you and happy holidays!

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

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.

CHRISTMAS MODEL TRAIN OPEN HOUSE: December 27, 5:00-8:00 PM at Shannon Pratt's home, 6677 SW Bancroft Way. Treats and drinks provided. Bring family and friends, all are welcome!

SCOUT PACK 592 invites you to a free CPR Training night from 7:00-9:00 PM on Monday, January 8. Contact Scoutmaster Jim Crawford or the church office for more information.

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

❖ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* N^o 123

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** by Nathan Nettleton
We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE by Rick Morley Rev. Jeff Binder
THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35)

OFFERTORY *God Rest You Merry* Stainer/Thalben-Ball

❖ *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.***

❖ **PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

❖ **CLOSING HYMN** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* N^o 136

❖ **CHARGE & BLESSING** by Bruce Prewer
The grace of Christ Jesus who is the same today, yesterday and forever,
will lead you to the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
and then take you on to those tasks and joys
which will prepare you for the greater glory which is to come.
Today we celebrate the Child of Glory!
Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE *He Is Born the Divine Christ Child* arr. Wayne Hooper

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

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 96*

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

Let us worship our God!

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* N^o 143

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sam Connell, Liturgist
Come, Jesus Christ, our savior, teach us your way, lead us to freedom, grow in our lives, open our minds, shine in our actions, rule in our hearts, be with us here, now, and always.

⊗ *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* N^o 583

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Misty Bonham

ANTHEM *Caroling, Caroling* Alfred Burt

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 9:2-7* Old Testament, p. 638
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *A New Day* Rev. Jeff Binder