

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

10:30 AM



↑ = *Stand* **C**: *Congregation* **A**: *Assisting Minister* **P**: *Presiding Minister*

Hymns may be found in the red hymnals in the pews.

Quiet Bags for little ones, Doodle Bags or books for kids during worship are all available in the narthex – see usher for assistance.

Prelude

Prayer of St. Gregory
Alan Hovhaness (1911–2000)

Introit

Psalm 25:1-3a, 4a

Unto you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you have I trusted, let me not be confounded; neither let my enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for you shall not be ashamed. Show me your ways, O LORD: and teach me your paths.

Welcome

↑ **Gathering Hymn**

Hark the Glad Sound
ELW 239

↑ Lighting of One Advent Candle

P: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep,
that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.



G: Amen.

↑ Hymn

All sing stanza 1:

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you O Israel.**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
ELW 257

↑ Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
G: And also with you.

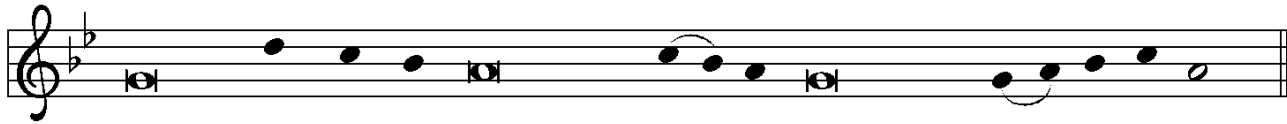
↑ Kyrie



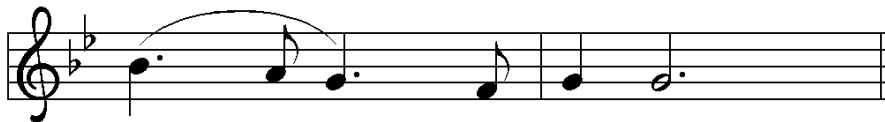
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



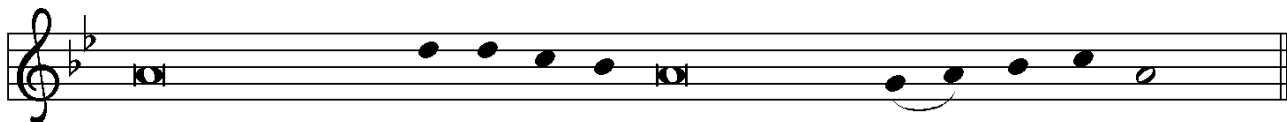
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



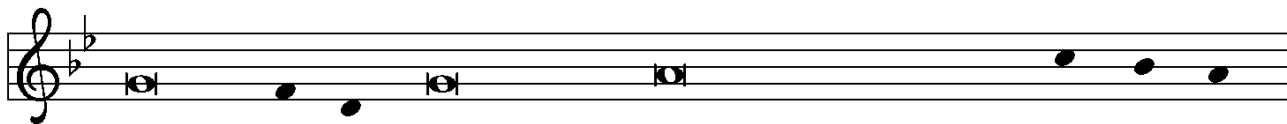
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



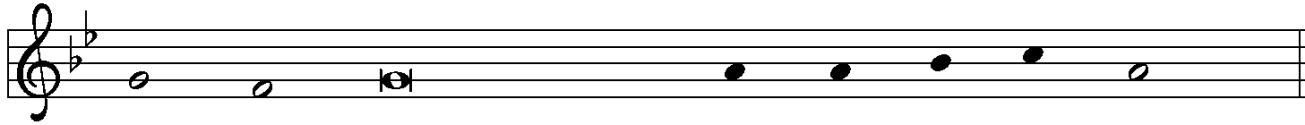
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



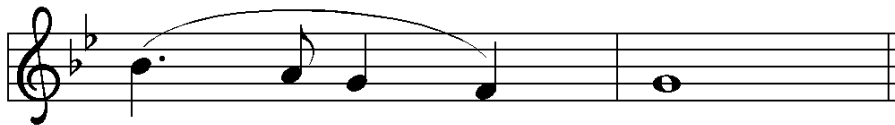
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

↑Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

G: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection alert us

to the threatening dangers of our sins,

and redeem us for your life of justice,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

G: Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

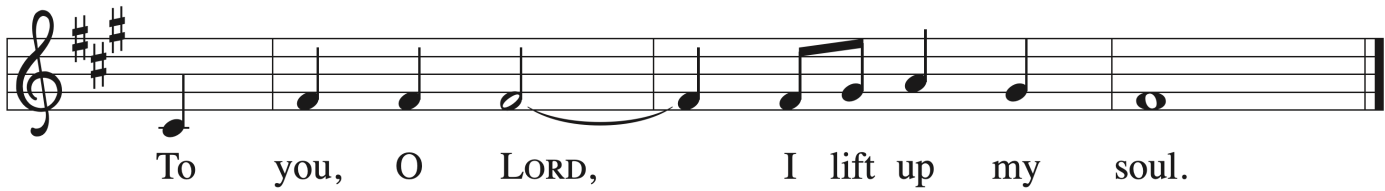
A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

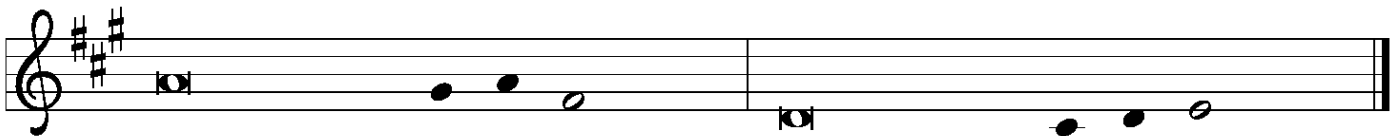
Psalmody

Psalm 25:1-10

Refrain: The choir introduces the refrain; all repeat. Then all repeat the refrain as indicated.



Choir: regular verses; Congregation: boldface verses.



¹To | you, O Lord,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths.**

Refrain

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

Refrain

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. Refrain**

Second Reading

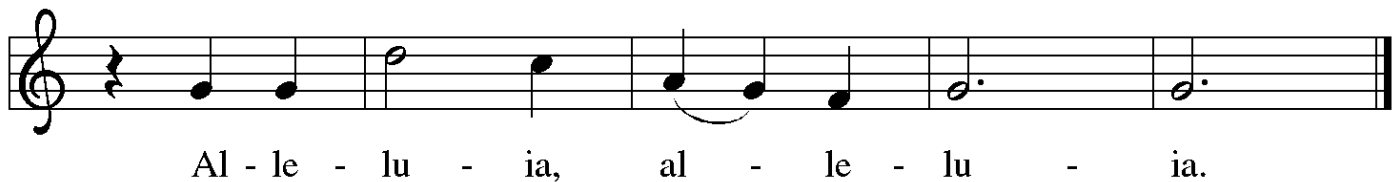
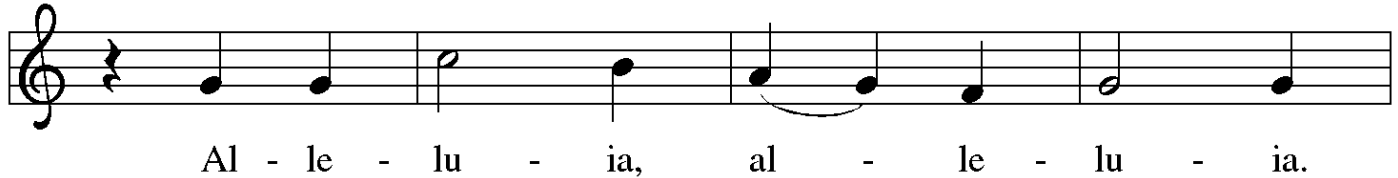
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

↑ Gospel Acclamation

All sing the Alleluia. The choir sings the Verse, then all repeat the Alleluia.



Verse (Choir):

Stand up and raise your heads—your redemption is drawing near.

(Luke 21:28)

↑ The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke.

G: Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the reading

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

G: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor John Michael Barich

↑ Hymn of the Day

The King Shall Come
ELW 260

↑ Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



The Apostles' Creed emphasizes the full humanity of Christ (e.g., he was born, suffered, and died) in response to one of the earliest heresies, namely, the view that Christ only "appeared" to be human. Why? Detractors believed that the Spirit of God, which is good, could not dwell in a material or physical body, which is evil. When we profess the Apostles' Creed, following Jewish tradition, we insist otherwise. The world God made is good! With great joy and without contradiction, therefore, we can say with John 1:14 that "the Word became flesh and dwelled among us."

Prayers of the Church *(please be seated or kneel)*

A: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

↑ Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion –

All who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament. We confess and believe that Christ, who fills all things, come to us in a special way through the Sacrament of Bread and Wine, and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ's real presence among us.

The ministration of the Sacrament is given in two ways:

By intinction:

When prompted by the ushers, come down the center aisle to kneel at the railing; please sanitize your hands. Receive a wafer in your hands. Dip the bread in the wine chalice before partaking. Use the outside aisle to return to your seat.

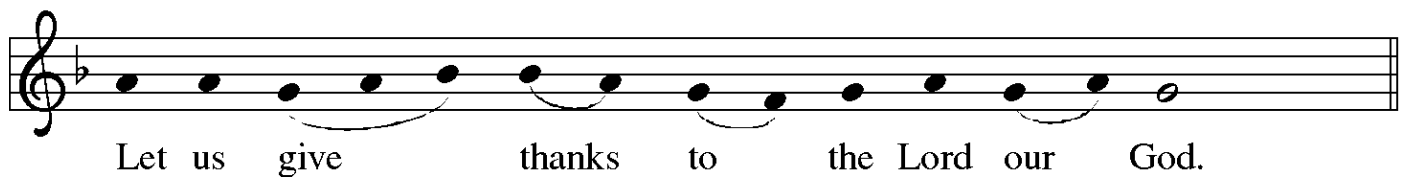
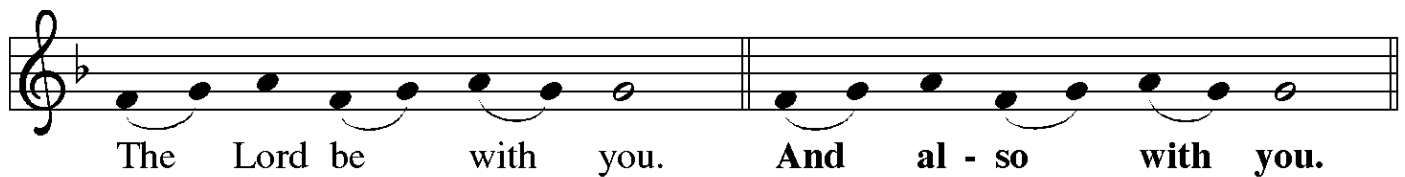
In the pew:

You may commune in the pews with individual elements. These are available just inside as you enter the sanctuary.

Need Gluten-free bread or grape juice? These options are available on this individual elements table.

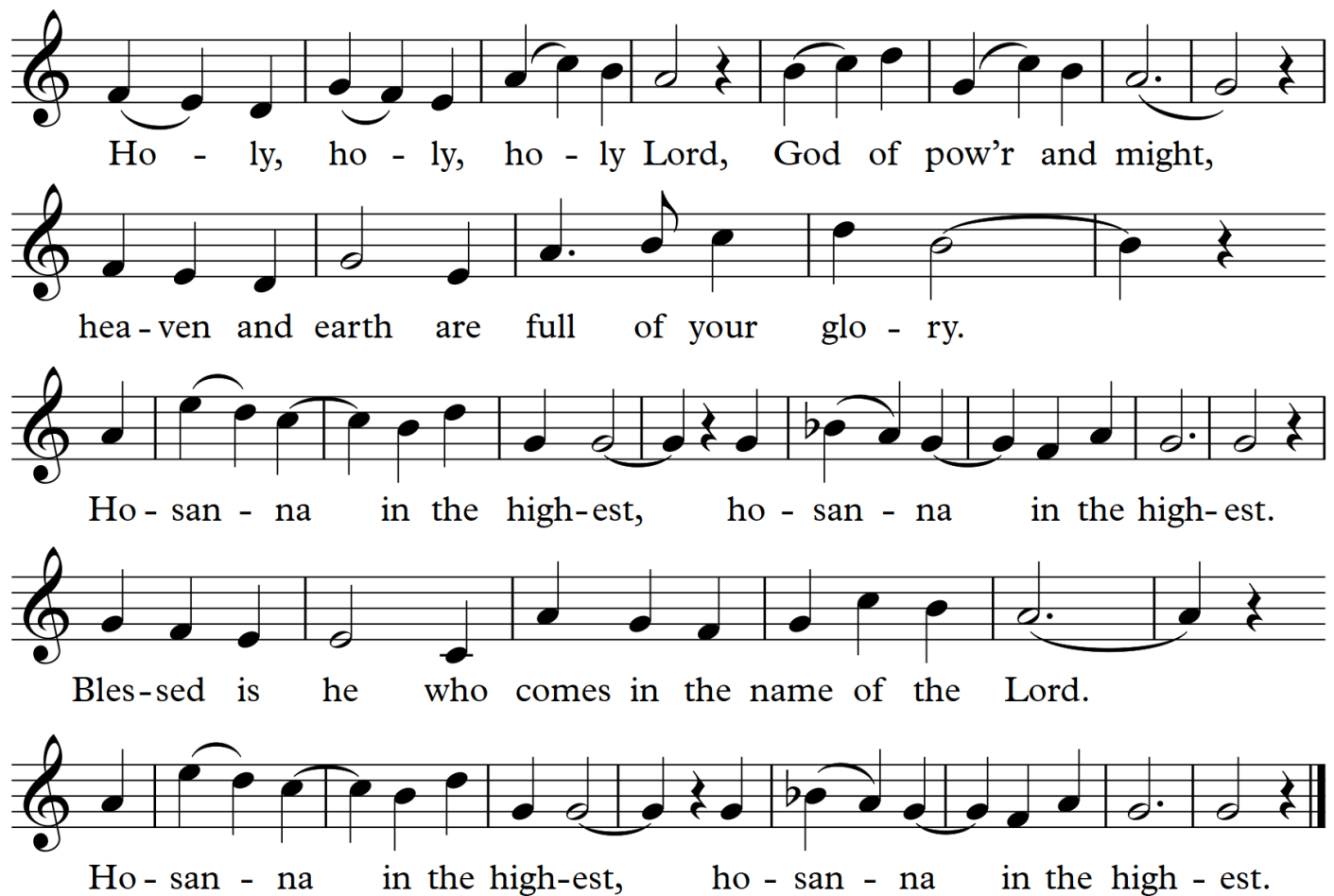
During distribution, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. Dispose of the container in the narthex after worship.

↑ The Great Thanksgiving



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .
. . . praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

↑ Words of Institution

↑ Lord's Prayer

P: Knowing we are loved,
let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

G: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

↑ Invitation to the Table

P: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

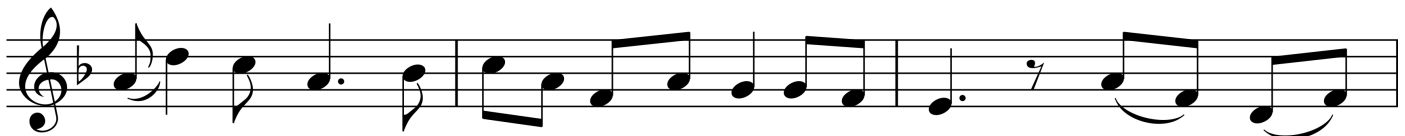
Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us



peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Anthem

Light Dawns on a Weary World
arr. David Cherwien (b. 1957)

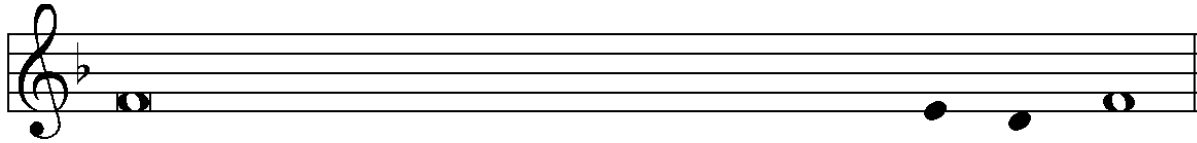
↑ Post Communion Prayer

P: Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.

G: Amen.

Announcements

↑ **Benediction**



- P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † grant you peace.



- C:** A - men.

Sending Hymn

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
ELW 435

↑ **Dismissal**

- A:** Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

First variation on WACHET AUF for trumpet and organ
(Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying, ELW 436)
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780)

About Today's Music

Today's hymns amplify the twin themes of the season of Advent—a time of year we set aside to prepare to celebrate the first coming of our Lord that also reminds us of Christ's second advent, when all things will be brought to completion. At the 10:30 service, we hear a choral setting of "Light Dawns on a Weary World" by Lutheran composer Dave Cherwien, reminding us not only of the lengthening of daylight that begins in a few weeks, but, more importantly, the Light of the world, Christ Jesus (John 1). In his setting, Cherwien includes a coda for organ and violin based on a famous melody by J. S. Bach. — *Cantor Kyle*

ANNOUNCEMENTS —DECEMBER 1, 2024

WELCOME! Please fill out a CONNECT card if you are visiting us today, if you wish to receive our emails or newsletter, or if you'd like the pastor to contact you. Use PRAY cards for prayer requests. Place cards in the offering plate as you leave.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Hannelore Barich (Pastor Barich's mother) in memory of Minna Woltersdorf (her mother) and Robert Scott (her son), and in gratitude for the loving welcome extended to Pastor Barich by QALC.



THANKOFFERINGS, collected during November, are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. Look for the blue envelopes on display on the stand-up round table in the narthex. Your generous Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization, The Women of the ELCA. Making a Thankoffering is gratitude in action, and WELCA thanks you for taking that action.



TODAY, DECEMBER 1 • AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP • IN THE NARTHEX

The first Sunday in Advent is a time to prepare and celebrate! Today is also a special time for us to honor the presence and service of our Interim Pastor John Michael Barich – even though this is not *quite* his last Sunday! (Thank-you cards and gifts for Pastor may be left in the designated basket through December 15.) Pick up an Advent devotional and the take-home materials and crafts for families with children. And, enjoy all the delicious seasonal treats! **Many thanks to all the hands who made this happen!**

ADVENT WORSHIP, WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

Pivot and center yourself, mid-day and midweek, for a brief Service of Responsive Prayer in our beautiful chapel. Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18.

ADULT FORUM @9 (8 DEC.): Join Pastor Barich for a time of "Dwelling in the Word" as we gather together to look at some key texts for the season of Advent.

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH
NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 –**



You are welcome to stay to help us decorate the sanctuary and narthex for the season after the 10:30 worship on Dec. 8. Talk to Jennifer Jones for details.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING
SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 3:30 PM**

Join Cantor Kyle, your neighbors, and friends under the breezeway for Christmas carols and refreshments. Caroling books will be provided. No singing experience necessary. Come as you are!

ADULT FORUM @9 (15 DEC):
Come hear about the work Program Coordinator Lynn Hofstad is doing to create programs and build community with the greater Queen Anne community. She'll share the method behind the planning, including research about how or why people participate in communities and how that relates to church communities, specifically QALC.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

05:30 PM Christmas Eve worship – Family-friendly

11:00 PM Christmas Eve worship – Candlelight Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25:

10:30 AM Christmas Day worship

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1

Worship	8:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Advent Celebration	<i>after worship</i>

Monday

Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00 PM
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Tuesday

Executive Committee	12:00 PM
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Wednesday

Sewing & Service (<i>downstairs</i>)	9:30 AM
Advent Worship. (<i>chapel</i>)	12:00 PM
Staff Mtg. (<i>library</i>)	1:15 PM
AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:30 PM

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal (<i>Music Room</i>)	7:30 PM
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Friday

Saturday

Seattle Seekers (<i>Conference Rm</i>)	10:00 AM
Alanon (<i>upstairs</i>)	10:30 AM
AA Shanty Trudgers (<i>upstairs</i>)	7:00 PM

Sunday, December 8

Worship	8:00 AM
Forum	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Greening of the Church	<i>after worship</i>

OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY has many visitors who are often looking for young adult and kids' books and early readers. Drop donations to Lynn or leave in the Chapel Conference Room bookshelves.

EVERY MEMBER VISITS: Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to welcome the pastor into your home for a 30-40 min. visit. An updated schedule has been posted.

HELP NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

We need a few people to help Cantor Kyle set up for the Christmas Caroling event on Saturday, December 14. Come at 2:30 to set up chairs, tables, prepare plates of cookies, etc. We also need cookies for the carolers. Please contact Susan Evans if you can help.

RIDWELL PICKUP DELAYED

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the next Ridwell pickup will be later than usual. Please continue to bring your **#5 plastic prescription bottles and lids**, as well as **plastic campaign signs**, to the church **through next Sunday, December 8**.

POINSETTIA DELIVERIES

We will deliver poinsettias and Christmas cards to our homebound, ill, and isolated members and friends from December 15 – 22. Barb Bash will organize the deliveries this year; let her know if you are able to participate (check the final box on the Poinsettia form). If you haven't helped in the past, please consider delivering a poinsettia or two. The plants and greetings bring holiday cheer and are much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE – TOWELS & MORE



As the weather grows colder and the days shorter, hot showers become even more appreciated. The Hygiene Center and the shelters allow for many people to get their basic hygiene needs met on a regular basis. These programs are supported, in part, through your generosity. Please bring **clean used or new towels** to church for deliveries to Compass Housing Alliance in mid-December and early January. **Hygiene and toiletry products** are also welcome.

Sam Townsend from Compass writes that Compass is also actually looking to raise **winter jackets and gift cards for Christmas!** To order these items online, click on the link for their amazon wish-list in your Friday email.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2M3SFR71O7VBB?ref_=wl_share

Jim Margard can make two deliveries, on Tuesday, December 10th and Thursday, January 2nd. Thank you!

YOUTH: CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT & SERVICE PROJECT

Project Phoenix invites middle and high schoolers (and their friends) for a 1-hour service project (help serve Sunday dinner to community members) at Ballard First Lutheran Church, followed by pizza and Christmas movie night!

December 15th @ Ballard First Lutheran Church • 5:00-8:00 PM

RSVP to Lauren Jensen (425) 894-3439/ director@projectphoenixseattle.org

*and submit your Christmas movie rec!



Poinsettias for One Another

This year, your donated poinsettias will be given as gifts to elderly, ill, or isolated members of our congregation. Some of the poinsettias will also decorate our altar this season.

If you would like to contribute one or more plants, please fill out the form below. Detach it and leave it in the offering plate or return it to the church office before Tuesday, December 17. You may also email us your information. Cost per plant is **\$12.50**. Checks should be made out to QALC and marked "poinsettias." If you are giving the poinsettias in honor or memory of someone, please print that name very clearly. Commemorations will be noted in the church bulletins for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Your name (please print clearly!) _____

Number of plants _____

In memory of, OR In honor of: _____

Attached is my check for \$ _____

IF YOU CAN HELP:

I am able to help deliver poinsettias during December 14 through 23.

(The church office will contact you!) Contact: _____