

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 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

*“Hark the Glad Sound” and “Prepare the Royal Highway”*  
David P. Dahl

## Introit

**Isaiah 30:19, 30; Psalm 80:1**

O people of Zion, behold, the LORD is near at hand to redeem the nations; and in the gladness of your heart the LORD’s glorious voice shall be heard. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

## Welcome

## ↑ Gathering Hymn

*Prepare the Royal Highway*  
**ELW 264**

## ↑ Lighting of Two Advent Candles

**P:** We praise you, O God, for this circle of light  
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.  
As we light the candles on this wreath,  
kindle within us the fire of your Spirit,  
that we may be light shining in the darkness.  
Enlighten us with your grace,  
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord,  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**C:** Amen.



## ↑ Hymn for Advent II

*All sing stanza 2:*

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way.

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.

**C:** And also with you.

↑ Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



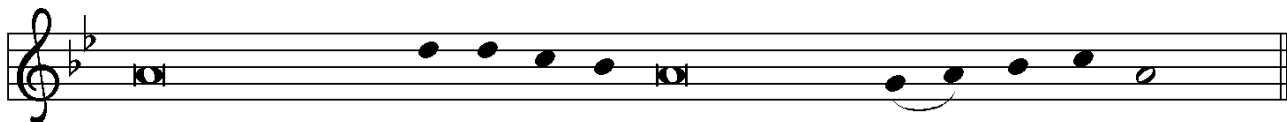
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



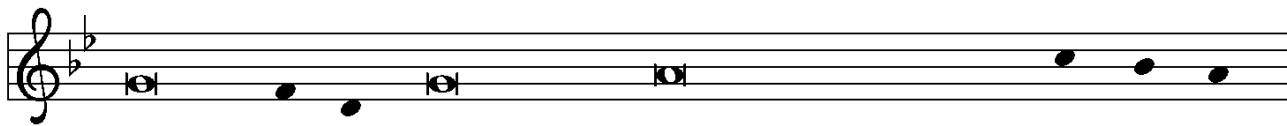
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



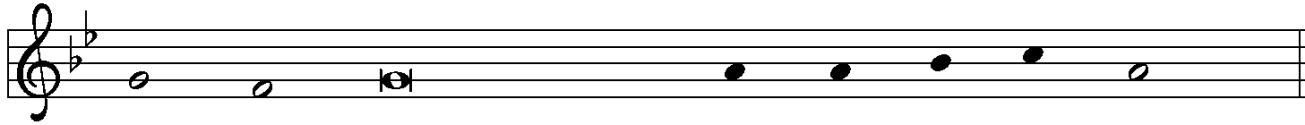
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



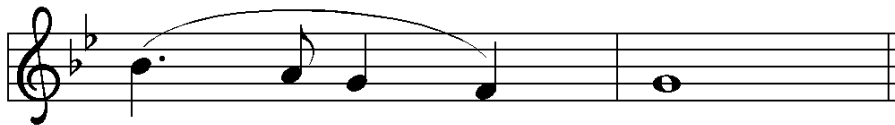
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.  
By his coming give to all the people of the world  
knowledge of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**G:** Amen.

### First Reading

**Malachi 3:1-4**

**A:** Word of God, Word of life.

**G:** Thanks be to God.

*In place of a psalm, the Canticle of Zechariah (the Benedictus) is appointed today. This is the prayer of thanksgiving from the father of John the Baptist found in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel.*

*The leader begins and the congregation responds with the words in **boldface** type.*

- <sup>68</sup> Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and set them free.
- <sup>69</sup> **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your servant David.**
- <sup>70</sup> Through your holy prophets,  
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
- <sup>71</sup> from the hands of all who hate us,
- <sup>72</sup> **to show mercy to our forebears,  
and to remember your holy covenant.**
- <sup>73</sup> This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
- <sup>74</sup> to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
**free to worship you without fear,**
- <sup>75</sup> **holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**
- <sup>76</sup> And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
- <sup>77</sup> **to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**
- <sup>78</sup> In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- <sup>79</sup> **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

## Second Reading

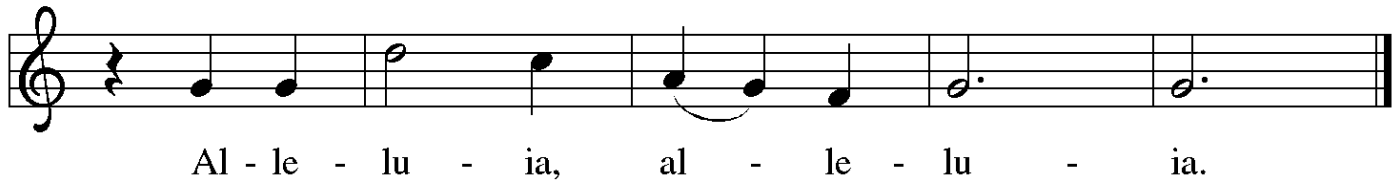
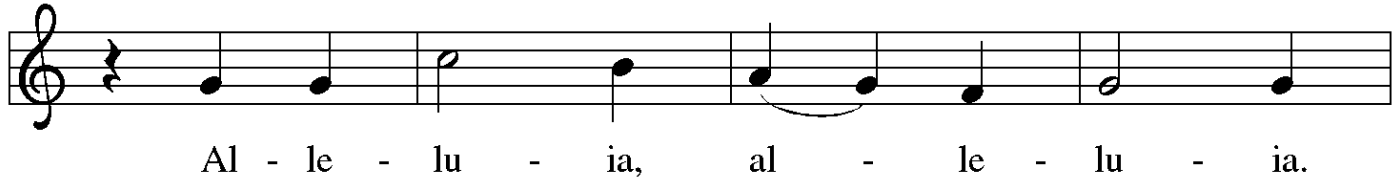
Philippians 1:3-11

**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):*

Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

(Luke 3:4, 6)

### ↑ The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

**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

*On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

ELW 249

## ↑ 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.

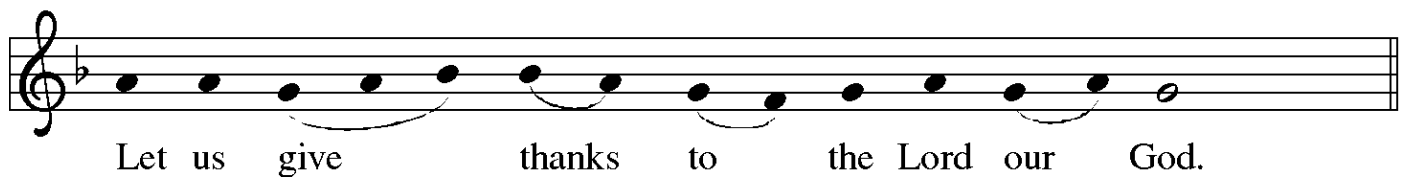
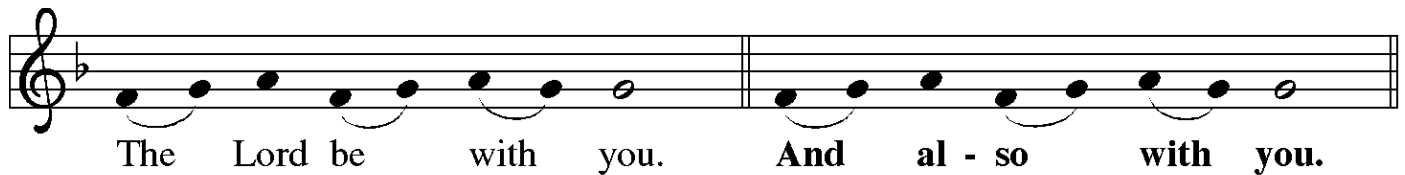
### In the pew:

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.

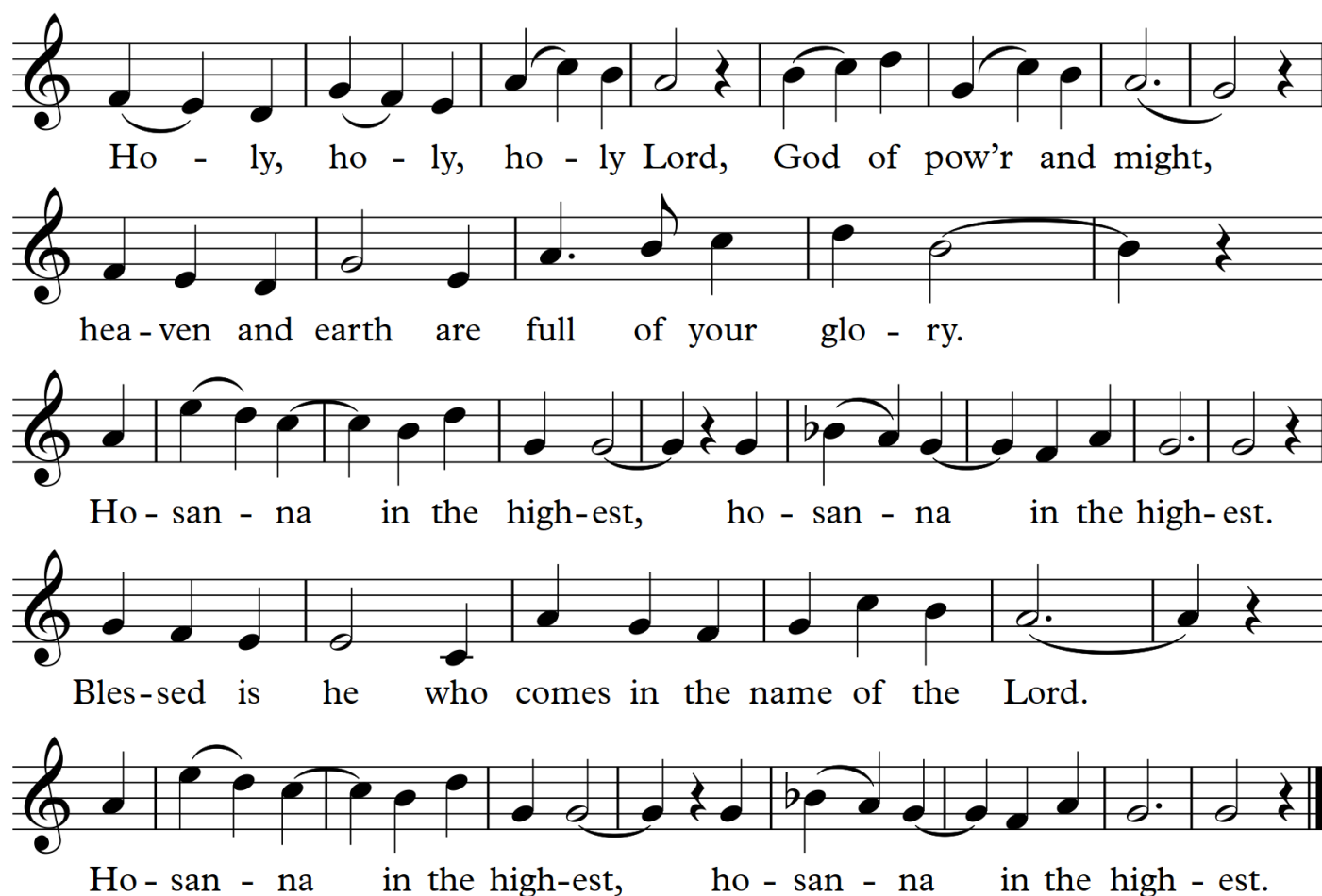
## ↑ The Great Thanksgiving



**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.

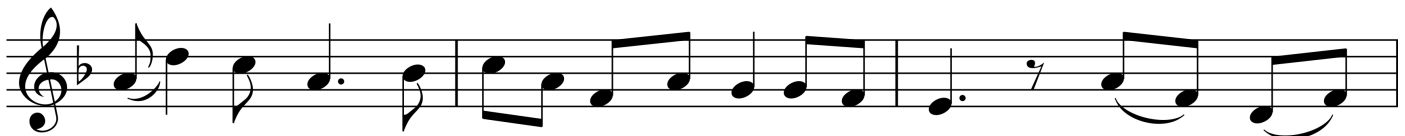
## Agnus Dei



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 Hymn

*He Came Down*  
ELW 253

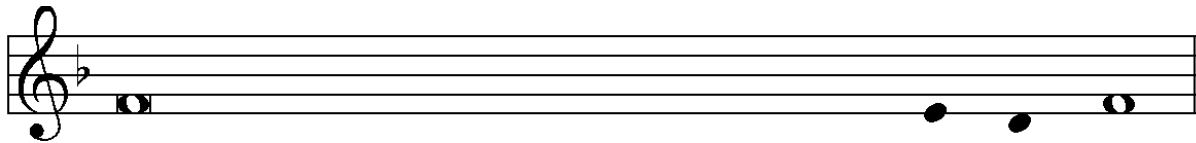
## ↑ Post Communion Prayer

**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**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
ELW 631

↑ **Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

*Toccata on "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland"*  
Hugo Distler

## ANNOUNCEMENTS —DECEMBER 8, 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.

**FELLOWSHIP CONTINUES** after worship with coffee hour; we hope you can stay. Gratitude to Ingrid Wysong for hosting today.

**WE WELCOME MARTHA FREITAG** as our guest organist. Martha earned her Bachelor of Music in organ performance from Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, WI, and a Master of Arts in musicology from UNC Chapel Hill, NC, where she studied harpsichord. She grew up in the Lutheran tradition and keeps a busy schedule as a freelance organist and choir director in the Seattle area.

### **FROM CANTOR KYLE:**

“Thank you so much for the outpouring of support since early November with my dad’s sudden illness and death, and my mom’s hospitalization. Pastor John, Barb, Lynn, John, and Pastor Dan and everyone in the QALC Choir have shown such kindness, and I appreciate each card and note (I have needed the distance of a little time, but will be getting back to opening them, and plan to save each of them). Thank you for ministering to me through this time, and thank you to all from QALC who attended my dad’s funeral in Tacoma.”

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS & FELLOWSHIP**

This morning, please take a moment in the narthex to sign Christmas cards – these cards, along with poinsettia plants, will be delivered between Dec. 14 and 23 to members who are unable to come to services.

**THANKOFFERINGS:** Your generous Thankofferings help support the ministries of the churchwide women’s organization, The Women of the ELCA. Donations can still be accepted through December. Look for the blue envelopes in the narthex.

### **POINSETTIA DELIVERIES**

We will deliver poinsettias and Christmas cards to our homebound, ill, and isolated members and friends from December 14 – 23. Barb Bash will organize the deliveries this year; **let her know if you can help** (email [admin@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org), or 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.



**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 TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

You are welcome to stay to help us decorate the sanctuary and narthex for the season after the 10:30 worship.

**CONCERT TODAY:** Cantor Kyle is leading **NORTHWEST REPERTORY SINGERS** in holiday concerts this weekend and will return to the organ next Sunday. Tickets may still be available for today's concert at 3 PM in Tacoma. Visit [nwrs.org](http://nwrs.org) and follow the link for tickets. At checkout, use discount code "**kyle50**" (without quotes) for 50% off!

**THANK YOU CARDS & FAREWELL GIFTS** for Pastor Barich may be placed in the basket on the narthex table (they will be brought to the office after worship). Pastor Barich's final Sunday with us will be December 15.

### **ADVENT WORSHIP, WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**

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



### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING THIS 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!

### **COOKIES NEEDED FOR THE CAROLERS!**

We have volunteers to help set up – but **we need cookies** – around six or seven dozen! If you can provide some, please contact Susan Evans.

### **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 churches like QALC.

### **YOUTH: CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT & SERVICE PROJECT NEXT SUNDAY**

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](mailto:director@projectphoenixseattle.org)



### **SHARE YOUR NATIVITY SET**

We will once again display nativity sets in the narthex during Advent. If you have a crèche or nativity art that's special to you, be it humble or extravagant, please bring it here as soon as possible.

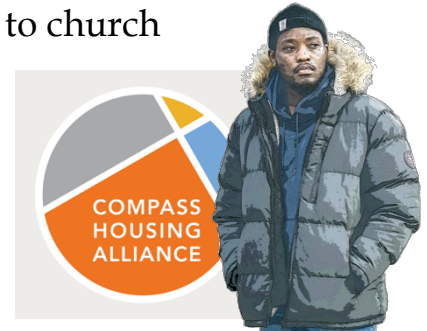
**DECEMBER 22: DIY PAGEANT** – We’re trying a new, intergenerational Christmas program this year, and everyone is invited to participate at the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, Dec. 22. Under the guidance of a stage manager and two narrators, adults and children will enact together the story of Jesus’ birth and celebrate the continued presence of Christ in our lives today. Pick up a part and a simple costume in the narthex as you arrive, and our story will function as the sermon that day. There will be parts for shy people as well as the theatrical! We hope you’ll join in the fun, whether as participant or congregant!



### **COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE CHRISTMAS DRIVE – TOWELS & JACKETS**



Please bring **clean used or new towels** to church for deliveries to Compass Housing Alliance Hygiene Center and shelters in mid-December and early January. **Toiletry products** are also welcome. Hygiene facilities at CHA are supported, in part, through your generosity.



Sam Townsend from Compass writes that Compass is also looking to collect **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.

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

# **FAITH ACTION NETWORK**

## **SEATTLE FAITH ACTION NETWORK CLUSTER GATHERING TODAY**

Sunday December 8, 2:00-4:00 PM • Quest Church, 1401 NW Leary Way, Seattle

Join FAN at this ecumenical gathering of faith community members and people of conscience in the Seattle area. Ingrid Wysong will attend. This will be a time to:

- meet with our new Executive Director Dr. Joyce del Rosario
- strengthen relationships of solidarity for mutual support, resistance, and joy
- share FAN’s policy priorities and hear yours for the 2025 legislative session, and
- collaborate on planning for justice advocacy, education and public action.

Online registration link – see your Friday email • (206) 625-9790 • [fan@fanwa.org](mailto:fan@fanwa.org)

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

**5:30 PM** Christmas Eve worship  
Service of the Word with carols

**11:00 PM** Christmas Eve worship  
Candlelight Eucharist with choir & string quartet

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25:

**10:30 AM** Christmas Day worship

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.

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

**Main Office:** The office will be open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00-5:30. Barb Bash can be reached at [admin@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org) or by phone at 206-284-1960.

**Pastor John Michael Barich** will be available Tuesday through Thursday. To contact him, call the office or e-mail [pastorbarich@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:pastorbarich@queenannelutheran.org). For emergency pastoral care, text him at 206-422-1974.

**Cantor Kyle** will be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evening. E-mail Kyle at [cantor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:cantor@queenannelutheran.org).

**Lynn Hofstad** will be in her library office on Wednesday and Thursday of the coming week. E-mail Lynn at [programming@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:programming@queenannelutheran.org).

**Pastor Dan Peterson** will return to the office on Tuesday, December 17. To contact him, e-mail [pastor@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@queenannelutheran.org).

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 8

Worship	8:00 AM
Forum	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Greening of the Church	<i>after worship</i>
Faith Action Network ( <i>offsite</i> )	2:00 PM

### Monday

PDQ Quilting ( <i>downstairs</i> )	5:30 PM
Food Addicts in Recovery ( <i>FH</i> )	7:00 PM

### Tuesday

Church Council	7:00 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 ( <i>FH</i> )	7:30 PM

### Thursday

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

Alanon ( <i>upstairs</i> )	10:30 AM
Christmas Caroling ( <i>breezeway</i> )	3:30 PM
AA Shanty Trudgers ( <i>upstairs</i> )	7:00 PM

### Sunday, December 15

Worship	8:00 AM
Forum	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Youth Event (@BFL)	4:30 PM



## 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.

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Your name (please print clearly!) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of, OR  In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_