

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 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

## Introit

**Philippians 4:4-5; Psalm 85:1**

Rejoice in the LORD, and again I say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known unto everyone; the LORD is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known unto God. O LORD, you have been gracious unto your land: You have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

## Welcome

## ↑ Gathering Hymn

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

*The choir sings stanza 3; all join to sing other stanzas.*

**ELW 311**

## ↑ Lighting of Three Advent Candles

**P:** We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath  
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.  
As we light the candles on this wreath,  
strengthen our hearts  
as we await the Lord's coming in glory.  
Enlighten us with your grace,  
that we may serve our neighbors in need.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord,  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**C:** Amen.



## ↑ Hymn for Advent III *All sing stanza 6:*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
ELW 257

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## ↑ 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.



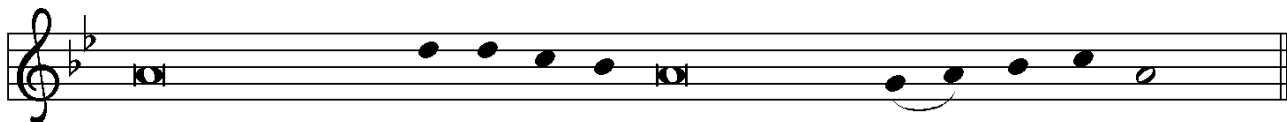
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



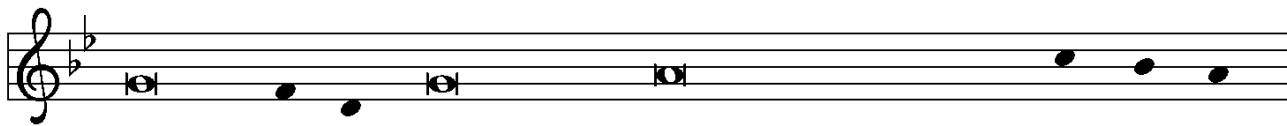
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



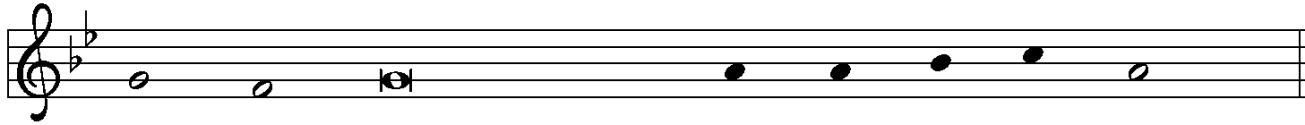
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



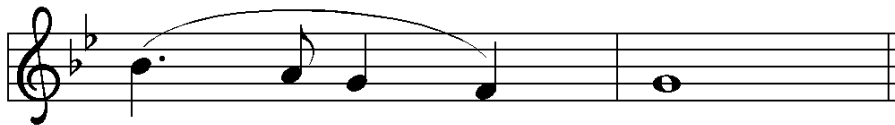
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God,  
and open our ears to the preaching of John,  
that, rejoicing in your salvation,  
we may bring forth the fruits of repentance;  
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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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

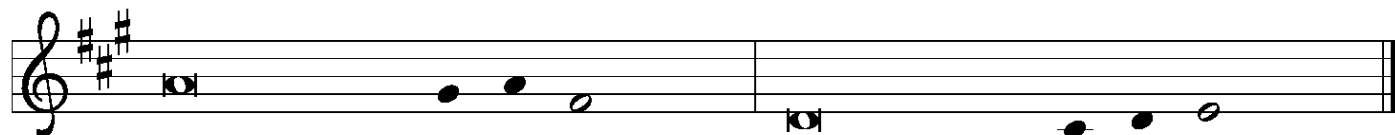
**G:** Thanks be to God.

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



In your midst is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Choir: regular verses; Congregation: boldface verses*



<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>3</sup> **With joy you | will draw water  
from the wells | of salvation.**

**REFRAIN**

<sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:  
Give thanks to the Lord, call | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations;  
proclaim that this name | is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> **Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done | gloriously;  
let this be known in | all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

**REFRAIN**

## Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

**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.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verse (Choir):*

I am sending my messenger before you,  
who will prepare your way before you.

(Matt. 11:10)

## ↑ The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

**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

*In Thee Is Gladness*  
ELW 867

## ↑ 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.

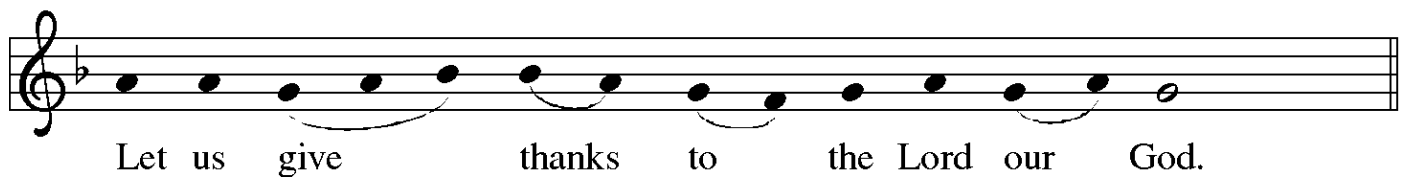
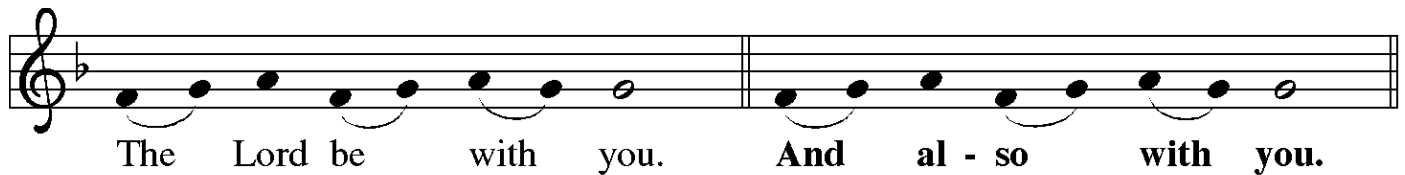
### In the pew:

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.

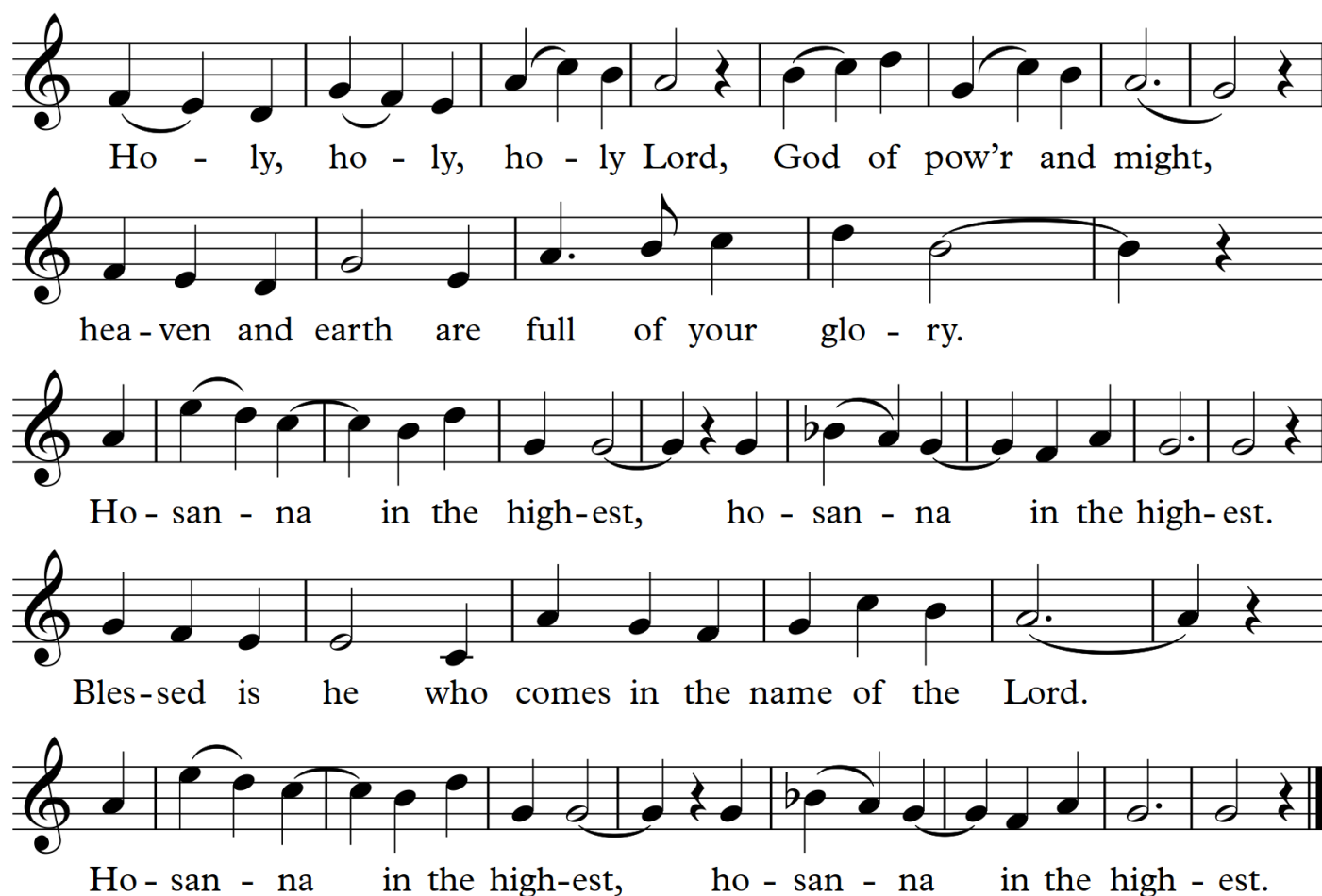
## ↑ The Great Thanksgiving



**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.

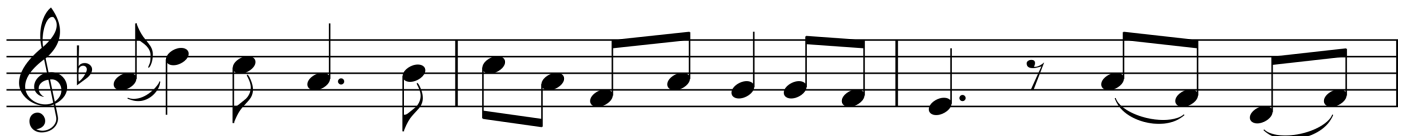
## Agnus Dei



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

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Kyle Haugen (b. 1973)

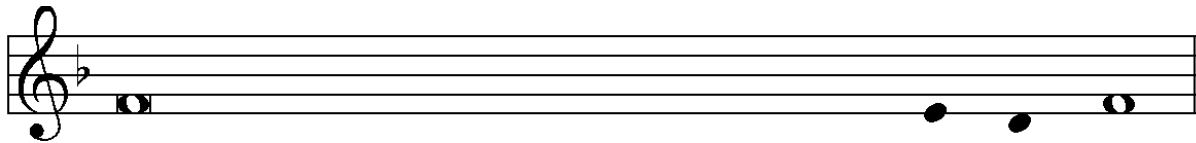
## ↑ Post Communion Prayer

**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.

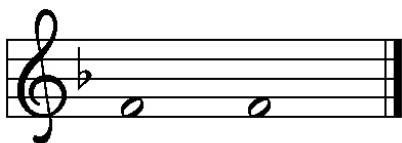
**G:** Amen.

## 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

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
ELW 263

*You are invited to sing the hymn in alternation:*

- 1 = All, unison/melody
- 2 = All, harmony (or melody)
- 3 = High voices/trebles
- 4 = All, harmony (or melody)
- 5 = Low voices
- 6 = All, unison

## ↑ Dismissal

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

## Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS —DECEMBER 15, 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 Lisa Ondrejcek for hosting today. Please stay to offer your thanks to Pastor Barich for his service to us this fall.



### **TODAY IS PASTOR BARICH'S FINAL SUNDAY WITH US;**

Pastor Dan will be back at work on Tuesday, and will lead the midweek service this Wednesday.

**THANK YOU CARDS & FAREWELL GIFTS** for Pastor Barich may be placed in the basket on the table near the elevator.



### **FORUM TODAY @ 9:**

Come hear about the work our **Program Coordinator, Dr. 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.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS TO BRING CHEER**

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.

### **POINSETTIA DELIVERIES — WE NEED A FEW MORE HELPERS**

We are delivering poinsettias and Christmas cards to our homebound friends, from today through December 23. We could use a couple more helpers.

Barb Bash is organizing the deliveries; **Please let her know if you can help** ([admin@queenannelutheran.org](mailto:admin@queenannelutheran.org)). The plants and greetings are much appreciated.

**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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPE SETS FOR 2025** are on the round table by the elevator for certain households. Please talk to Sallie Wilson if you would like a set.

### **ADVENT WORSHIP, WEDNESDAY AT NOON**

Pivot and center yourself, mid-day and midweek, for a brief Service of Responsive Prayer in our chapel. This Wednesday, December 18.

Project Phoenix Presents

**Service Project &  
Christmas Movie Night  
at Ballard First Lutheran  
Dec. 15th**

Calling all middle and high school students to serve Sunday Dinner to community members followed by pizza, a Christmas movie, and popcorn/snacks!  
Friends welcome! One service hour available.



**YOUTH: CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT &  
SERVICE PROJECT TODAY**

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)

**DECEMBER 22: DIY PAGEANT** – We're trying a new, multigenerational Christmas program this year, and **everyone** is invited to participate at the 10:30 AM worship service next 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.

Please arrive at 9:30 if you can, and pick up a part and a simple costume in the narthex as you arrive! There will be parts for shy people as well as the theatrical, and 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 the delivery on Thursday, January 2nd. Thank you!



**HATS OFF** to Barbara K, who knitted 130 hats over the course of the year to be distributed in the community. The hats were delivered to Mary's Place on December 9.

**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.

**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 or by phone at 206-284-1960.

**Cantor Kyle** will be in the office on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evening. E-mail Kyle at 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.

**Pastor Dan Peterson** will return to the office on Tuesday, December 17 to resume his ministry with us. To contact him, e-mail pastor@queenannelutheran.org. For emergency pastoral communications, text him at 253-230-9695.



<b>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</b>	
<b><u>Sunday, December 15</u></b>	
<i>Advent III</i>	
Worship	8:00 AM
Forum	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Youth Event (@BFL)	4:30 PM
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	
Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00 PM
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	
QALCW Circle (Zoom /library)	7:00 PM
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	
Sewing & Service (downstairs)	9:30 AM
Advent Worship. (chapel)	12:00 PM
Staff Mtg. (library)	1:15 PM
AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:30 PM
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	
Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 PM
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	
Alanon (upstairs)	10:30 AM
AA Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	7:00 PM
<b><u>Sunday, December 22</u></b>	
<i>Advent IV</i>	
Worship	8:00 AM
Worship with Pageant	10:30 AM

**Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

Worship Service of the Word with Carols	5:30 PM
Pre-Service Music	10:40 PM
Worship Candlelight Eucharist with Choir & String Quartet	11:00 PM

**Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

Worship – Intimate Service with Carols	10:30 AM
--	----------