



December 1, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | First Sunday of Advent



Advent means “coming.”

It is a time of longing, watching, and praying for God’s healing, transformative presence to be ever more vibrantly present in the world. In this sense, Advent is a season in which we focus on that key phrase in the Lord’s Prayer, “thy kingdom come.” As Christians, the good news we strive to live by and declare is that love is stronger than hate, peace more enduring than war, hope more powerful than despair – and the light of God's love will extinguish forever the shadows cast by violence, suffering, sorrow and hate.

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Assisting in Worship

Altar Guild	Laurel Edgar	Lector	Bonnie Rockwood
Ushers	Don and Karen Johnson	Greeters	Verne and Ellen Schoeneman
Communion Servers	Scott and Nancy Stevens	Music	Lynne McGinley

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O come, o come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

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

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Chorus*

O come, thou key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home,
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. *Chorus*

O come, o, come, our Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient didst give the Law,
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Chorus*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle (The Candle of Hope)

L: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger.

C: So many people in this city and around the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

L: When I look around, I see shadows of injustice,

C: the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, everyone saying, "Buy, buy, buy!" – and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight.

L: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope.

C: In the face of injustice, we light a candle of hope.

(Candle is lit)

L: Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is on the way.

C: Be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

Song

Light the Candle

Chorus

Light the candle as a symbol
Of the Light that leads the way;
For each candle is a symbol
Of the hope that's ours to today.
As we strike the match and light the wick,
Come, Spirit, shine bright.
Grant that all may see from the darkness
Your Gift, Your truth, Your Light.

Emmanuel, Son of the Father
Come to us now, Savior and Lord. *Chorus*

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Announcements

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

L: This is the Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44

³⁶But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

L: The Gospel of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Message

No Clue Dude!

Pastor Paul Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Come, Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,

Joy of every longing heart.
Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Prayers of the Community

Offering of Time, Treasure and Talent

The Celebration Of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If Communion will be received by **Intinction:** Please take the wafer and dip in either the chalice of wine or the chalice of grape juice. Or if by **Cups,** Proceed to the altar at the direction of the ushers. After you receive the bread and the wine or grape juice, you may return to your seat when you are ready. Those who do not yet (Or do not wish to) receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

The Lords Prayer**Distribution Music***All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Just come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As the deep cries out to deep, we sing... *Chorus*

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Won't You come

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Nothing but Your will for me

I am only free won't You come

Nothing but Your will for me

I am only free won't You come

Come Lord Jesus, come

Nothing but Your will for me

I am only free won't You come

Come Lord Jesus, come

Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Closing Hymn

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more crying there
We are going to see the King
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Soon and Very Soon

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Postlude

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Please join us in Gangsei Hall for coffee and fellowship.

9:00 a.m. **Ch.i.L.L.**, Conference Room
9:30 a.m. **Worship**, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. **Fellowship**, Gangsei Hall
1:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts T6**

9:00 a.m. **Nursery**, Preschool Room 1
9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**, Arcadia Room 12
11:00 a.m. **Church Picnic**, Chaparral Park
4:00 p.m. **AMA Recital**, Sanctuary



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Upcoming at Prince of Peace

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See you at the Church Picnic today, from 11am-1pm at Chaparral Park. Bring a side dish or dessert to share!

AMA Student Recitals- All are welcome to attend! Today at 4p, 5p, 6p and December 2: 6p, Dec 3 at 6pm

Prince of Peace Foundation Scholarships-Application Deadline: Today! December 1: Scholarship forms are available in the church office and on the website ([poppheoenix.org/About/POP Foundation](http://poppheoenix.org/About/POP_Foundation)). They must be returned to the church office no later than December 1, 2019 (mark Attn: Foundation Scholarship Committee). For more information, contact Dr. Doug Beischel, Scholarship Chair (602.361.6496) or the church office (480.945.9537).

BG's meeting on December 5 at 4pm at The Schneider's home! Please bring an appetizer and drink to share-See Pastor Paul for details.

Students from ASU's Lutheran Campus Ministry will be selling Lefse after worship on December 8 as a fundraiser for their Germany trip!

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A free live video stream of the 2019 **St. Olaf Christmas Festival** will run on Sunday, December 8 at 2pm MST. To access, go to <https://christmas.stolaf.edu>.

Christmas Eve Worship at Prince of Peace- Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm - Family Christmas Worship

Featuring the carols you love, a youthful retelling of the nativity story and an interactive children's message, this service is perfect for young families with children and anyone who is young at heart.

7:00 pm - Candlelight Christmas Worship

Featuring POP's talented musicians, the traditional service of candles and carols is the perfect opportunity for families to celebrate the joy of Christmas together.

9:00pm – Candlelight Communion Worship

With a more reflective mood, this service of candles, carols and communion is designed to bring peace to your Christmas celebrations.

Save the Date- Sunday, Jan. 19-POP's Rock n Roll Water Station. Call or e-mail Steve and Laurel Edgar (602.618.3364, 602.677.0301 or sledgar@gmail.com) to let them know you will be there and the time you will be available to help with this inter-generational service project.

We need ushers and communion servers for our Christmas Eve services!

Interested in being an usher contact Ruth Stone 480-946-4384

Interested in being a communion server, contact Karen Wolfinger 480-254-6116

Share a Poinsettia



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The Worship Committee suggests you deliver your poinsettia to someone who is homebound or hospitalized. Please pick them up following the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.

I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for all of the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during my recovery. I truly appreciate it! ~ Martha Weld

DECEMBER 1, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

taking+ faith home

Advent is the season of hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 24:36-44	The coming of salvation
Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5	Peace that lasts forever
Tuesday	Romans 13:11-14	The day when Christ returns
Wednesday	Hebrews 11:1-7	The great faith of God's people
Thursday	Psalms 125	A song of trust in God
Friday	1 John 1:5-10	God is light
Saturday	Psalms 122	A song of praise
Sunday	Matthew 3:1-12	Prepare the way of the Lord

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Isaiah 2:5 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, you who are the light of the world, guide our steps to walk in your light. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we eat and drink with thankful hearts this day, for all that you provide every day and in every way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May all go well with you and may peace be within you, through Christ our light and our salvation.



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DECEMBER 1, 2019
HYMN OF THE WEEK
This Little Light of Mine

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a time you were waiting for someone or something with excitement.
- Advent means *arrival* or *coming*. How do you get ready for the coming of Jesus?
- In dark times Jesus brings light and hope. How do you experience hope?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 2:1-5.

Advent is a season of hope and anticipation of God's action to redeem and save the world. That is Isaiah's message, too. Isaiah sees what others do not. Isaiah sees Jerusalem as the highest mountain, but Psalm 125:2 sees other peaks as higher. Isaiah sees the people walking in the paths of the LORD's teaching, but before and after Isaiah 2, judgment is announced for the people's disobedience. Isaiah sees weapons of violence and destruction that are turned into farming tools, but the nations of Israel and Judah were utterly destroyed by its neighbors. The message of Isaiah is a message of hope that the Christian faith holds to while brokenness and sin are still seen every day of our lives. What hope do you cling to as a follower of Jesus?

Pray: Come Lord Jesus, come and bring peace between nations. May we see the light of your glory in all the world. Amen.

SERVICE

In Psalm 122:8 it says: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." During this season of hope, list ways you can give hope to those who are sad or anxious and help them to feel "the peace within." How will you choose to let your light shine through acts of service to others during the four weeks of Advent?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Set up or make an Advent wreath for your home. There are four candles in a circle on the wreath and one in the center. The circle represents the eternity of God. The four candles are often blue to signify the hope of the Advent season. The center candle is white. It represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This first week you will light one candle. *Say:* This is the first week of Advent. Advent means "coming." We are waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. Let us light the first Advent candle, the candle of Hope. [Light one candle] *Read:* O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5) *Respond:* Let us walk in the light of Christ that gives us hope. *Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming with hope. May we walk in the light of the Lord and live in peace with all that you have made. Amen.*



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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

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December 8, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | Second Sunday of Advent



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| Altar Guild | Laurel Edgar | Lector | Beth Pachman |
| Ushers | Jean Harney and Ruth Stone | Greeters | Alan and Carol Jensen |
| Communion Servers | Sue Shaffer and Jan Beebe | Music | Voices of Praise and POP Bells |

Prelude	<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	<i>arr. By Sondra Tucker</i>
	<i>POP Bells</i>	

Welcome and Prayer

The Lighting of the Advent Candle (The Candle of Peace)

L: Because of war, because of violence in our communities,

C: because there is still so much unrest across the globe, we light a candle of peace...

L: Because hatred is still so strong,

C: because so many weapons are still in use, we light a candle of peace...

(Candle is lit)

L: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

C: May the light from this candle say to all that God's peace is on the way.

L: Friends, be not afraid, God's peace is at hand!

Song**Light the Candle***Chorus*

Light the candle as a symbol
Of the Light that leads the way;
For each candle is a symbol
Of the peace that's ours to today.
As we strike the match and light the wick,
Come, Spirit, shine bright.
Grant that all may see from the darkness
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Emmanuel, Son of the Father
Come to us now, Savior and Lord. Chorus

Passing of the Peace**Children's Message****Announcements****First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: This is the Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Savior of the Nations Come
POP Bells

arr. By Sondra Tucker

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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C: Thanks be to God.

Message

Here He Comes Again

Pastor Rick Sherrill

Hymn of the Day

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW#264

Prayers of the Community

Offering of Time, Treasure and Talent

Special Music

*Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes
Voices of Praise*

by Joel Raney

The Celebration Of Holy Communion

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L: Lift up your hearts

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L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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Benediction

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In honor of her daughter and son-in-law Emily Logan for graduating from ASU and Tres Logan for being chosen as Sailor of the Year!

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Next Sunday, December 15th during and after worship:



YOU'RE INVITED TO
Prince of Peace
**Sunday School
Christmas Program**
"The Secret of Snowflake County"
Sunday December 15, 2019 at 9:30am
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
3641 N 56th St Phoenix, AZ 85018



Enter to win a
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Partnering in Prayer with Our Prince of Peace Family December 2019

Immediate concerns

Esther Weibke Eric Phillips Elna Lidman Diane Peterson

Ron Swanson Paul and Cleo Dillabough Mike Jacobs Barbara Sipple

Ben Greenwell Karsten Peterson Laura Eller Michael Darland

Moving Through Grief

Homebound and Care Centers

Betty Schroeder (home) Donna Hesse (The Springs) Cleo and Paul Dillabough (home)
Eleanor Zoellner (home) Esther Weibke (The Gardens) Elna Lidman (home)

Please Remember Those Who Are in the Armed Forces

Colonel Heidi Otis, U.S. Army, Fort Bliss, El Paso TX (Verne and Ellen Schoeneman's daughter)
Marine Sergeant Matthew Jacobs, Camp Pendleton, CA (Mike and Gwen Jacob's son)
Lt. Mark Phillips, U.S.S. America, Busan, South Korea, U.S. Navy (Susan Phillip's son)
Tim Phillips, U.S. Army, Saudi Arabia (Susan Phillips' husband)
Staff Sergeant Paul Sandstrom, Fort George Mead, MD. (Sandstrom family)
Skylar and Sarah Pechac, Air Force (Erslan's nephew)
Sgt. Becky McCartney, RAF Mildenhall, England (Kay McCartney's granddaughter)
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Adam Endemano, U.S. Army Ft. Carson, CO (June Larson's grandson)
Tres Logan, U.S. Navy, (Debbie Nelson's son in law)

Thank you for your prayers and support.

To remove/add anyone to this list: contact the church office: 480-945-9537 or office@popphoenix.org

DECEMBER 8, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

taking+ faith home

Advent is the season of peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 3:1-12	Prepare the way of the Lord
Monday	Isaiah 11:1-10	The peaceful kingdom
Tuesday	Romans 15:4-13	Good news for Jews and Gentiles
Wednesday	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Thursday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's people will celebrate
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:16	Final greeting of peace
Saturday	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	A prayer for guidance for the king
Sunday	Matthew 11:2-11	Jesus and John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. **Isaiah 11:6 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, you who bring peace and hope to the world, guide our steps to walk in your peace. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for this food. May this gift of love strengthen us to live lives of hope and peace through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)



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DECEMBER 8, 2019
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*Come Now, O Prince
of Peace*

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you are concerned about or that worries you?
- What is something you see in the world around you that gives you a sense of peace?
- Jesus comes to bring peace. How do you experience the peace that Jesus brings?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 3:1-12.

In the Bible the wilderness is a place of repentance, cleansing, and renewal. With John the Baptist, something most dramatic is happening in the wilderness: preparing for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives, the ultimate experience of repentance, cleansing, and renewal. John sounds harsh with words of judgment, not peace and hope. However, God's work of judgment is its own act of preparation that we may be made new. God's judgment condemns sin, death, and evil so that they may be destroyed. That is our great hope. Name places and situations in our world today where we gladly let the life of sin and death be swallowed up in forgiveness and peace.

Pray: **Lord Jesus, come into our lives and put an end to all that is within us that is not part of your kingdom of hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen.**

SERVICE



"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 3:2). The word repent in Greek means to change one's mind or purpose. John the Baptist wanted people to repent and live a life that "bears fruit" (v. 8). Leading a Christian life means being fruitful and bearing good fruit. Think about what this means. In what ways can people tell that you are a bearer of good fruit?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This week we light two candles on the Advent wreath in our homes. They are the candles of Hope and Peace. Today's candle reflects the peaceful kingdom.

Say: This is the second week of Advent. Advent means "coming." We are waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. Let us light the candles of Hope and Peace. [Light two candles]

Read: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)

Respond: Let us walk in the light of Christ that gives peace.

Pray: **Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming with hope and peace. Amen.**



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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4pm: Family Christmas Worship

Carols, nativity story and a children's message!

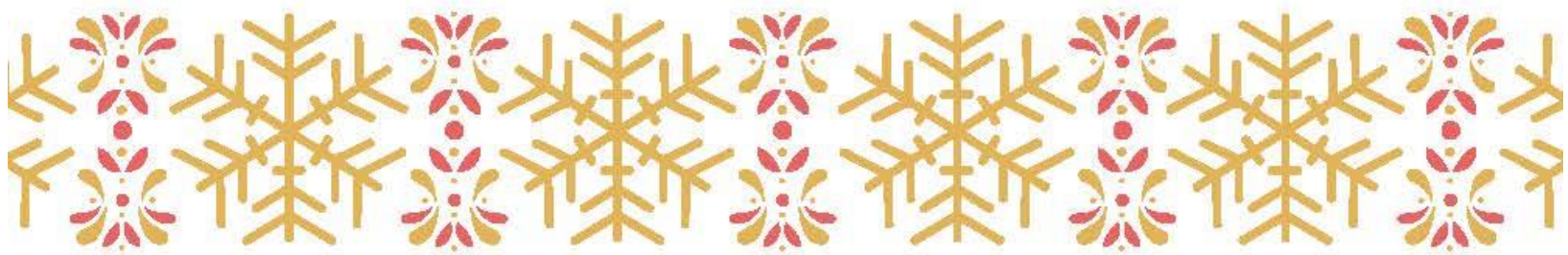
7pm: Candlelight Christmas Worship

Traditional service of candles and carols!

9pm: Candlelight Communion Worship

Reflective service of candles, carols and communion!

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December 15, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | Third Sunday of Advent



Advent means “coming.”

It is a time of longing, watching, and praying for God’s healing, transformative presence to be ever more vibrantly present in the world. In this sense, Advent is a season in which we focus on that key phrase in the Lord’s Prayer, “thy kingdom come.” As Christians, the good news we strive to live by and declare is that love is stronger than hate, peace more enduring than war, hope more powerful than despair – and the light of God’s love will extinguish forever the shadows cast by violence, suffering, sorrow and hate.

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Partnering in Prayer: *Place your prayer requests in the prayer chest by the entrance or in the offering plate.*

Esther Wiebke	Barbara Sipple	Eric Phillips	Ron Swanson
Mike Jacobs	Diane Peterson	Michael Darland	Paul & Cleo Dillabough
Karsten Peterson	Laura Eller	The Family of Ralph Keller	The Family of Naida Anglin

Long time members of Prince of Peace Naida Anglin and Ralph Keller have taken up residence in heaven. Our sympathy and condolences are expressed to the Anglin and Keller families. A memorial service for Ralph Keller is scheduled for Saturday, December 21, 2019. A celebration of Life for Naida Anglin is scheduled for Saturday, January 11, 2020. Both will be held here at Prince of Peace Church.

Assisting in Worship

Altar Guild	Sherry Smith
Ushers	Ed Zollars and Hugh Lockerby
Greeters	Suzy Steinmetz and Elaine Zapfel
Communion Servers	Bonnie Rockwood Sherrye Smith

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW# 242

The Lighting of the Advent Candle (The Candle of Joy)

L: When I look around, sometimes I see shadows of sadness, families in homeless shelters,
C: people in prison, people who have become invisible and forgotten.

L: When I look around, sometimes I see shadows of grief and loss,
C: people dreading the holidays because they've lost a loved one, because they're recently divorced, because they don't want to spend another Christmas alone.

(Candle is lit)

L: In the face of sadness, we light a candle of joy.

C: In the face of grief, in the face of loss, we light a candle of joy.

L: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

C: May the light from this candle say to all that God's joy is on the way.

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, be not afraid, God's joy is at hand!

Song

Light the Candle

Chorus

Light the candle as a symbol
Of the Light that leads the way;
For each candle is a symbol
Of the joy that's ours to today.
As we strike the match and light the wick,
Come, Spirit, shine bright.
Grant that all may see from the darkness
Your Gift, Your truth, Your Light.

Emmanuel, Son of the Father
Come to us now, Savior and Lord. Chorus

Offering

The Celebration Of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If Communion will be received by* **Intinction:** *Please take the wafer and dip in either the chalice of wine or the chalice of grape juice. Or if by* **Cups,** *Proceed to the altar at the direction of the ushers. After you receive the bread and the wine or grape juice, you may return to your seat when you are ready. Those who do not yet (Or do not wish to) receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

ELW#267

*Prince of Peace Sunday School
Presents...*



**THE SECRET OF
SNOWFLAKE
COUNTY**

*Hope in a
Humble Stable
December 15, 2019*



*Created by Christy Semsen
Arranged by Daniel Semsen*

The Secret of Snowflake County
Hope in a Humble Stable

Christmas in Snowflake County.....Choir
Ava Doody

Our Extravaganza.....Choir

This is the Time.....Choir
Klara Balfany

Glory to God.....Choir & Cailee Goodman

I Wanna be Wise.....Choir

The Crazy Christmas Melody.....Choir

Silent Night, Holy Night.....Violet Doody

Hope has Come..... Choir
Avery Cox & Genevell Ayala

Christmas in Snowflake County.....Choir

Cast List

Mayor Hallmark..... Harper Brown

Joey.....Kinzie Brown

Suzy Hallmark.....Violet Doody

MaxStella Hendrickson

Holly BerryKlara Balfany

Mitch MistletoeBlake Kainass & Parker Beebe

Candie AppletonAva Doody

NarratorsCooper & Parker Beebe

Hungry Raccoon..... Keaton Brown

Dancing Snowflakes: Sasha Rosensteel & London Brandt

Tap Dancing Wiseman: Blake Kainass, Parker Beebe, Josh Rosensteel, Jack Brandt

Rappers: Cooper Beebe, Jack Brandt, Josh Rosensteel, Blake Kainass

Citizens: London Brandt, Sasha Rosensteel, Josh Rosensteel, Harper Ekrote, Avery Cox, Karin Balfany, Jack Brandt, Cailee Goodman, Genevell Ayala

Special Thanks:

Jack Ranby, Audrey Cox, Madison Sherrill and to all the parents for working with their children on their songs and lines.

Happening Today at Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool Mission Statement:

We welcome people to a relationship with Jesus, equip them with a faith that works well in real life, and send them into the world to serve others.

Please join us in Gangsei Hall for pancake breakfast and fellowship.

- 9:00 a.m. Ch.i.L.L, Conference Room** **9:00 a.m. Nursery, Preschool Room 1**
9:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School Christmas Program, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Youth Pancake Breakfast, Gangsei Hall

Sign up for the Flower Calendar (\$40) through the church office, the offering plate or online on our website www.poppheoenix.org/contact-pop/altar-flowers

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Angel tree gifts are due today! Please see Mary Quinsler. If you have any questions or issues 602-361-5424.

Theology Pub- 7pm on December 17th at Fate Brewery (S. Scottsdale location)

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 9:30am in the conference room~ all are welcome!

Christmas Eve Services: **4pm:** Family Christmas Worship, **7pm** Candlelight Christmas Worship and **9pm** Candlelight Communion Worship. *No services on Christmas Day.*

Knitting Group meet every Tuesday, at 1pm in the Conference Room – everyone welcome!

Women's Bible Study M&M's will resume on Tuesday, January 7th at 9:30am in the conference rm.

Sew and Tie Quilters ~ will resume on Friday, January 3rd - Questions see Suzy Steinmetz.

Quilters meet every Saturday, at 9am in the Choir Room.

Marian Ricklick would appreciate your used "Get Well" and "Thinking of You" greeting cards for her card ministry. Please bring them to her directly Sundays at church.

Blessing of Families Sunday, Dec 29 during worship! Bring the entire family, the in-laws and the out-laws for the Family Blessing Service. Remember, a family might include your friends.

Save the Date- Sunday, Jan. 19-POP's Rock n Roll Water Station. Call or e-mail Steve and Laurel Edgar (602.618.3364, 602.677.0301 or sledgar@gmail.com) to sign up!

We need ushers and communion servers for our Christmas Eve services!

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DECEMBER 15, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

taking faith home

Advent is the season of joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 11:2-11	Jesus and John the Baptist
Monday	Isaiah 35:1-10	The return to Zion
Tuesday	James 5:7-10	Patience in suffering
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	A final greeting
Thursday	Nehemiah 8:9-12	Ezra reads God's Law
Friday	Philippians 4:4-9	Paul encourages the people
Saturday	Psalms 146:5-10	Praise for God's help
Sunday	Matthew 1:18-25	God is with us

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. **Isaiah 35:5-6 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God, you who bring healing, hope, and joy to the world, give us the faith to trust your never-ending care through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who made heaven and earth, we thank you for this food, a sign of your never-failing love. Amen. (Psalm 146:6)

A Blessing to Give:

May God strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is near. (James 5:8)



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DECEMBER 15, 2019
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Joy to the World

taking faith home

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How would life be different for you if you were blind or deaf?
- God's promise that the blind will see and the deaf will hear seems too good to be true. In what ways does this promise bring joy instead of disbelief?
- John the Baptist wondered if Jesus was the awaited messiah. What would you tell John?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 35:1-10.

The people of Israel were exiled far from home, imprisoned in Babylon, a foreign land. The people were wondering if there was a future for them. Did the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob abandon them? We can ask similar questions. Will our children have faith? Has our Lord abandoned us? To all such concerns and questions Isaiah responds with unbelievable images of God doing amazing things: the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the lame will walk; and those who can't talk will sing for joy. God makes the impossible possible. Advent reminds us of God's power and promise that is like no other. Advent is a time for joy and patient waiting (James 5:7-10) for God to do what only God can do, that is, save God's people. How does God's promise of care and salvation bring you joy?

Pray: Come, Lord Jesus, help us to trust your amazing healing power for our lives and our world. Amen.

SERVICE

Psalms 146 is a song praising God's help. Happy are those who "give food to the hungry" (v. 7).

Make cupcakes or cookies and write the words hope, peace, and joy on them. Put them in a bag or box and include a card that reads "Praise the Lord" (v. 1). Deliver them to an organization that feeds the hungry or to those who are homebound or living alone during this Advent season.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This week we light three candles on the Advent wreath. They are the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy. Today's candle reflects the joyful return of God's people to Zion.

Say: This is the third week of Advent. Advent means "coming." We are waiting for the coming of Christ. Let us light the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy. [Light three candles]

Read: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert (Isaiah 35:5-6).

Respond: Let us walk in the light of Christ that gives joy.

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming with hope, peace, and joy. May we see with the eyes of faith the work of your kingdom in our lives and world. Amen



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The Lighting of the Advent Candle (The Candle of Love)

L: Because too many people are wandering in the wilderness, because too many people are in dark places, we light candles.

C: Because people all over the world are suffering and we are too busy to notice, we light candles.

L: Today we stop everything and light these candles:

C: one for hope, one for peace, one for joy and one for love.

(Candles are lit)

L: May the light from these candles overwhelm the world.

C: May the light from these candles illuminate the valley of the shadow of death.

L: May the light and the fire from these candles burn away everything that is preventing God's love from being born among us.

C: People of faith, be not afraid, even now - especially now - God's love is overwhelming the world!

Advent Candle Lighting Song

Light the Candle

Chorus

Light the candle as a symbol
Of the Light that leads the way;
For each candle is a symbol
Of the love that's ours to today.
As we strike the match and light the wick,
Come, Spirit, shine bright.
Grant that all may see from the darkness
Your Gift, Your truth, Your Light.

Emmanuel, Son of the Father
Come to us now, Savior and Lord. *Chorus*

Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Announcements

Special Music

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Desert Bells International

arr. by Arnold Sherman

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: This is the Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

L: The Gospel of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

The Forgotten Man

Pastor Rick Sherrill

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW# 289

Prayers of the Community**Offering of Time, Treasure and Talent**

Harper Denhard is a former member of POP who now resides in Baltimore, MD. Harper's original song "Mary's Song" is available on iTunes.

The Celebration Of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

The Lords Prayer

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Distribution Music

What Child Is This
Desert Bells International

O Come All Ye Faithful

ELW#283 v. 1-3

Benediction**Special Music**

The First Noel
Desert Bells International

arr. By Cathy Moglebust

Dismissal**Postlude**

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Please join us in Gangsei Hall for coffee and fellowship.

9:00 a.m. **Ch.i.L.L.**, Conference Room

9:00 a.m. **Nursery**, Preschool Room 1

9:30 a.m. **Worship**, Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. **No Sunday School**

10:30 a.m. **Prayers for Healing**, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. **Fellowship**, Gangsei Hall

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Christmas Angel Tree Update- Thank you to everyone who sponsored a Christmas angel this year. We provided Christmas wish lists for 7 families with 35 children. We provided toys, clothes, gift cards, gift cards for food, handmade quilts (thank you Sew & Tie ladies!), and bunk beds. Each family was also given a large box of toiletries. Thank you for your generosity. Anyone who would like a tax credit receipt can get one in the office.

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ICM drop offs accepted in the church office Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm. Please do not leave items outside or in parking lot. Call the church office if you'd like to drop outside of these hours.

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*Thank you to everyone who graciously shared
their poinsettias to adorn the chancel.*

Elna Lidman

Jack & Jackie Ranby

Beth Schneider

Jan Stevens

Nancy and Scott Stevens

Kay & Lou Benedict

Ben & Kathy Erslund

Craig & Madeleine Myrmel

Laurie Peterson and Earl Fuchs

Karen Duffey/Felipe Ayala Family Patti, Ed and "B" Higgins- In honor of Gail Hartman.

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Tim, Susan, Mark and Eric Phillips In Honor of God's grace!

Staudenmaier Family: In memory of Grandma Kathy Staudenmaier

Ginny, Mark and Kevin Wooden: In memory of Gail Hartman, "B", and Ed Higgins

Jack and Eleanor Zoellner and Dane Nielson: In memory of Dane's mother, Gretchen

Marilyn and Jim Schmidlin: In memory of parents Gretchen and Glade Miller and Olivia and Clarence Schmidlin



*We wish you a Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year!*

DECEMBER 22, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

taking+ faith home

Advent is the season of love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 1:18-25	God is with us
Monday	Isaiah 7:10-16	A son named Immanuel
Tuesday	Luke 2:1-20	The birth of Jesus
Wednesday	John 1:1-14	The Word became flesh
Thursday	Isaiah 9:2-7	A child is born
Friday	Romans 1:1-17	A salutation
Saturday	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	Israel's restoration
Sunday	Matthew 2:13-23	The escape to Egypt

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” **Matthew 1:23 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, may the birth of Jesus remind us of your promise of salvation and lead us to trust in you and to serve and love others with thankful hearts. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, may this food give strength to our bodies and faith, hope, and love to our souls. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ fill you with grace and peace. (Romans 1:7)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS



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- How has someone shown love to you?
- How does the birth of Jesus show the love of God for all the world?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 1:1-7.

The birth of Jesus is not about the sweet presence of a smiling baby. It is about the work of God to save the world by entering our experience and being with us (Matthew 1:23). Ours is the God who promised this beforehand through the prophets (Romans 1:2), who has come in the flesh in the line of King David (v. 3), who rose from the dead and is recognized as the Son of God (v. 4). We are the beloved of God and named holy (v. 7). With the birth of Jesus comes the fulfillment of God's activity to change the world from darkness and despair to a heralding of good news for all the world. It includes a divine assignment to reach all people with the love of God. That is what Advent, Christmas, and the Christian faith is all about. How is this kind of love more of an action than a feeling?

Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for entering our world and our lives with hope and love. Help us to love the world you love in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



“God with us” (Matthew 1:23b) became a reality when a baby, Jesus, was born. The prophet Isaiah told of the Lord sending a sign, a child (Isaiah 7:14). God's saving work came to us through the birth of a child. Around the world there are many organizations and hospitals who help children in need of healthcare and food. Think of ways you can help children in need to know that God is with them through your support and donations.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



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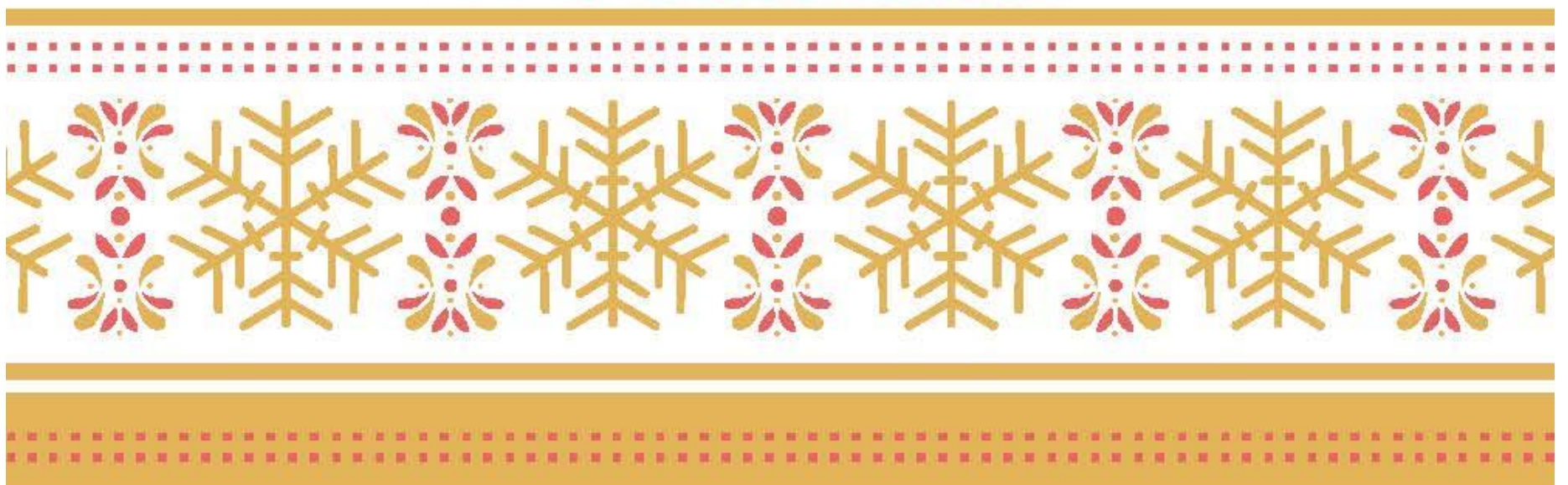
7pm: Candlelight Christmas Worship

Traditional service of candles and carols!

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Reflective service of candles, carols and communion!

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Prelude

Lift Your Hearts
Dena and Lana Rowland

arr. By John Leavitt

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ELW# 270

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Carol

O, Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW# 283 v. 1-3

Special Music

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen / Light of the World
Josh Jensen /Cailee Goodman

Children’s Message

The Empty Tree

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Carol

Go Tell It On The Mountain

ELW# 290

Offering:

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Special Music

Joy To The World and Hark the Herald Angels Sing
POP Bells

Prayers For the World

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The Lighting of the Candles

Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night!

ELW# 281

Benediction

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Postlude





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Carol

Hark the Herald, Angels Sing

ELW# 270

Visual Presentation

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Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW# 289, V. 1, 2

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Carol *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* ELW# 282, V. 1, 3, 4

Christmas Message *The Long and Winding Road* Pastor Rick Sherrill

Carol *Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem* ELW# 279 v. 1, 2, 4

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Offering Music *Almost There* by Michael W. Smith
Audrey Cox and Dave DeJonge

Candle Lighting

Carol *Silent Night, Holy Night!* ELW# 281

Benediction

Carol *Joy to the World* ELW# 267

Postlude



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Moklebust

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Lamb/Moklebust

The Celebration of Holy Communion**Distribution Music***O Holy Night*

Lana Lytle

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CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is the meaning of your name? What nicknames have you been given over the years and what do they mean to you?
- Jesus is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. What do those names mean to you?
- How does Jesus' birth make a difference for the world? for your life?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 2:1-20.

Our faith in Christ is based in history. It is the time of Emperor Augustus. The town is Bethlehem in Judea. The parents are a poor couple without land of their own. Jesus' birth happens at a time when the Jews were occupied by the Romans, a foreign power controlling much of their lives. While the events describe the life of poverty and oppression that has been a constant factor in human history, something quite amazing breaks into the story: an angel, a messenger of God, and a whole host of heavenly figures announce good news, news that shepherds—a marginalized group in society—bring to Mary, Joseph, and countless throngs throughout history. The birth of Jesus challenges history as we typically see it and announces a divine history that promises God's rule of peace and hope, life and salvation. "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" (v.14).

Pray: Lord God, for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ that changes everything for us and for the world, we give you thanks for your promise of life and peace and salvation. Amen.

SERVICE



At this time, we often receive Christmas cards from friends and family. Before the end of the year, take time to sit and read your cards. Reach out with the eternal light of Jesus Christ with an act of kindness to those who sent you a card. In what ways can you be in prayer for them?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The candle in the center of the Advent wreath is white. It represents Christ. Light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Then light the center Christ candle.

Say: This candle is a symbol of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Read: John 1:5 states, "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." Jesus is the true light who gives light to every person. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, the true light of the world. Let us walk in the light of Christ that gives hope, peace, joy, and love.

Pray: Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for being born into our world. Bring your eternal light to our hearts, our homes, and our world, for you are our Savior and Lord. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

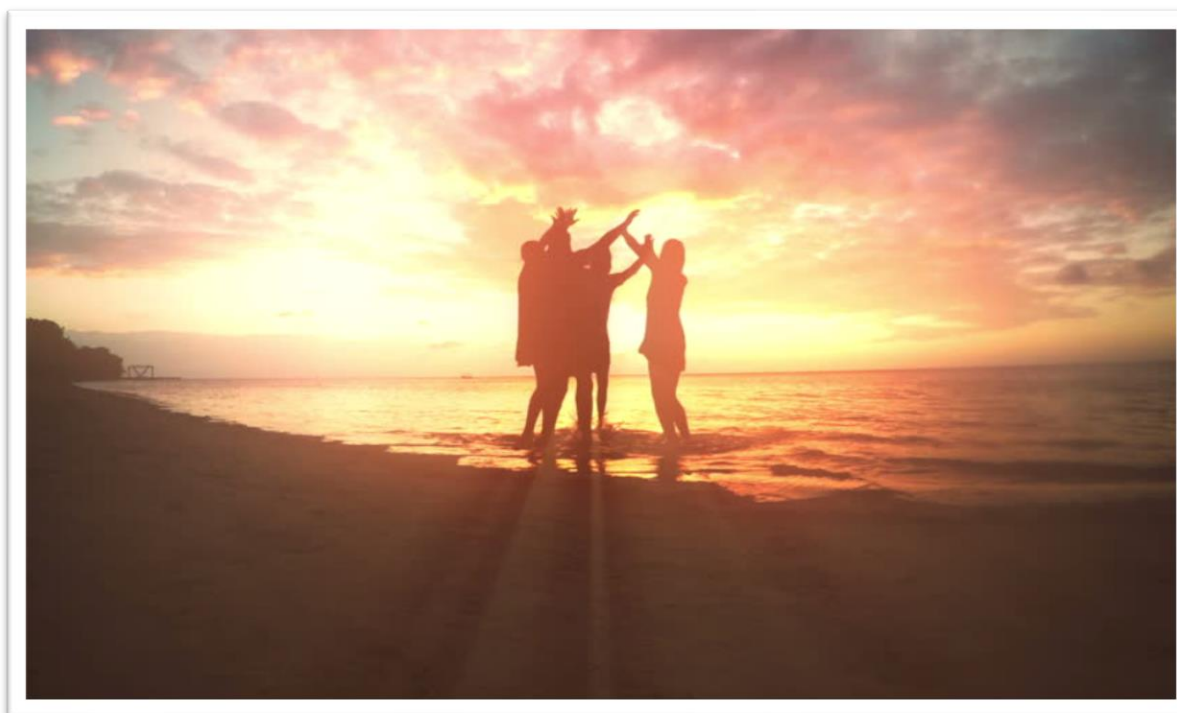
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December 29, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | First Sunday of Christmas



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Partnering in Prayer: *Place your prayer requests in the prayer chest by the entrance or in the offering plate.*

Esther Wiebke Ron Swanson Mike Jacobs Barbara Sipple Diane Peterson
Paul Dillabough Cleo Dillabough Laura Eller Karsten Peterson Michael Darland

Assisting in Worship

Altar Guild	Sherrye Smith	Lector	Laurie Peterson
Ushers	Karen Wolfinger and Ruth Stone	Greeters	Sam Ward and Claire Green
Communion Servers	Tom and Traci Doody	Music	Lynne McGinley

Prelude

Welcome, Prayer and Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 148)

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights!

C: Praise him, all his angels, praise him all his host!

P: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

C: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

P: Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created...

C: And he established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.

P: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

C: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

P: Beast and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

C: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

P: Young men and maidens together, mature men, and mature women, and children!

C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory above earth and heaven.

P: He has raised up a vehicle of salvation for his people.

C: Praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW# 289

Confession and Forgiveness

P: The 12 days of Christmas are moving on.

C: The sounds and traditions of the season will be packed away for another year.

P: This is our confession.

C: We should never put the message in mothballs.

P: We should never let the good will of the season slip away.

C: This is our confession.

P: We get tired and worn down. We can say and do things we later regret. We can neglect the 'real reason for the season.'

C: Forgive us Lord. Forgive us for any thoughts, words, or deeds that were hurtful to you or others.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

P: In Colossians we are instructed in this way, "Above all... clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

C: We are bound together by God's love.

P: We also read in Colossians, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus..." It is now in his name that I, as an ordained pastor of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, declare to you the joy of forgiveness. Your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

ELW# 275 v. 1, 2, 4

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together.

C: Dear Lord, we come today in the same way Elkanah (El-ka-na) and his wife came to you. In the same way Mary and Joseph came to you. We come seeking your blessing... upon each of us and upon our families. Let our hearts be truly open to you that we might be bound together in love. In your name we pray. Amen

Blessing of Families

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

L: This is the Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazorean.’

L: The Gospel of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Message

Pastor Paul Nelson

Hymn of the Day

The First Noel

Prayers of the Community

Offering of Time, Treasure and Talent

The Celebration Of Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. If Communion will be received by **Intinction:** Please take the wafer and dip in either the chalice of wine or the chalice of grape juice. Or if by **Cups,** Proceed to the altar at the direction of the ushers. After you receive the bread and the wine or grape juice, you may return to your seat when you are ready. Those who do not yet (Or do not wish to) receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

The Lords Prayer : Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever Amen.

Communion Blessing

P: The Gospel reading tells us that “Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in favor with God and people.” May we do the same through the strength and power of his body and blood.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn

Go Tell It On The Mountain

ELW# 290

Dismissal and Postlude

Happening Today at Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool Mission Statement:

We welcome people to a relationship with Jesus, equip them with a faith that works well in real life, and send them into the world to serve others.

Please join us in Gangsei Hall for coffee and fellowship.

9:00 a.m. Ch.i.L.L, Conference Room

9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Fellowship, Gangsei Hall

9:00 a.m. Nursery, Preschool Room 1

9:30 a.m. No Sunday School



You may order flowers through the church office, the offering plate or online on our website- www.poppheoenix.org (\$40). Scroll down to the bottom of the page to 'Contact POP' and click on 'Altar Flowers'. Then follow the directions on that page.

Upcoming at Prince of Peace

*See www.poppheoenix.org or *The Messenger* online for more info!*

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Rick resumes January 8, 9:30am the conference room

Women's Bible Study M&M's will resume on Tuesday, January 7th at 9:30am in the conference rm.

Knitting Group meet every Tuesday, at 1pm in the Conference Room – everyone welcome!

Sew and Tie Quilters ~ meet every Friday at 9am in the choir room- Questions see Suzy Steinmetz.

Quilters meet every Saturday, at 9am in the Choir Room.

Youth Pancake Breakfast- after fellowship on January 12, 2020.

POP's Rock n Roll Water Station, Sunday, Jan. 19- Volunteers needed! Call or e-mail Steve and Laurel Edgar (602.618.3364, 602.677.0301 or sledgar@gmail.com) to sign up!

Theology Pub- January 21, 2020- 7pm at Fate Brewery

BG's- January 24, 2020- 5pm at Kelly's at Southbridge

ICM drop offs accepted in the church office Mon-Thurs 10am-3pm. Please do not leave items outside or in parking lot. Call the church office if you'd like to drop outside of these hours.

Offering envelopes are in the narthex! If you have any questions contact Keri at the church office 480-945-9537 extension 1002 or keri@poppheoenix.org

May your life be blessed as you see God bring forth new things in 2020! Happy New Year!

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