

Second Sunday of Advent



Carlos, Nuevo San José, Guatemala, April 2006

December 5, 2021 + 10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Love Your Neighbor

- In keeping with the current mask update for Columbus, masks are required at worship services and other group activities inside the Redeemer Lutheran Church building.
- The sanctuary is set up for social distancing.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the sanctuary door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.

Please turn off your cell phone or set to airplane mode. This will help maintain our livestream.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Veni, Immanuel, arr. John Dressler

Advent Candle Lighting

The Candle of Hope

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan; the wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb. Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war, will give way to gardens that heal and restore." The score includes a fermata at the end of the final system.

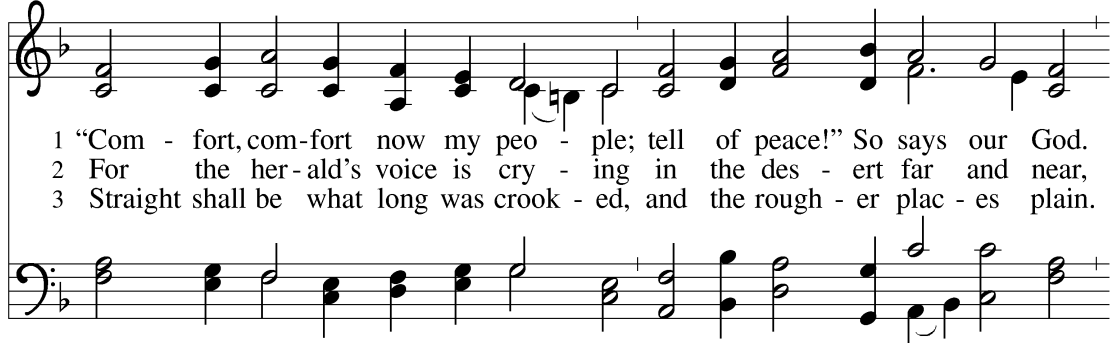
Biblical References: Hope: Matt. 24:36–44, Mark 13:24–37; Peace: Isa. 11:1–10, Luke 1:68–79, Isa. 2:4; Joy: Luke 1:46b–55; Love: John 3:16–17, Luke 1:26–38, Matt. 1:18–25; Christ: Luke 2:1–20, John 1:1–14, Titus 3:4–7
Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"); Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784.
Alternate Tune: HANOVER ("Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"); attr. William Croft, 1708.
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Welcome

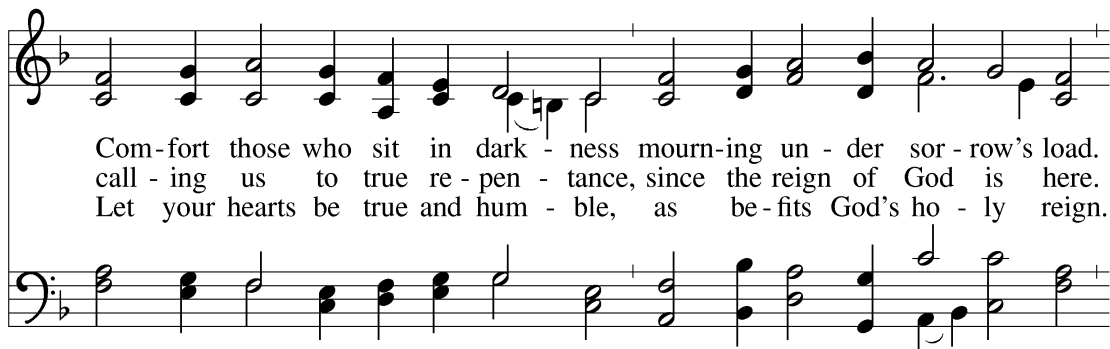
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Hymn

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

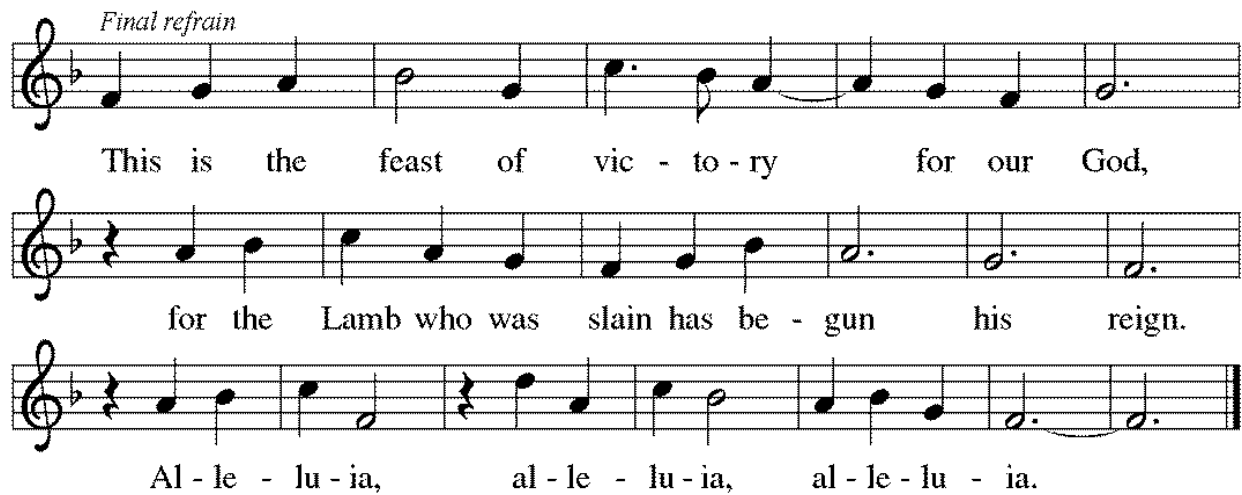
Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Malachi 3:1-4** (New Living Translation, adapted)

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord of Heaven’s Armies proclaims, “Look! I am sending my messenger who will prepare the way before me. Then the one you are seeking will suddenly come to the Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming.”

“But who will be able to endure it when this one comes? Who will be able to stand and face this appearing? For my messenger will be like a blazing fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes. This one will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross, and will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the Lord. Then once more the Lord will accept the offerings brought by the people of Judah and Jerusalem, as God did in the past.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody Luke 1:68-79



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Blessed are you, Lord, the ^l God of Israel,
you have come to your people and ^l set them free.

**You have raised up for us a ^l mighty Savior,
born of the house of your ^l servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us ^l from our
enemies,

from the hands of ^l all who hate us,

**to show mercy ^l to our forebears,
and to remember your ^l holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our ^l father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our ^l enemies,

**free to worship you ^l without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days ^l of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of ^l the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to pre- ^l pare the way,

**to give God's people knowledge ^l of salvation
by the forgiveness ^l of their sins.**

In the tender compassion ^l of our God

the dawn from on high shall ^l break upon us,

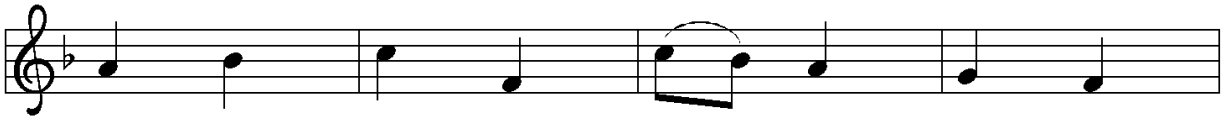
**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- ^l ow of
death,**

and to guide our feet into the ^l way of peace.

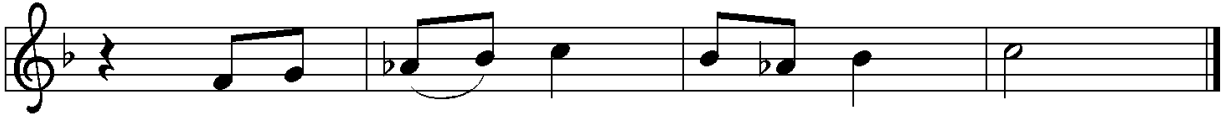


Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



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



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

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the rule of Caesar Tiberius—it was while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea; Herod, ruler of Galilee; his brother Philip, ruler of Iturea and Trachonitis; Lysanias, ruler of Abilene; during the Chief-Priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—John, Zechariah’s son, out in the desert at the time, received a message from God. He went all through the country around the Jordan River preaching a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of sins, as described in the words of Isaiah the prophet:

Thunder in the desert!
“Prepare God’s arrival!
Make the road smooth and straight!
Every ditch will be filled in,
Every bump smoothed out,
The detours straightened out,
All the ruts paved over.
Everyone will be there to see
The parade of God’s salvation.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Ministry of Music

Advent

Charlotte Lee / Douglas E. Wagner
Senior Choir

He comes to heal the broken-hearted,
and those who thought that hope was gone.
To those who grieve, He is a refuge;
to those who despair, He brings the dawn.
He comes to dry the tears of orphans,
and bless the lonely and oppressed.
He comes to feed the hungry pilgrims,
and helps the weary find their rest.
He comes to light a world of darkness,
to cast all bitterness away.
He comes to live with us forever.
He comes to be born in us today.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
The Lord is born in us today

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent, Beatrice Watts Young, Arnell Comstock, Dottie Odrosky, Damon Stewart, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Nancy Steiner, Bill Boys, Bruce Collins, Nancy Stinson and family on the death of her brother Tom Starkey
The people of Reformation Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community members Michelle and Rob Skoog, Izzy, Sophie, and Andy Skoog

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

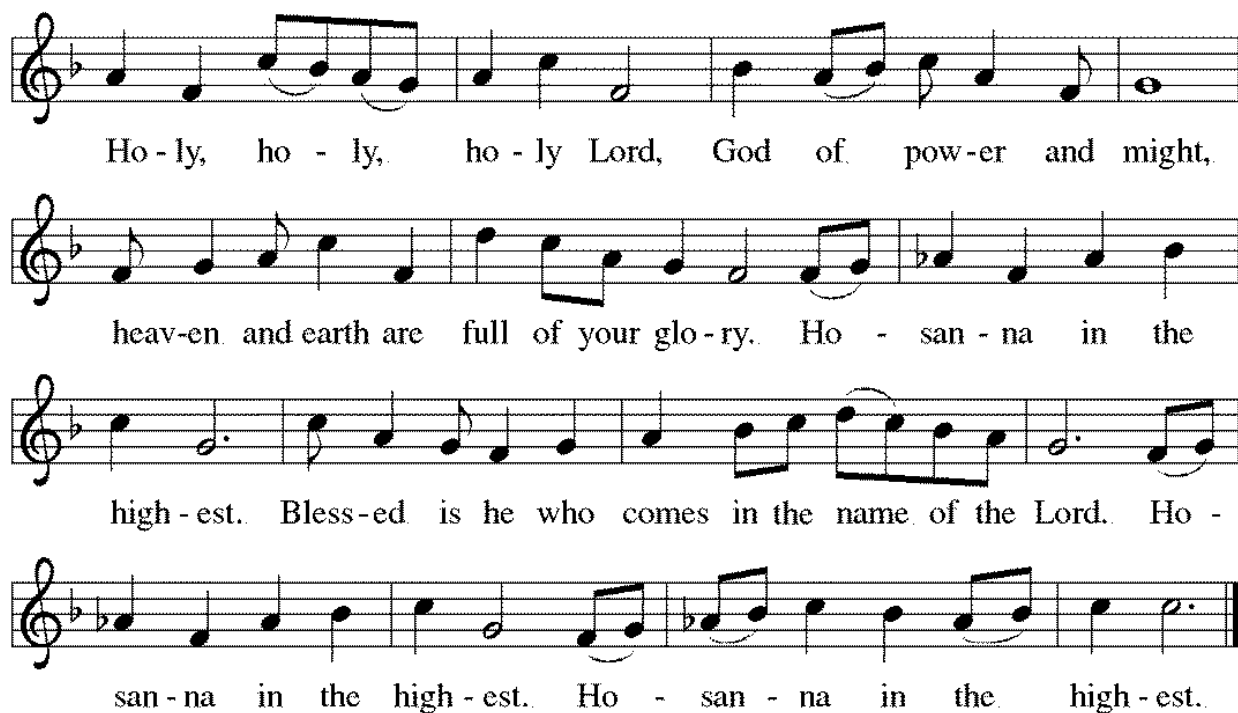
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the table of Emmanuel -- God-with-us. This is the place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God's time, and work to build God's Beloved Community. This is the place where we recognize that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come! Whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light, whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence. Here Emmanuel watches for our coming, and waits with love and joy to welcome us in.

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, who took on flesh and form, and lived among us, so that we might re-imagine life. It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends, where he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of grace, as we follow the example of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May we find the imagination, the courage, and the strength to use our waiting times to build your Beloved Community of joy, justice, and peace, for which we now pray:

Lord's Prayer

**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.
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.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

The body of Christ, given for you. *(We eat the bread together.)*

The blood of Christ, given for you. *(We drink the cup together.)*



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Mystery, the earth still waits for its healing. May we who are part of that waiting take and use the waiting times to re-imagine how we can be healers of creation. Open our hands and hearts to embrace and use the uncertain times to learn how to live and love. So may our watching and waiting join with that of Emmanuel to realize your beloved community here on earth.


Amen.

WE ARE SENT


Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn


Creating God, Your Fingers Trace



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Prepare the Way, O Zion, arr. G. Winston Cassler

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Adult Sunday School

November 28 – December 19

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

The First Christmas: What the Gospels say about Jesus' Birth

In-Person and Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82256539706?pwd=Yjd4Q2VPWk93RVczSng4NE5GOURmQT09>

Meeting ID: 822 5653 9706

Passcode: 804399

Phone only: 312-626-6799

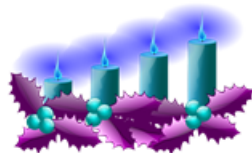


The Parables of Jesus Tuesdays – 1:00 pm In Person – Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=I0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983

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Advent Wednesday evenings

December 1, 8, 15, 22

7:00 Holden Evening Prayer

In-Person or Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGW00sS-yw>



Birthdays this week:

6 – Isabella Skoog

6 – Sophia Skoog

8 – Payton Friederich

8 – Bob Rapp

10 – Eric Hutton



Sister Act

BE BOLD IN 2021!

Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 11

11:00 am

Please join us for fellowship and discussion



***The Friendly Beasts AND
the Friendly Kids***

December 19

during **10 am** worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monthly Sunday School for all ages!
Sunday, December 12 == 11:15 am

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Crucifer	Skye Andree
Reader	Katie Jacobs
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling

*Flowers are dedicated by the **Reinoehl family** in memory of **Dave**.
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER DECEMBER 5 - 12

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	4:00 pm	Mutual Ministry Team
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	5:00 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Holden Evening Prayer
Saturday	11:00 am	Sister Act Christmas Brunch
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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