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Holiday Worship



Wednesday December 18

6:30 p.m. *Advent Desserts*
7 p.m. *Holden Evening Prayer*



Sunday, December 22

During 10 a.m. Worship
Children's Christmas Program



Tuesday, December 24

7 p.m. *Christmas Eve Worship*

Wednesday, December 25

10 a.m. *Christmas Day Worship*

All services **IN-PERSON** and **LIVESTREAM**
YouTube [link](#).



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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

'Christmas Is ...'

Come join Redeemer's youth for worship on **Sunday, Dec. 22** to learn what Christmas is all about as the Sunday School students share a great reflection on Christmas, **Michele Disbro** writes. The program is based on the book *Christmas Is...*, by Gail Gibbons. Folks will share a quick story about one of the following questions:

- 1 – “What is a favorite memory you have about a crèche/nativity set?”
- 2 – “What is a special story you have about Santa Claus?”
- 3 – “What is a special memory you have about decorating the Christmas tree or a special ornament?”
- 4 – “What is a memorable gift you gave or were given for Christmas?”
- 5 – “What would you like to share about a fun Christmas feast?”

This will take place during the 10 a.m. worship on Sunday.

Suzuki Invites RLC Members to Winter Concert Dec. 17

Suzuki Music Columbus invites Redeemer members to its Winter Concert on **Tuesday, Dec. 17** in Redeemer's Sanctuary. It will also be livestreamed at [RLC-2024-10-13](#).

Suzuki Music Columbus calls Redeemer home as the congregation has hosted the organization for many years. All are welcome to attend the concert!

Final Redeemer Midweek Advent Service Set for Dec. 18

Since the beginning of the season of Advent, Redeemer has offered a space to rest in the calmness, beauty, and joy of a darkened sanctuary filled with the sounds of *Holden Evening Prayer*.

The final midweek “oasis” will be held this week on **Wednesday evening, Dec. 18**. Folks are invited to gather in the Narthex at 6:30 p.m. for dessert and coffee, and then in the Sanctuary for the 7 p.m. service.

“Let yourself let go of all you might be carrying right now, and receive the gift of this time to be reminded of what life, love, and peace feel like.”

Redeemer Offers Mobile Messaging Service for Urgent Info

What happens if there is an ice storm or snow and you're not sure if the church will be open for worship? Do you remember last year when we needed to cancel the worship service due to some unexpected HVAC problems?

Kristi Hildebrand reminds folks “you can sign up to receive a text message on your phone whenever there is an urgent situation regarding church.

“This service will be provided by Remind, a service that many local schools use. The schools send out important messages to their families' cell phones so the families can be notified quickly. Redeemer's **Member Care Team** would like to give this service a try here.

“It's super easy to use. Once you sign up, you don't need to do anything. To sign up, just send a text message to 81010 with the message @RLCCBUS and respond to the texts that you get back. Then, If Redeemer needs to notify you of something, the church will send you a text.

“Signing up for ‘Remind’ messages is totally optional, but we anticipate it will be helpful in emergencies. Click [here](#) for more complete directions or reach out to Kristi or **Michele Disbro** for help in signing up.”

Tuesday Bible Study Resumes Exploring Advent, Christmas Stories Dec. 17

The Tuesday Bible Study will resume with its look at what the Gospel stories really say about the coming of **Jesus** on **Tuesday, Dec. 17**. The group meets from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesdays for the Bible study. Folks can participate in-person or on Zoom.

Sunday Adult Forum to Get to Know Donna Voelkel

The Sunday Adult Forum continues with its series “Getting to Know You” on **Sunday, Dec. 22** with **Donna Voelkel** sharing her story. As a way to deepen relationships with each other, these sessions help group attendees get to know each other. **Pastor Dave** will interview Donna about her life and others will also have a chance to ask questions.

Contact the church office for links to previous discussions with **Julie Johnson** and **Nancy Magargal**. The session with **Ashley Bird** was not recorded.

There will be NO class on **Sunday, Dec. 29**. Class resumes on **Sunday, Jan. 5** with a visit from **St. Nicholas (Larry Trover)** who will talk about his history and what his live shows us about how to live as followers of Jesus.

Livestream Team Seeks New Members

Redeemer's Live Stream Team is looking for a few new members to help us stream the services. If you are interested in learning how to do this, training is in two sessions and is currently scheduled **for Saturdays, Jan 11** and **Feb 8**.

If interested, please contact **Tom Mimplitch**, by email or text message at: tmimplitch@yahoo.com; 614-390-1072.

He reports that **Miles Smith** has already volunteered “so come and join our party.”

Bishop Griffin Resource Shed Project Complete

Larry Trover reports that the shed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center on E. Livingston on the campus of Christ the King Catholic Church has been completed. He thanks all those here at Redeemer who contributed to its construction through the Noisy Offering.

“Redeemer has given the Bishop Griffin Resource Center a garden shed plus \$1,826.40 toward their expenses for a concrete pad, assembly and installation of the shed.” *Thank you.*



Sister Act to Discuss *The Women* at January Meeting

Sister Act's first event of 2025 will be a discussion of the book *The Women*. This will occur at 6:30 p.m. here at church on **Wednesday, Jan. 15**.

Michele Disbro reports that the group has year's schedule of events available.

Narthex Art Explores Theme of 'Journey' for Advent/Epiphany

The latest Narthex Art Exhibit is now up, exploring what “Journey” means to members who contributed a wide variety of pieces. And thanks to **Michelle Clemence** and **Emily Kent** for their work installing the exhibit.

There are many amazing stories represented in the exhibit.

Good Gifts Catalogs Available

ELCA Good Gifts let folks choose from more than 60 charitable gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones this Christmas. Or just choose one that speaks to you, and know that you're sharing the love of Christ with neighbors in need. Favorite ministries are included, too. The 2024 Good Gifts catalogs are available in the Narthex, along with coloring books and stickers to share with any young children who might enjoy them.

Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for services over the winter. Readers, including youth and children, are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library.

Readings are sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings. **Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate.**

Opportunities for Worship, Breaking Bread, Conversations, Book Study with Neighbors at Christ United Methodist Church

Pastor Dave writes, “Since before I came to be with Redeemer in 2017, we have been doing a Good Friday service with the people at Christ United Methodist Church in Berwyn. As rich as those services are, they don’t give us opportunities for us to get to know each other and learn from each other. **Pastor Willis Johnson** and I would like to change that. So we have some invitations for people in both faith communities.

“First, Redeemer will host a combined worship service on Martin Luther King, Jr., on **Sunday, Jan. 19**, at 10 a.m. Pastor Willis and Pastor Dave will offer a dialogue message. Following worship, there will be a potluck in Fellowship Hall with folks from both congregations seated at the tables. There will be “prompt” questions at the tables that will encourage conversation about issues surrounding issues Martin Luther King, Jr. Day bring up.

“Second, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. starting **Jan. 29-Feb. 19**, we will have four **Wednesday evening** discussions of the book *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love*, by Duke University professor **William H. Willimon**. This is a short, readable book that explores how Christians are invited to engage with those society labels ‘outsider’ and ‘stranger.’ These classes will be held at Christ United Methodist (1480 Zettler Road) and on Zoom. Please go ahead and order a book yourself if you’re interested in joining us. If you have difficulties with that, contact Pastor Dave.

“Pastors Willis and Dave invite you to participate in these opportunities to live into Redeemer’s vision of ourselves as a place that fosters understanding and healing in community.”

BREAD: Non-Police Crisis Response System

Since 2019, the Columbus Safety Coalition (CSC) and BREAD have advocated for a non-police crisis system to handle non-violent issues involving behavioral health, food/housing insecurity, and mediation. In February 2023, Columbus City Council allocated \$1.2 million to create a non-police alternative crisis system. However, the city has no timeline for the beginning steps, which are to begin a pilot program and to appoint a citizen advisory panel. To apply some pressure, CSC and BREAD are planning to put an initiative on the ballot for the November 2025 election, following this timeline:

- January, 2025: File (non confusing) ballot language.
- February – May, 2025: Collect signatures. The minimum needed is 25,000. Their goal is 60,000.
- November 2025: Vote on the initiative.

Lots of volunteer opportunities will start in 2025 once the attorneys have finished writing the initiative. They include:

- Collect signatures of registered Columbus voters (the signatures need to be registered Columbus voters, but the people collecting them only need to be Ohio registered voters).
- Validate the signatures against the database.
- Encourage people to come out on an “off year” election and vote for the initiative.

Also, BREAD network members, please note the annual Redeemer Justice Network Meeting on **Wednesday, March 19, 2025** at 6 p.m. before the Lenten Midweek Service. Those who are not a network member but who are interested in BREAD, please talk to **Kristi Hildebrand** or **Michele Disbro**.

Upcoming BREAD Dates

- Research Kickoff meeting: **Monday, Dec. 9, 2024** at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ on Genesee Ave. (1889 Genesee Ave.)
- RLC Justice Network Meeting: **Wednesday, March 19, 2025** at 6 p.m. (before the Lenten service), Room 2 and on Zoom.
- Rally: **Monday, April 7, 2025** at 7 p.m. Location: TBA.
- Nehemiah Action: **Tuesday, May 13, 2025** at 6:40 p.m. at the Celeste Center.
- Celebration: **Monday, June 30, 2025** at 7 p.m. Location: TBA.

‘Noisy Offering’ Going to BREAD

For Advent and Epiphany, Redeemer’s “Noisy Offering” will go to support the work of BREAD. See above article for more details about what BREAD – Building Responsibility Equality And Dignity – is currently working on.

The group is comprised of many different congregations in the Columbus area which, in turn, represent many different traditions. Each of the congregations believes something different about the nature of God and the name

God. But each shares a commitment to pursue justice guided by faith – to finding, in shared beliefs the strength that unity can bring.

The “Noisy Offering” is that donation of loose change that is made as one enters the Sanctuary.

Important Emails

Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer’s IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

Communications@redeemerluth.com – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer’s social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

For *Reflections*

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put Reflections in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put “Bulletin” in the subject line.

Prayers and Personals

***Reflections* on Hiatus Christmas Week; Next Issue Publishes Dec. 30**

To give staff a holiday break, today’s issue of *Reflections* covers two weeks, with the next issue due out on **Monday, Dec. 30**. May everyone have a most blessed Christmas!!

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Prayers continue to be asked for **Ruth Boys** who is recovering from surgery for a broken ankle and as she **Bill** contemplate next steps. Prayers are also asked for **Jon Disbro** who is recovering from sinus surgery last week.

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Prayers are also asked for **Becky Trover’s** 17-year-old great niece **Louise** who had a heart attack last week as the result of COVID. Becky reports she is home and doctors believe the heart is young enough to heal itself. Becky also asks for prayers of gratitude for Louise’s recovery and for the rest of the family’s testing negative for COVID.

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Congratulations to **Joss Dana** who has been accepted by Ohio Dominican University for the next semester. She said she will be studying education.

Meet Redeemer’s New Alternate Interpreter Marilyn Floyd

Sunday was the first day for Redeemer’s new alternate interpreter for the Sunday service, **Marilyn Floyd**. She notes she is a native North Carolinian, and a retired teacher of the deaf, previously employed by the state of Ohio and Columbus City Schools. “Some of the things that I enjoy are reading, writing, watching true-life movies/documentaries, and Deaf Ministry. I am married and we have one daughter.”

Welcome Marilyn!

***Christ in Our Home* for January-March Available**

The latest edition of the daily devotional booklet “Christ in Our Home” for January through March is now available on the kiosk in the Narthex. Copies are free for anyone who would like one.

Flower Sign Up Sheet for 2025 Now Up

The sign-up sheet to provide flowers for the worship services in 2025 is now up on the bulletin board next to the Library. This is a good opportunity to remember a loved one, a special occasion or just because. To pay for the flowers use the special envelop that is also available on the bulletin board. They run \$20.

December Birthdays

19-Joe Darst 19-Melinda Eakin
19-Novella Hinkle* 24-Julianne Johnson
26-Doug Eakin 26-Emily Kent
31-John Kennedy

*Novella turns 97 this year. Cards can be sent to her at 2884 Ivanhoe Dr., Columbus 43209-3225.

The Wider Church

Trinity Episcopal, Homeless Coalition to Hold Dec. 21 Worship

Trinity Episcopal Church (125 E. Broad St.) and the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless will hold an evening worship service at the church on **Saturday, Dec. 21** – the longest night of the year – to remember and honor persons who died this year who were homeless. “The service includes inspiring speakers, music and the reading of the names of those who died.”

An Advent Message from Bishop Dillahunt

Southern Ohio Synod Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt writes, “*Gracious and Almighty God, stir our hearts and minds as we await the coming of your Son, our Savior. In this season of hope, prepare us to welcome Jesus with open hearts and renewed spirits. May his light shine brightly in our lives, guiding us in paths of peace, love, and compassion. Strengthen us to be messengers of your grace, and may all the world come to know the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*”

“Advent is a season of both waiting and preparing. We anticipate the celebration of Jesus’ birth at Christmas while also awaiting his glorious return. As John the Baptist urged, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him’ (Mark 1:3). With hearts open, we ready ourselves for the Savior of the world. Luke 3:6 reminds us, ‘And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

“This season calls us to reflect on our identity, shaped by God’s unconditional love through Jesus. ‘For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.’ (Isaiah 9:6).

“Advent is a time to prepare for something far greater than ourselves. It’s a time to be bearers of grace, love, and forgiveness, serving as bold witnesses to Jesus Christ. ‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.’ (John 15:9).

“So, we pray together, ‘Stir our hearts, Lord, and come, Lord Jesus.’ The good news is about to be proclaimed by shepherds, angels, and through us.”

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

Dec. 17 Pray for students returning home from colleges, universities and seminaries, that they will experience joy and renewal as they reconnect with family, friends and faith communities.

18 International Migrants Day: Remember our neighbors and siblings in Christ who seek refuge and welcoming places to rebuild their lives. Pray for those held in refugee camps and waiting at border crossings, that they will be treated with love and respect and supported in their difficult journeys. Give thanks for the work of our church in partnership with Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service).

19 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). To worry is normal, especially in these times. Know that you are not alone and that God listens to our prayers, caring for us through faith communities and our siblings in Christ.

20 Katharina von Bora Luther (1499-1552): Give thanks for **Katharina Luther, Martin Luther’s** source of inspiration and trusted partner in life. Let us thank God for partners and spouses who accompany us in our baptismal journeys and help us to do God’s work in the world.

- 21 Winter Solstice:** Praise God for the mysteries of creation, the cycles of life and the reflection they inspire.
- 22** Pray that — like Elizabeth awaiting the birth of John, and Mary awaiting the birth of Jesus — we will trust God and move forward through our uncertainties.
- 23** Remember those who serve our communities during the holidays, including church staff, first responders, retail and restaurant workers, health care providers, members of the military and those who maintain the infrastructure of our communities.
- 24 Christmas Eve:** “That there were shepherds, means that no one is to hear the Gospel for himself alone, but [everyone] is to tell it to others who are not acquainted with it. For he who believes for himself has enough and should endeavor to bring others to such faith and knowledge” (**Martin Luther**, “Sermon for Christmas Day; Luke 2:1-14”). Promise to share the story of your baptismal journey with confidence and joy, so that others might find comfort in the good news of **Jesus Christ**.
- 25 Christmas Day:** God’s glorious light breaks through sin, death and despair to illuminate the gifts we receive through the birth of Jesus Christ — love, mercy, hope and new life. Praise God!
- 26 Kwanzaa** begins this week. Give thanks to God for our siblings of African descent, and for the richness of their traditions, cultures, values, stories, faith and leadership.
- 27** Pray for those living with political conflict and instability, that they will grow in hope and resilience and experience lasting peace, justice and healing.
- 28** Give thanks for the enduring impacts of Christmas and the good news of Jesus Christ, letting them shape your life and guide you throughout the year.
- 29** “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive” (Colossians 3:12-13). Promise to bear witness to God’s love for all people, a love unconfined and undiminished by national borders, political affiliations, human laws or social problems.
- 30** Christ’s church is diverse and global, manifested in different Christian faiths and traditions. Pray for ELCA congregations and ministries, ecumenical partners, global companions and neighboring faith communities that join us in sharing the gospel and doing God’s work in the world.
- 31 New Year’s Eve:** Our faith, hope and joy in Christ do not ebb and flow with the seasons, the holidays or our church calendar. They are an ever-present reality, nurtured and strengthened by the Spirit’s presence in our daily lives. Give thanks and praise to God!

The Community Beyond

Join Williams, Smith as They Perform in Christmas Concerts

Looking for some good Christmas music to brighten the holiday? Then Redeemer members are invited to come out to support the Reynoldsburg Community Band. Look for **Linda Williams** and **April Smith** in the flute section! As of now, the following concerts are scheduled for the Christmas season:

- **Monday, Dec. 16** at 7 p.m. at the Reynoldsburg Senior Center (1520 Davidson Dr.).
- **Friday, Dec. 20** at 7 p.m. at the New Horizons Church (2100 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Rd.) in Blacklick.

Getting Ready for Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Micah 5:2-5; Psalm 80:1-7; Luke 1:39-55

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

A Prayer for Peace

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Fellowship Lutheran Church in Columbus.

+ For Redeemer community members Kathy Denhard and Tony Naess.

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Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
Reader	Kelley Frank
Cantor	Scott Steiner
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Judith Bird, Scott Steiner
Communion Prep	Misato In, Diane Brobeck, Karen Rider
Hospitality	Sunday School Kids

*Flowers are given by Michele and Jon Disbro in honor of their 40th anniversary.
The Noisy Offering will go to BREAD.*

Christmas Eve December 24, 2024 – 7 p.m. Lessons

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-6; 11:1-4a; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-7; Luke 2:8-20; John 1:1-5, 14

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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- + For the people of First English Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community members Julie Deniss, Jonathan and Danica Denniss.

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Christmas Day December 25, 2024 – 10 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas December 29, 2024 – 10 a.m. Lessons

Readings: Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40

Prayer of the Day

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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Communion Prep	Misato In, Diane Brobeck, Karen Rider
Hospitality	Bird Family

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Weeks to Come at Redeemer December 16- December 30, 2024

Monday 16	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki Music
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 2462
Tuesday 17	10:00 a.m.	Member Care
	5:00 p.m.	Suzuki Winter Concert, Redeemer's Sanctuary IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
	6:30 p.m.	A Brewing Faith ZOOM and IN-PERSON

Wednesday 18	9:00 a.m.	Suzuki Music
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Desserts
	7:00 p.m.	Holden Evening Prayer IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
Saturday 21	10:00 a.m.	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 22	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School Program IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
After Worship		Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Ed IN-PERSON and ZOOM “Getting to Know You” continues with Donna Voelkel
Monday 23	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tuesday 24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
Wednesday 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Morning Worship IN-PERSON
Sunday, 29	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM
Monday 30	5:00 p.m.	TOPS



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