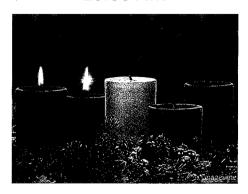
Carmel Presbyterian Church Second Sunday of Advent Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace December 4, 2022 10:00 AM



A Week of Peace

Order of Worship

We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God.

* Please stand, as able.

Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather as a community of faith to meet God in new ways and reflect on the hope and promise of God's gift to us through

Jesus Christ.

Welcome and Greetings

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme ("Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling")

J. S. Bach

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Terrence & Stefanie O'Gara with Shealyn & Brent

Introduction (Spoken responsively.)

Last Sunday we lit the candle of hope. Today we light the candle of peace.

We light it knowing that peace is elusive, and in some places, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new.

Where there is discord between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, leading us to new possibilities.

Scripture

Listen for the Word of God from Isaiah, Chapter 9, verses 6-7:

For a child has been born for us, a son is given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Lighting the Candles of Hope and Peace (Spoken responsively)

We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into our darkness. With the coming of this light, there is *hope*.

With the coming of this light there is *peace*, for Christ is called the "Prince of Peace." His name is also Emmanuel, "God with us."

His presence with us gives us peace day by day.

Advent prayer (In unison.)

Let us pray:

Eternal God, we thank you that through all the years you have given peace to your people. Help us to have your peace in our lives. We pray that, in this advent season, we may, by what we do, show your presence to the sick, the hungry, and the lonely, so that they too may have peace. Amen.

* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) –

The God of peace calls us to this season of anticipation; the God of love summons us to this time of worship.

I was glad when they said to me; let us go to the house of our God.

Let all people and all nations bow together in praise. Let us wake from sleep to welcome our salvation.

Here we will seek the light God offers us; here we will prepare to walk in God's path.

Let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day. Let us watch for the One who makes all things new. We will equip ourselves as Jesus' disciples, watching and waiting and serving in Christ's name.

* Hymn 14

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Call to Confession (Seated)

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

God of Amazing Surprises, we are rushing headlong into this season of buying, giving, greed, and struggle. We want to think of the holiday as delightful, but we have a tendency to make it a time of the highest stress. We over-schedule our time, overdraw our resources, and ignore those moments in which we could just relax and have quiet time with our families and with you. We blame it on everything else but our own decision-making. We speak of obligations, of the need to be constantly busy, of the pressure to purchase things to make people happy. The reality is that your love should be our foundation, the base from which we celebrate. Our watchfulness is not necessarily about what is to happen, but rather should be on the ways in which we order our lives, ways that block out your love and your healing power. Forgive us for our stubborn insistence on maintaining a schedule rather than focusing on your love. Heal us. Strengthen us and make us watchful over our faith in you. For we ask this in Jesus' name...

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Choral Response

Kyrie

arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively)

Watch! Wait! God is bringing you new hope and peace.

It is a gift, given especially for us—one that we cannot earn—it's a gift.

Praise be to the Giver of All Great Gifts, our Lord.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Gloria Patri (Hymn 579)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Henry W. Greatorex

* Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively)

Since God loved us so much, we are free to love one another.

Let us love one another since love comes from God.

With the hope of those who are forgiven, and with a commitment to walk in the way of peace, let us pass the peace of Christ to our neighbors.

Peace be with you!

(Greet one another sharing God's peace now and throughout the week.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

Children's Message

(Following the Children's message, children in third grade and below are invited to depart for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison)

Creator of the stars, in the stillness of this moment, we wait; in the stillness of this moment, we listen. As we hear the words of Scripture and sermon, we wait for your living Word; we listen for the cadence of your voice. Break into our lives with your eternal light and teach us your ways that we may walk in your paths of truth. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

The first reading is Isaiah, chapter 11, verses 1-10; p.602-603. We hear of a shoot from Jesse's stump and the Peaceful Kingdom. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse:

a branch will sprout from his roots.

The Lord's spirit will rest upon him,

- a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
- a spirit of planning and strength,
- a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.

He will delight in fearing the Lord.

He won't judge by appearances,

nor decide by hearsay.

He will judge the needy with righteousness,

and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land.

He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth;

by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.

Righteousness will be the belt around his hips,

and faithfulness the belt around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb,

and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;

the calf and the young lion will feed together,

and a little child will lead them.

The cow and the bear will graze.

Their young will lie down together,
and a lion will eat straw like an ox.

A nursing child will play over the snake's hole;
toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.

They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain.
The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, just as the water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading

The second reading is Romans, chapter 15, verses 4-13; p. 153. The gospel for Jews and Gentiles alike. Listen now for the word of God to you!

Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus' attitude. ⁶ That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice.

So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory. ⁸ I'm saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, in order to confirm the promises given to the ancestors, ⁹ and so that the Gentiles could glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

Because of this I will confess you among the Gentiles, and I will sing praises to your name.

And again, it says, Rejoice, Gentiles, with his people.

And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and all the people should sing his praises.

And again, Isaiah says,

There will be a root of Jesse, who will also rise to rule the Gentiles. The Gentiles will place their hope in him.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 1, verses 26-38; p. 53. The birth of Jesus foretold. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one!

The Lord is with you!" She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. Nothing is impossible for God."

Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Shepherds, Their Animals, and the Angels"

Pastor Peter

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Inspired by the promise of God's Word, let us give our thanks and praise – so we may continue God's work as we move into God's week.

* Hymn 5 (stanzas 1 & 2)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

Invitation to the Offering

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church in the local and global community. Please place your offering on the offering plate at the usher's invitation, give it online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

Offertory

"A Shoot Shall Come Forth" Text-based on Isaiah 11 and 32:18 Sanctuary Choir Richard Horn

A shoot shall come forth out of Jesse, And a bud shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of life shall be with him, The spirit of wisdom and truth.

Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, And the lion eat straw with the ox,

For the hand of a Child shall lead them To the peaceable kingdom of God.

From out of the wells of salvation Will he draw us the water of life; His waist shall be girdled with justice, The heart of his heart shall be Love. Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, And the lion eat straw with the ox, For the hand of a Child shall lead them To the peaceable kingdom of God.

He'll come from the end of his heaven, And the earth shall be torn from its place; Our lives shall be filled with his radiance As floodwaters cover the sea. Then the lamb shall lie down with the leopard, And the lion eat straw with the ox, For the hand of a Child shall lead them To the peaceable kingdom of God.

* Doxology 592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old Hundredth

(Ushers will bring the Offering Plate forward, returning it to the rear of the Sanctuary.)

* Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God: as we wait for the fulfillment of your reign, use these gifts and the gifts of our lives to bring justice to those who are oppressed, to set free those who are in prison, to lift up those who are bowed down, and to uphold those who are vulnerable. Amen.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

* Communion Hymn 5 (stanzas 3 & 4) "Let All Mortal I

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Invitation to The Lord's Table

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy.... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus – Hymn 581 (Sung by the congregation)

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" Joseph Roff

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, to be a living land holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

According to his commandment:

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Words of Institution

(Please come forward using the center aisle, keeping socially distanced, and take bread. Then, choose red juice for red wine or clear juice for grape juice, placing your cup in the reciprocal available. You may return to your seat via the side aisles.)

Communion Music

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Noel Rawsthorne

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God and God's congregation, we go into the world to share God's love.

* Hymn 17

"Sleepers, Wake!' A Voice Astounds Us"

Wachet Auf

* Benediction and Charge

Know the peace of God in this Advent season!

May God's peace go with us throughout our busy days!

Be alert to the signs of God's presence wherever you go!

May God continue to come to us at times we least expect.

Accept God's healing and salvation!

For healing and salvation are gifts meant for us to have and share.

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Postlude

"Wake, O Wake, With Tidings Thrilling"
(Wachet auf)

John Marsh

Announcements

Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will gather with us again soon. Should you wish for Hearing Devices and/or Large Print Bibles & Hymnals, they are available from an usher. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for a weekly email of future worship and activities). We

invite you to speak with the Pastor if you are interested in membership. Restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering Nursery Care and Children's Worship (Grades K-3) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. We request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, please call the Church Office by Friday noon, so that the nursery is staffed. Children's Worship does not require reserving ahead. Children leave the Sanctuary for Carmel Hall after the Children's Message. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; or Melissa MacFarland, Children's Worship leader.

THIS MORNING, THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are dedicated to the Glory of God and the Goodness of Creation.

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION – As we enter the season of Advent, reflect on these words from Edward Hays: "Advent is a winter training camp for those who desire peace."

CELEBRATE AND WELCOME THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – A **Christmas Luncheon** with lunch entrees and tasty desserts will be held immediately following worship in Carmel Hall sponsored by Congregational Life. All are welcome!

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE (WITH A SPECIAL PRELUDE AT 7:15 PM) NEXT SUNDAY! – Mark your calendars and tell your friends. Carmel's annual **Candlelight Carol Service** is set for Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 7:30 pm with a special prelude beginning at 7:15 pm. Hold the date and invite friends and neighbors to this wonderful Carmel Church tradition. All the church choirs, bell ringers, and soloists will lift your spirits in the glorious sounds of the season.

SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS AND THE MUSIC FUNDS — If you wish to contribute to the **Christmas poinsettias** which uphold our Advent season sanctuary traditions or to provide **special instrumental and vocal music** to enhance our Christmas Services, please fill out a **Form** in the lobby and include a contribution. For **flowers**, contact Deb Gates (215-887-1852); for **music**, contact Abby Palmisano (215-887-1074), press 3.

LOOKING AHEAD TO CARMEL'S CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES — On Christmas Eve Carmel will hold two services. The first will be the Christmas Eve Family Service at 4:30 pm where Carmel children in costume will reenact the Scripture passages of the Nativity Story and the Junior Choir will sing. The second will be a Christmas Eve Communion Service at 9:00 pm. A special Musical Prelude will start at 8:30 pm. Mindy Cutcher, principal harpist for the Philadelphia Ballet Orchestra, will play with flutist Michele Kelly. Michele teaches at Penn and is the flutist with Relache. Carmel's Festival Choir will sing during the Traditional Candlelight Communion Service for Christmas Eve. With Christmas Day falling on Sunday this year, Carmel will have a Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am with the Christmas story and carols!

IT'S TIME TO DECORATE! ADVENT IS HERE! Come join us in decorating the sanctuary to kick-start your Christmas spirit! Decorating will take place in the sanctuary on two more Saturdays at 10:00 am – December 3rd (trees and garlands), and December 10th (candelabras and poinsettias). Use the signup link to let us know you are coming:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

or just show up and lend a hand. All are welcome!

JOIN CARMEL'S FESTIVAL CHOIR FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON — A Festival Choir for the Christmas season will begin rehearsing on Thursday, November 17, at 7:30 PM. The choir will prepare for the annual Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday evening, December 11, and the 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. The choir comprises youth and adults from the Carmel choirs and members and friends of the congregation who enjoy singing but cannot commit to weekly rehearsals year-round. Come and sing for this special festive Christmas season. Rehearsals will be on Thursday, November 17, and December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. We hope you can join us! Please tell Abby Palmisano if you are coming so a folder of music will be ready for you!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP IS "CELEBRATING SABBATH" — CPW (Carmel Presbyterian Women) meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 for bible study and fellowship. Our 9-month study is "Celebrating Sabbath" and focuses on exploring the idea of 'accepting God's gift of rest and delight'. Join us in the Women's Fellowship Lounge for lively discussion and light refreshments.

CARMEL YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM) INVITES YOUTH IN GRADES 3-8! — **Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM)** welcomes all kids in Grades 3-8. It meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30—7:30 in Carmel Hall. Fun, fellowship, and growing together as a group guides the group and leaders. **CYM leaders** Joyce, Katey, Melissa, and Jed look forward to seeing you.

MUSIC NOTES FROM CARMEL'S BALCONY – Please hold the date for a new year of church choirs. Join us in the new season of singing and ringing.

- Children's Choir, for anyone in Grades K-2, meets Wednesdays, from 5:00 PM -5:40 PM.
- Junior Choir, for anyone in Grades 3-8, meets Wednesdays, from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Youth Choir, for anyone in Grades 9-12, meets Sundays, from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM.
- Sanctuary Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, meets Thursdays, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Handbell Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, meets Mondays, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

For questions about any choirs, please contact Abby Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music.

WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current Livestream worship, past services, and the daily lectionary, or send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! Live Streaming Worship is available on YouTube or via Zoom on the phone for those unable to attend inperson worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. You can find our Sunday morning worship live streaming Sundays at 10:00 am with links below:

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw
Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409 and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist: liturgist, ushers, greeters, and host for coffee hour. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign up online here:

https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

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John Diller, Called Pastor, beginning January 3rd, 2023
Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
Sanctuary Choir
Janet Simon, Liturgist

Deb Gates, Lynne Schutt, and Janet Simon, Elders serving communion
Terrence & Stefanie O'Gara with Shealyn & Brent, Lighting the Advent Candle
Lynne Schutt, Greeter/Ushers
Linda MacFarland, Shepherd

Rodney Hackman & Walter Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP)

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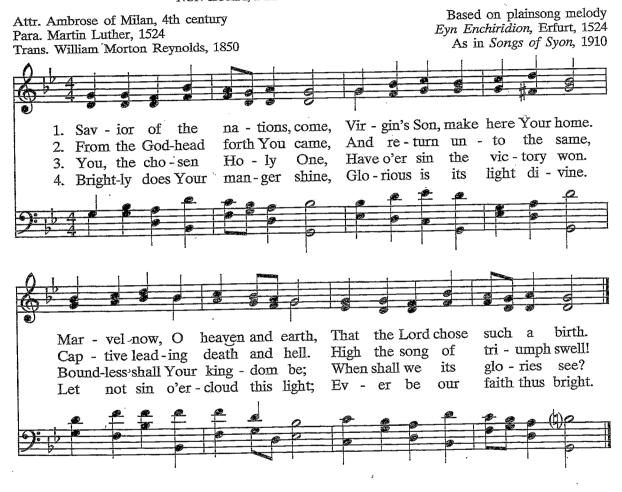
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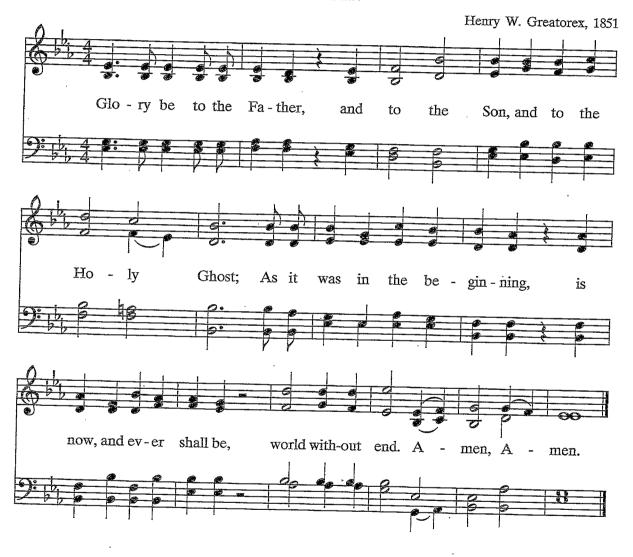
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592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH LM Genevan Psalter, 1551 Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures Praise *Him heaven-ly host; a - bove, ye be - low; Fa - ther, Son, Ghost. Praise and Но ly men.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 am Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace, Sanctuary: 10:00 am

Christmas Luncheon, Carmel Hall: 11:00 am

Youth Choir (Grades 9-12), Choir Room and Sanctuary: 11:15-11:45 am

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Handbell Choir, Sanctuary: 7:30-8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Staff Meeting, Fellowship Lounge: 10:30 am Children's Choir (Grades K-2), Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:00-5:40 pm Junior Choir (Grades 3-8), Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:45-6:30 pm CYM (Carmel Youth Ministry), (Grades 3-8), Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Festival Choir and Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 7:30-9:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Advent Decorate the Sanctuary (Trees and garlands): 10:00 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 am Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy, Sanctuary: 10:00 am

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 am

Youth Choir (Grades 9-12): 11:15-11:45 am Flute Choir Prelude, Sanctuary: 7:15 pm Candlelight Carol Service, Sanctuary: 7:30 pm