December 11, 2016 Third Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM





FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life. We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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WORSHIP

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher on your way forward for Holy Communion.
- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- + Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a "Pray Space" under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + Public Wi-Fi password: MartyLuther.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org

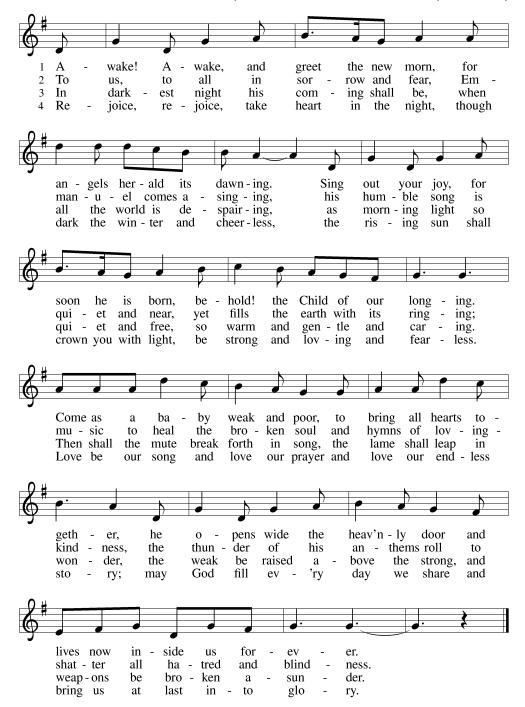
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Young)

WELCOME

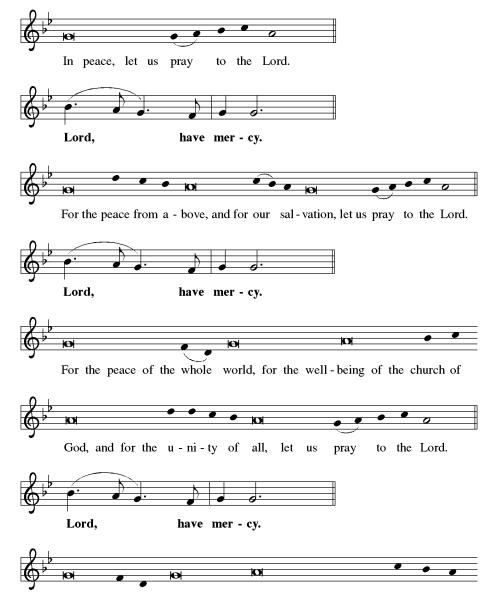
GATHERING SONG: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (ELW 242)



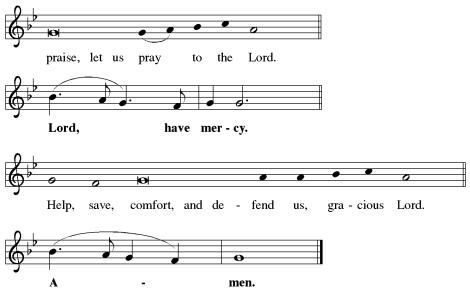
GREETING

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

KYRIE



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, there is no miracle as grand as birth. As we prepare for the coming of your son, Jesus, create in us new life. Transform us so that we may reflect the light of your son, and become beacons of goodness, kindness, compassion, generosity, honesty, patience, and peace, for the sake of the one whose name brings deliverance and life to all the world, Jesus Christ, infant king. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN: Light A Candle Bright and Tall (Tune: Dix) Light a candle bright and tall For the JOY this season brings. Joy like fountains brimming full. Through our world now let it ring! Shine within our hearts today Come, O Joy, to us, we pray.

ADVENT PRAYER

Creator of the universe, when you made the earth you looked upon it and deemed it good, very good. We light this third candle on the Advent wreathe recalling the <u>JOY</u> the shepherds felt when they witnessed all that the angels had told them.

(The candle is lit)

We place the shepherds and the sheep as signs of your care and joy for the world. Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN REPRISE

ANTHEM: The King is Coming Soon (Jon Paige)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

WELCOMING THE WORD: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (v. 3)

Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear; 1 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain pro-claim the bride-groom near; The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore, 3 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear; the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias go clear. shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is more. no longed for, o'er a rise, O Sun so this be - night-ed sphere. The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw-ing nigh. The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand. A round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold; With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry. A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is hand. at tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of in gold. the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

THE WORD: Isaiah 61:1-11

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ^bStrangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; ⁶but you shall be called priests of the LORD, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. ⁷Because their shame was double. and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. ⁸For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples: all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Word of God, word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Roger Steinke, Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)



APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

For the church and all messengers of the gospel, for all who call upon the name of the Lord, and for congregations throughout the world; that God work through us to bring harmony and reconciliation, let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

For rain forests and deserts, for wilderness and developed land, and for plants blossoming and dormant; that the splendor and diversity of creation proclaim the glory of the Lord, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our government, for the military and international relief workers, and for those who care for the stranger, widow, and orphan; that God raise up leaders who work for the protection of all, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the hungry and homeless, for those in captivity, for the fearful and sorrowful, for those living with HIV/AIDS, and for the sick, especially Heidi; that those who help others serve with patience and grace, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all who call this community home, for those visiting from near and far, and for those preparing for the holiday season, that the advent of Christ make our hearts and minds rejoice, let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

For whom do the people pray?

In thanksgiving for the departed who were faithful to God's word; that their words and actions direct us to the one who prepares a way for us, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for self-reflection.

God of all time,

we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness (Nettleton)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

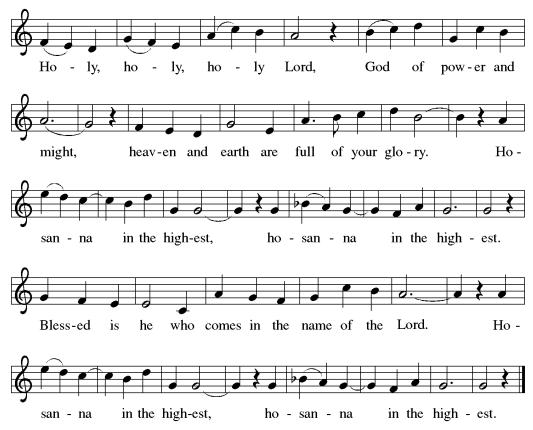
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

COMMUNION: We will receive the body of Christ as gluten-free bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

WHO MAY COMMUNE? All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.

DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a yellow pew card.

COMMUNION HYMNS: You Are the Way (ELW 758) He Came Down (ELW 253)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

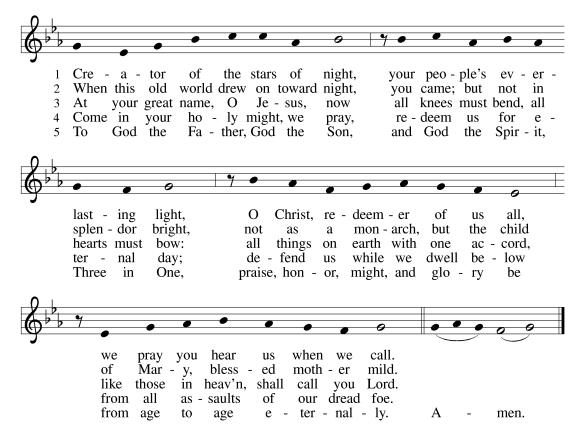
BLESSING

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Creator of the Stars of Night (ELW 245)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Veni Emmanuel (Levitt)

Assisting	With	Today	y's Service:

Organ	Lucy Kay Osborne	Ushers	David Osborne & Dave Richards
Choir Director	Sarah Moran	Communion Assistants	Tom Agnew, Donna Hillard & Jean Peters
Lector	Allen Glenn	Sound Tech	Terry Barker
Acolyte	Mitchell DeGard & Rebecca Navarrete	Greeter	Matthew Degard

Eucharistic Ministry

Every Sunday there are several wood boxes on the altar. These boxes are our communion kits for our Eucharistic Ministry Team. This team is made up of members of the congregation who take Holy Communion to our shut-ins, those in the hospital and others upon request. They go out two by two, just as Jesus sent his disciples out. They pray and bring comfort to those who cannot be with their worshipping community of faith.

E-Giving Offering cards are available for you to drop in the plate if you give electronically. To give now, scan here.



What is the "Offering?"

"Offerings" in the church service is understood to consist of the bread and the wine for the Lord's Supper. Offerings have grown to include the goods and the money we give to the Church to assist in its mission and to provide for the assistance of the needy. The act of bringing our gifts of money to the altar helps keep us mindful that we are now sharing in the work of bringing God's redeeming love to all people.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:

Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services and Texas-Louisianna Gulf Coast Synod—Flooding

Those living with cancer:

Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), Carol Angello (Bob & Phyllis Watters' friend), Danna (Cathy Tanner's friend), Neal Beachinor (Paul Desilet's uncle), Janet Berg (Pastor and Susan Berg's sister-in-law), Owen Carter (Lisa Hamilton's friend), Lynn Crutcher (Busch family friend), Joyce Daily (David Osborne's aunt), Janice Davidson (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), Pam Davis (Phelps family friend), Craig Decker (Judy & Dave Richards' friend), Datricia Dwonch (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), Sandra Glenn (member), Mason Gordon (Curcio Family friend), Jan Gregersen (Nicole Thomas' friend), J. Cami Grillo (member), Phyllis Hoefer (Marlis Pehling's friend), Tao Hong (Joy Fu's husband), Bernie Jenkins (Jane King's friend), Edna Kastning (member), Lee Larson (Beth Phelps' cousin), Marcella (Benson family friend), Roy McMullen (Cathy Tanner's friend), Bruce Niermeyer (Cook family friend), Marvin Richter (Renee Markert's father), Bill Schenk (Melanie Veazey's cousin), Audrey Sheffler (Sherrill Baker's friend), Heather Smith (Cami Grillo's niece), Dan Thomson (Jane King's friend), Maureen Volz (Doug & Jean Peterson's friend), Joanne Wejak (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), Michael Wilson (Vicki Kastning's friend) and Darlene Zrust (Andrea Faubion's mother)

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

Jay Arndtson (member), Erika Beers (member), Margie Benson (member), Isabel de Jesus Congdon (Sue Toyoda's friend), Jacquie & Dick Craft (Thieme family friends), Rachel & Jeff Danforth (member), Cathy Edwards (member), Jess Faubion (member), Sherri Gordon (regular visitor), Marge Gonyea (member), Bernard (Buck) Kelly (Betty Kelly's husband), Charlene Maxfield (member), Annie McCracken (member), Melissa (Judy Richards' friend), John Peterson (Val Cole's father), Michael Preston (Tanya Preston's husband), Mary Riley (Donella Robbins' friend), Ryan & Sarah (Cathy Edwards' grandchildren), Karishma Skjonsby (member), Jeff Smeck (Mark Neitzel's friend), Joyce Sullivan (member), Tina (Dawn Bastin's sister), Gordon Tibbetts (Sherrill Baker's friend), Darlene Toycen (Anne & Tom Larsen's friend), Heidi Van Doren (member), Stephanie Vishneau (Carlene & Sherm Russell's daughter), Phyllis Watters (member) and Donna White (Cathy Tanner's friend).

Special Prayers: LeRoy & Lois Rothe (Sarah & Anna Holmes' grandparents)

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Perdy Carlson (member), Claire (Sue Ebert's mother), Phyllis Enger (member), Ardyce Johnson (member), Carol Nelson (member), Erik Olson (member), Fran Tazuma (member), Helen Young (member) and Roger Zimmerman (Connie Wolter's brother)

Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas:

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, and those nations battling Boko Haram.

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: Tyler Ripley (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter) ARMY: Christopher Fjeld (Richard & Judy Edmonds' grandson) and Lucas Peters (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson)

MARINES: James Bacon (Jeanne Koruga's friend), Olav Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son) and Luke Yandell (Annie McCracken's grandson)

NAVY: Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's friend), Toby Pickens (Jean Pickens' grandson), Kelsey Schunk (Jack

December 18, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Advent Luke 1:26-49 Jesus Birth Announced

Weekly Financial Report

December 4, 2016

Attendance: 194 Mortgage Fund: \$1,586

General Offerings: \$11,608

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Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,038

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Education Hour
11:00 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship

Monday, December 12

Pastor Berg's Sabbath

Tuesday, December 13

9:30 am	Lectionary— <i>Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!</i>
11:00 am	Staff Meeting
11:30 am	Friends of Youth Training
5:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, December 14

9:00 am	WFLC Board Meeting
11:30 am	WELCA (WFLC) Christmas Potluck— <i>All are welcome to have lunch and enjoy</i>
	Christmas music from the Bothell High School Jazz Choir.

Thursday, December 15

9:00 am	Quilters
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir

Friday, December 16

10:45 am All Seasons Lunch—*All our senior members and friends are invited to enjoy lunch and fellowship!*

Saturday, December 17

10:00 am	Sunday School Program Practice— <i>For all Sunday school students to practice for the</i>
	Christmas program on 12/18 during the education hour.
11.00 am	Kid's Timel - All children aged 2 years to 5th grade are invited to have lunch and join

11:00 am Kid's Time! - All children aged 3 years to 5th grade are invited to have lunch and join in the fun, while their moms and dads prepare for the holiday!

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Sunday School Children's Program in the Sanctuary—All are welcome!
11:00 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship
4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling Party—All are invited!

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SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:

At First Lutheran God calls us to:

CARE for one another in community,

GROW in faith and discipleship,

SERVE the needs of a broken world; and in all we do,

PROCLAIM the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

The Longest NightDecember 21, 20167:00 pmA worship service for thosewho struggle this time of year.Song. Candlelight.

Freed&RENEWED inChrist Stears of GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION



Christmas Eve: 5pm, 7pm & 10:30 pm

Silence. Prayer.

Christmas Day: 10 am