

2000111301 20, 2020
Opening Worship Song"Hear Our Praises"
Welcome & Invocation
Prelude
Old Testament Reading (Titus 2:6-15)Joel White
Praise & Worship""Glory, Let There Be Peace" "Come, Emmanuel"
Lighting the 2nd Advent Candle (Peace) <i>Moms & Daughters' Bible Study</i>
Hymn #218"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"
Prayer
Kids' TalkGary Faulhaber
Special MusicDinah Carnes and Chrissy Dougan "He Shall Reign Forevermore"
Offering/Doxology
Blessing of Gifts
New Testament Reading (Matthew 1:18-25)
Message
Responding to God's Love""Christmas Offering"
Benediction/Blessing
Exit Song"Made to Worship"

ATTENDANCE PADS
Please sign the pad and pass it along!



Joseph's Story

God leads us in surprising ways.

Matthew 1:18-24

All Are Welcome



Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings with Denny Scalise in the old kitchen.



The 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning Bible Study with Elna Morton meets in the multi-purpose room. *Mary Had a Baby* will be their Advent study.



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Today, is COOKIE SUNDAY. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for some delicious cookies and a beverage. Thank you to all who brought in cookies today.

SATB (hristmas *Choir Practice*

The SATB Christmas Choir will be practicing **TODAY after enjoying some cookies** and a beverage in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!



Mativity Walk
Each Nativity is so unique!

Before and after worship, please feel free to take a look at all the beautiful nativities that are on display. You can take them home <u>after</u> everyone enjoys some cookies and walks around to enjoy each Nativity or take them home anytime during office hours (M-F from 9am-2pm). Thank you to all who participated and shared in the Nativity Walk!



There is no practice this Sunday, December 10. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Don't forget your pillow.

Sunday, December 19 is the Christmas program at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please arrive by 9:15 a.m. so that we can meet in the Fellowship Hall.



Thank you to all who brought in gifts for the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. They were very much appreciated!

Cookie Exchange



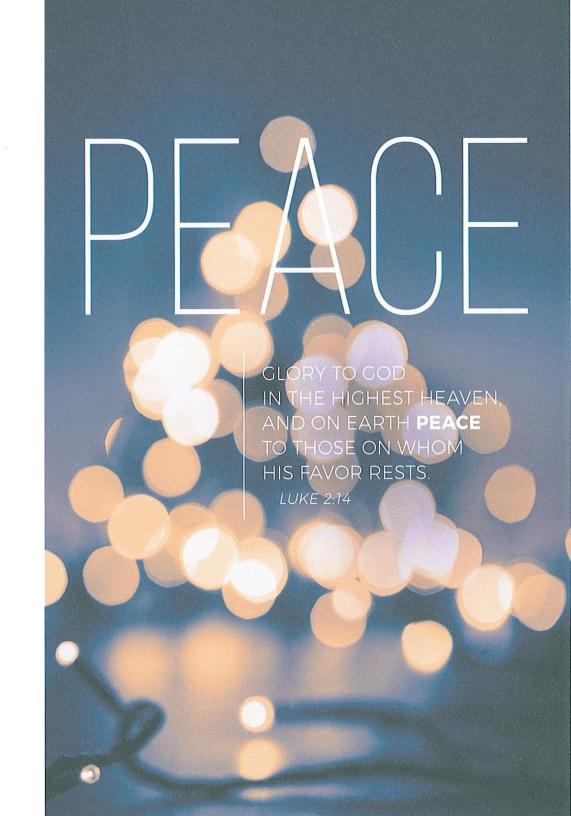
The WOW Women's group will have a cookie exchange on Sat., Dec. 16 @ 9:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose room. Please sign up and bring 4 dozen of your favorite "homemade" cookies. These cookies will not be for sale but swapped for others you'd like to try.



Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. We will have our regular Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. and later that evening we will **celebrate Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.**

At our Christmas Eve service we will light the Advent wreath, enjoy special music, as well as sing our favorite Christmas hymns. Don't forget we will sing Silent Night as we light our candles.



Lighting of the Second Advent Candle



(Moms & Daughters' Bible Study)

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Reader 2:

We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

Congregation:

We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

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We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

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