

December 8, 2019  
Second Sunday Of Advent  
8:30 & 11:00 AM



First Lutheran Church  
BOTHELL

# 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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**Holden Prayer**  
**8:30 and 11:00 AM**

**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](http://www.flcbothell.org)

**GATHERING**

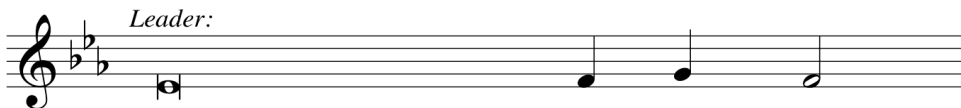
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE: 8:30 AM *Mary, Did You Know? (Greene/Lowry)***

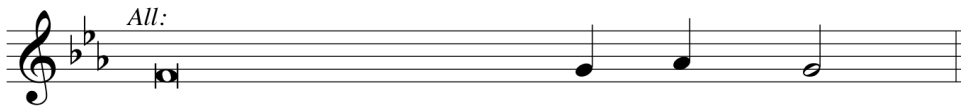
**11:00 AM *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is (Trad. Irish Melody)***

**WELCOME**

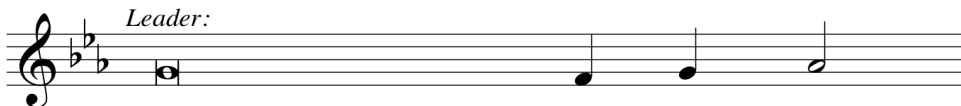
**GATHERING RITE: *Holden Service of Light***



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



Stay with us now, for it is morning

*All:*

and the day is just be - ginning

*Leader:*

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All:*

and shine within your peo - ple here. —

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## GATHERING SONG: *All Earth Is Hopeful: Toda la tierra* (ELW 266)

To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor

1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell;  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.

*y*el sur - co - a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our

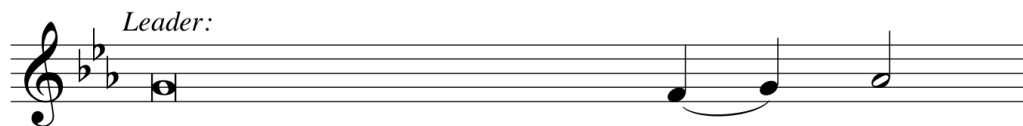
mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our

cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

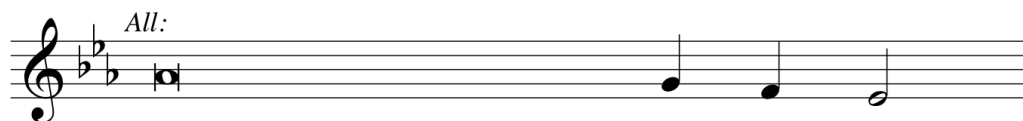
## GREETING



Leader: May God be with you all, All: and al - so with you;



Leader: Let us sing our thanks to — God,



All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



All: A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Holy Lord, a voice has been heard in the wilderness preparing the way for your son to arrive in this world. Prepare our hearts to receive your son and help us to prepare for his coming. Amen.**

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

*This year's Advent wreath has four candles. We are naming them **Justice, Hope, Joy, Promise**. Each week we will pray, sing, and light the appropriate candle to mark our journey.*

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to comfort your people, to forgive them and lift them up. You indeed feed us, your flock, like a shepherd. Help us not to be like the grass and flowers of the field that wither and fade away Stand us up so that we can fix our eyes on the Herald of Good Tidings, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

## Lighting Song: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Choir will sing verses, congregation join on refrain.

*Refrain*

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

O people of hope, come,  
let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.

**CHIME CHOIR ANTHEM: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***  
(Arr. Hal H. Hopson)

### WORD

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

#### THE WORD: Isaiah 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"

<sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of God,  
**word of life.**

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

**SERMON**

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## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* (ELW 256)



- 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.

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make  
new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

Give light to your people, Lord. As the darkness grows and we await the return of daylight, give new life to your church. Shape our communities to be faithful vessels of the gospel for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore your creation, Lord. You give the earth opportunities for both sleep and awakening. Thank you for the gift of restful seasons so new life may grow according to your appointed time. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring peace to the nations, Lord. Keep us alert to injustice and oppression, give us courage to cry out for what is right, and guide world leaders toward fairness and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Stir up compassion in us for all who wait for you. Be near to those whose lives are shaken, those who are experiencing loss, those who long for healing and wholeness, those who live with HIV and AIDS, and those who are in any kind of need, especially Kevin. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for child care workers, teachers, Sunday school leaders, and all who nurture and educate children. We give you thanks for their diligence and devotion. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For whom do the people pray?

From ages past, your faithfulness has never failed. Shine your face upon us and bring us into the company of all your saints in light. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence for self-reflection.*

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation, we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

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

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING: Let My Prayer Rise Up Like Incense**

*All:*



Let my prayer rise up like incense be -  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my  
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

*Leader or Group One:*



O God, I call to you, come to me

*All or Group Two:*



O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I  
call to you, come to me now; O

cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;  
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be  
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn - ing bright. ——— Let my prayer rise  
light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. ——— All praise to the God of all - Cre -  
of - fer - ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the  
 praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all  
 Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise  
 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.  
 up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an  
 you.  
 of - fer - ing to you.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. 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.**

## **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.

As this meal is shared with those who cannot join us here in this space, may it give hope in your future.

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 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

**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 pew card.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

*Hark, the Glad Sound! (ELW 239)*

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear (ELW 282)*

## THE ANNUNCIATION:

**Cantor:** *An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name will be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will." (immediately to "The Magnificat")*

# THE MARGNIFICAT

*All:*

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your  
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

*fine last time*





## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: 8:30 AM *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burning (African American Spiritual)***

### Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Tor K. Berg

#### 8:30 AM

Piano	June Condra	Ushers	Tom Agnew & Brian Midtbo
Lector	Geri Crawford	Greeter	Carsten Thode
Sound Tech	Terry Barker	Acolyte	Addie & Morgan Thomas
Pew Angel	Coni Holmes	Communion Assistants	Jean Peterson, Lynn Scoggins & Nicole Thomas

#### 11:00 AM

Ensemble Director	Richard Edmonds	Ushers	Tom Larsen & Rob McCaw
Piano	June Condra	Lector	Paul Flatness
Violin	Alexia Payne	Greeter	Marilyn Iverson
Percussion		Sound Tech	Ken Smith
Acolyte	Michael Penrose	Communion Assistants	Dawn Bastin & Emily Curcio
Ensemble	Rachel Jackman, Doug Peterson, Gordy Phelps, Johannes & Karishma Skjonsby & Randall Wampler	Pew Angel	Coni Holmes

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Prayers of sympathy for Ruth & Mark Neitzel in the death of Ruth's sister, Rita.*

### Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief, Northwest Washington Synod

### Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), Charlie (Jef Almeida's father), Del Benson (member), Alan (Joan & Carl Christian's son), Russel (Karey Coble's cousin), Edith Holbrook (member), Heather (Kevin & Vicki Kastning's niece), Richard (Ruth Neitzel's brother), Pam (Marlis Pehling's niece), Don (Doug Peterson's brother), Janette (Beth Phelps' cousin), Teresa (Michelle Tuck's friend), Roger (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), Ted (Sue Toyoda's friend), Kip (Paul Desilet's uncle), Jim (Hendricks' family friend), Joanne (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law) & Clara (Pat Daane's cousin).

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

Keely Adjorlolo (member), Marilyn Anderson (member), Paul Anderson (member), Jack Becker (member), Lillian (Bob Berg's mother), Lou (Cathy Edwards' friend), Nancy Davis (member), Roy King (member), Barb (Stacy Souriall's friend), Ryan (Cathy Edwards' grandson), Anne Marie (Hildur O'Conner's daughter), Katie (Hildur O'Conner's daughter), Eileen Payne (Tom Payne's mother), Eric (Sally Adams' cousin), Ron (Krista Daniel's father), Lorretta Rapp (member), Dennis Shogren (Dave Shogren's brother), Helen (Renee Baker's mother), Lola (Bob Berg's aunt), Mona Shogren (member), Loretta (Nora Srothman's sister-in-law), Sadako (Sue Toyoda's mother-in-law), Dandy (Julie Selmikeit-Weyn's husband), Darlene (Andrea Faubion's mother),

### Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Phyllis Enger (member), Lillian & Lawrence (Leon Romaniuk's parents), Harriet (Eleanor Walters' mother), Jacquie Stoll (member), Sigrid (Carsten Thode's mother) & Phyllis Watters (member).

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

Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia and Iraq.

### Those Serving Our Country:

**AIR FORCE:** Tyler Ripley (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and Erin Siebert (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)  
Mason Land (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew)

**ARMY:** Shaun Cunningham (Cris Sherman's son-in-law), Lucas Peters (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson), Asis Montalvo (Adjorlolo family friend), Ben Souriall (Stacy & Mike Souriall's son)

**MARINES:** James Bacon (Jeanne Koruga's friend) and Olav Wampler (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

**NAVY:** Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's husband), Kelsey Schunk (Jack Schunk's granddaughter), & Christopher Whipple (Carolyn & Richard Whipple's son)

*We are honored to be able to pray for your family members and close friends in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.*

## December 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4; 10-13

Rebuilding the Temple

### Weekly Financial Report

December 1, 2019, Attendance: 183

General Offerings: \$9,971 Mortgage Fund: \$832.50

### Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: \$9,907

Mortgage Fund: \$1,098

# INFORMATION For the Week!

## Sunday, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

<b>8:30 Am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
9:45 am	Education Hour
10:00 am	Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>

## Monday, December 9

**FINAL DAY TO RETURN GIVING TREE GIFTS!**

## Tuesday, December 10

9:15am	Preschool Chapel
9:30 am	Lectionary
11:00 am	Staff Meeting
12:30 pm	Preschool Chapel
6:30 pm	Finance Committee
7:00 pm	IT/Communications Committee

## Wednesday, December 11

11:00 am	Worship Team Meeting
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## Thursday, December 12

9:00 am	Quilters
9:15 am	Preschool Chapel
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, December 13

Church Office Closed

11:30 am	Friends Supporting Friends Christmas Party at Inglewood Country Club
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## Saturday, December 14

10:00 am	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
11:00 am	Kid's Time!

## Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

<b>8:30 Am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
9:45 am	Sunday School Christmas Program
10:00 am	Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
12:00 pm	Chime Choir Rehearsal
3:00 pm	Christmas Festival

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