



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



Let us
go
rejoicing
to the
house
of the
Lord.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: Unto Thee O Lord!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.** God of might, **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.** God in our midst, **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Unto Thee O Lord!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has three verses of lyrics. The second staff has two verses. The third and fourth staves have single verses. Chord symbols (C7, F, F7, Bb, Bbm, F/C, C7, F, Bb, F) are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic structure. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

1. Un - to Thee, oh Lord, do I lift up my soul.
2. Yea, let none that wait on Thee be a - sham - ed.
3. Show me Thy ways, Thy ways oh Lord.

Un - to Thee, oh Lord, do I lift up my soul.
Yea, let none that wait on Thee be a - sham - ed.
Teach me Thy paths, Thy paths oh Lord.

Oh my God, I trust in Thee. Let me not be a-shamed.

Let not mine e - ne-mies tri - umph o - ver me.

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Song of the 4 Candles (1st Sunday)

The musical score is written in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! — Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! — Light the first can - dle, light the first can - dle, the first can - dle tells us to — watch. Je - sus is com - ing, Je - sus has come, the Light of the World, our Sav - ior, God's Son. — Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! — Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! — Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! —". The score includes various chords such as F, C/E, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, F, C/E, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, C2, Bb2, C2, Bb, F, Dmin, Eb, Cmin, F, Dmin, Eb, D sus, D, F, C/E, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, F, C/E, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, F, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, F, F7/Eb, Bb/D, C/E, and F7/Eb. The score also includes the instruction "fade out" and "4X".

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joice, be - hold! — Watch, pre - pare, re - joice, be - hold! —

THE KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

THIS IS THE FEAST

D D/F# G D G D/A F#7 Bm D
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Bm G/E A D C Em Asus A
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D G D Bm D/A G
Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

D D/F# G D G D/A F#7 Bm D
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

G/E A D C Em Asus A
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

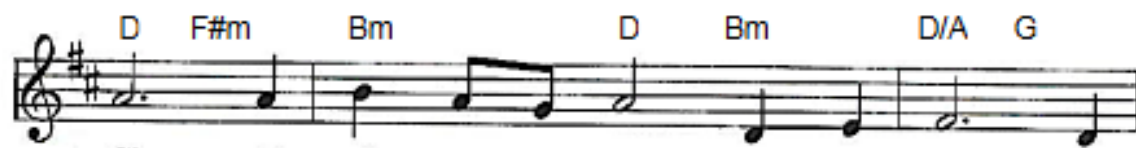
D F#m Bm D Bm D/A G
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

D D/F# G D G D/A F#7 Bm D
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

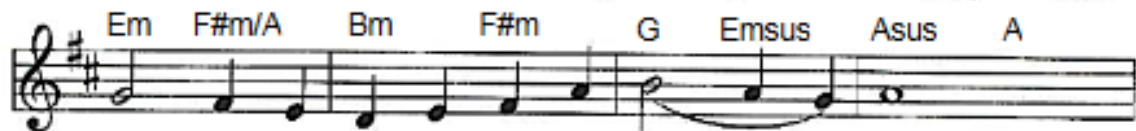
G/E A D C Em Asus A
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D F#m Bm D Bm D/A G



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A



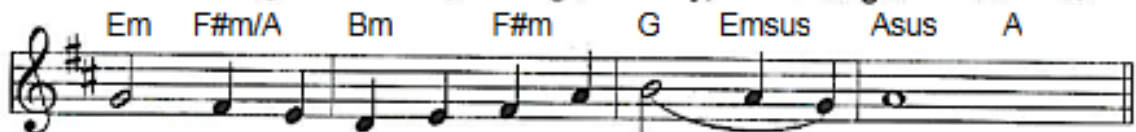
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

D F#m Bm D Bm D/A G



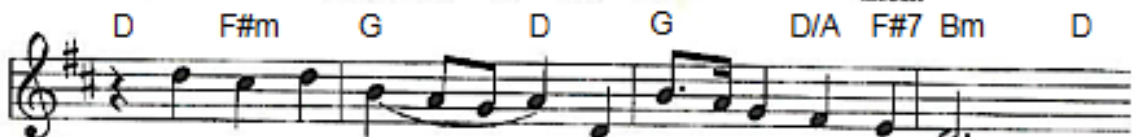
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A




God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

D F#m G D G D/A F#7 Bm D



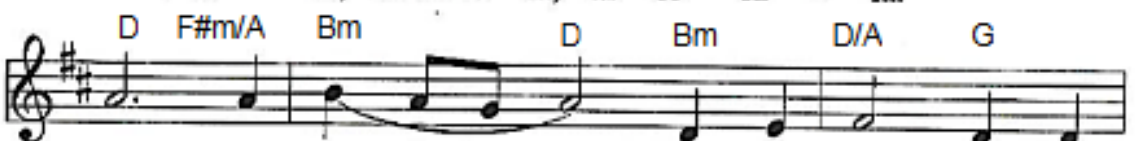
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

G/E A D C Em Asus A



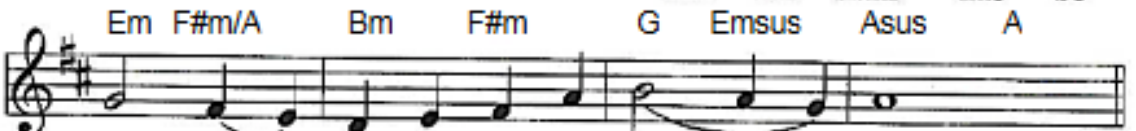
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

D F#m/A Bm D Bm D/A G



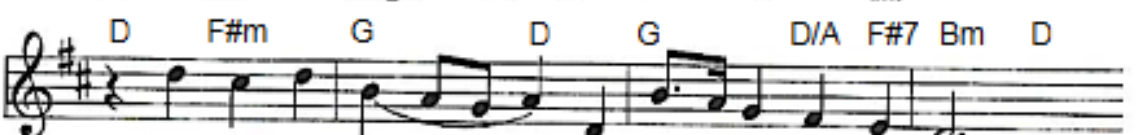
For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Em F#m/A Bm F#m G Emsus Asus A



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

D F#m G D G D/A F#7 Bm D



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

G/E A D C Em F#m/A D



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Each Winter as the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

HOMILY: Pastor Paul

CONFESSION OF FAITH - 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jerry Lucadamo, trumpet

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Chord progression: Eb, Fm7, Bb, Eb, Cm, F

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with-

Chord progression: Bbsus Bb, Bb/Ab, Fm7, Eb/Bb Bb, Gmaj

in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre - sence, and take not Your

Chord progression: Cm, F7, Bb, Bb7, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb

Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal -

Chord progression: Ab, Bb, Eb7, Ab, Fm7, Bb, Ebsus Eb

va - tion; and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.



ALL: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. Above each staff are guitar chords. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a common time signature 'C'. The second staff has a common time signature 'C'. The third staff has a common time signature 'C'. The fourth staff has a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

F Am G7 C F G7 C
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

F Am G7 C F Dm
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Bb G7 C F Gm
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

F/A G7/B C Ab Bb Dm7 G C
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

F Bb G7 C

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: Music: Jerry Lucadamo, trumpet



COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
 done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
 joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

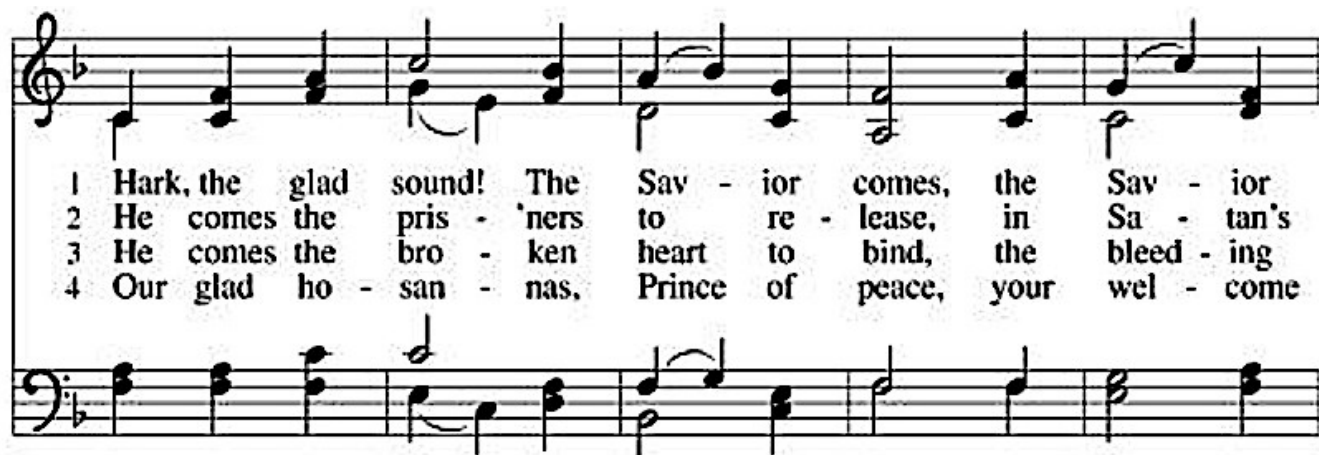
Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

We thank God for our guest trumpeter, Jerry Lucadamo, for sharing his talents with us today.

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Dec 1	Dave Johnsrud	Laurie Feingold	Ed Moderacki
Dec 8	Michael Chomin	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly
Dec 15	Vicki Coyle	Rick Henly	Antoinette Walder

FLOWERS

Dec 1	For:	The members of Church of the Savior
Dec 8	For:	The members of Church of the Savior
Dec 15	For:	In Memory of Carol, Fred and Fred
	From:	Susan Conrad

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 1	Advent Wreath Making following Worship w/Coffee Hour
Dec 3	Advent Wreath Making and Dinner: 5:30pm
Dec 7	Christmas Gala: 6pm
Dec 8	Sunday School
Dec 15	Christmas Caroling & Dinner: 5pm
Dec 17	Council Meeting: 6pm
Dec 22	Sunday School
Dec 24	Christmas Eve: 4pm (family Worship) Christmas Carol Sing: 7:30pm Christmas Eve: 8pm Worship
Dec 25	Christmas Day: 10am Worship
Dec 29	Wee Worship

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