

PCL @ a Glance



Inspirational Thought: We have just begun the season of Advent. Advent means coming; it is a time of expectation and preparation as we turn our thoughts toward Bethlehem and the celestial skies. It is so much easier to think of the first coming as we sing Christmas carols and have special events around the church, but thinking about the inevitable coming of Christ the second time – might be a bit harder to grasp. We proclaim the second coming with the creeds, read it in scripture, and briefly read it in the National Enquirer. However, other than that, we don't spend a lot of time thinking about it. Possibly, because it doesn't affect our daily lives. With this being said, one might look at the in-between times that we live in; from the first coming to the second coming there is still a lot of life to be lived. May we lift up our heads and rejoice that the hope promised by the prophets, preachers, and parishioners may now be realized. It is this hope that keeps us going and moving forward. It is this hope that quiets us as the storms of life seem too much to bear. It is this hope that gives us joy unspeakable, because of Emanuel: God with us. This is what this season reminds us of that God is with us. This Sunday the scripture lends itself to help us ponder what the coming of Christ means as we explore the message of John the Baptist who cried "Prepare the way of the Lord." What Will the Coming of Christ Bring? Maybe the better question is, "What has it bought to us already?"

May our Lord bless you this holiday season with lots of goodwill and special thoughts of blessings.

Pastor Dan

Prayer of the week: Loving and Holy God, during these hectic and crazy days of preparation for family and friends coming over to the house for Christmas cheer. May we pause and reflect on your glory as you dwell amongst us. Through the carols, pageants, glitz, and glitter, and the church's adorned with garland and poinsettias, help us to be reminded of your tremendous love for our world. "Amazing grace how sweet the sound," may we hear the sound of grace through the Advent and Christmas music shared. Amen.

Thought of the Week: What gift will you give to Jesus this year

Come Worship with Us This Sunday!

Dec 4 (Sun)	9:15 am	PCL Choir Practice
	10:00 am	2nd Sunday of Advent (Candles of Hope & Peace)
		Fellowship Hour after service in the Lounge
	6:00 pm	Holiday Spectacular Concert

This Week AT PCL

Nov 30 (Wed)	10:30 am	Adult Enrichment in the Lounge
Dec 1 (Thu)	8:00 pm	Candlelight Meditation
Dec 3 (Sat)	8:30 am	Bible & Bagels on Zoom
	4:00 pm	Christmas Play Rehearsal (4 – 6 pm)

Upcoming Events

Dec 5 (Mon)	7:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
Dec 7 (Wed)	10:30 am	Adult Enrichment
Dec 8 (Thu)	8:00 pm	Candlelight Meditation
Dec 10 (Sat)	8:30 am	Bible & Bagels on Zoom
	10:30 am	Bistro – Youth Event
	4:00 pm	Christmas Play Rehearsal (4 – 6 pm)
Dec 11 (Sun)	9:15 am	PCL Choir Practice
	9:15 am	Christmas Bountiful Continental Buffet (in the Lounge)
	10:00 am	3rd Sunday of Advent (Candles of Hope, Peace & Joy)
		Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)
	12:15 pm	Christmas Caroling (meet at PCL)





PIANO FUNDRAISING

Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.

(Martin Luther)

We are raising funds to pay for our new beautiful Young Chang Baby Grand Piano. An envelope was placed in last Sunday's bulletin and is available on the table in the Narthex. Any contribution will be appreciated. You may place the donation in Sunday's offering plate or mail it to the office.

Thank you for your generosity.



Growing the Gift of Faith



During this Advent and Christmas season, we reflect on the birth of Jesus as God's greatest gift, given to all of us. Giving to the Christmas Joy Offering is one way we can celebrate and honor that gift, by faithfully supporting church workers in times of need and the development of the future ethnic leadership of our church.

During the Advent season we reflect on the promise of salvation God made to us – a promise kept with the birth of Jesus. Through this example we understand that while we may make promises in good faith, we must keep them in good faith, we must keep them with our good deeds (James 2:14).

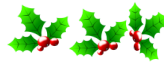
We will collect the Christmas Joy offering on **December 18, 2022.**

LET US SHARE IN THE JOY OF A PROMISE

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



Advent and Christmas at PCL



December 4th ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Candle of Hope and Peace

6:00pm **Holiday Spectacular Concert**

December 11th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Candle of Hope, Peace, and Joy

Christmas Pageant

12:15 pm Christmas Caroling

December 18th ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Candle of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

4:00 pm **Sound of Christmas Concert**

December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25th ~ Christmas Day

10:00 am Christmas Day Service



Gift Collection for the Christmas

Beginning on the **Sunday, November 27**, the First Sunday of Advent, through **December 18**, we will be collecting adult and children's scarves, stockings, socks, hats, and gloves. These gifts will be given to the guests at the Bistro. There will be a tree in the Sanctuary to place the unwrapped items under.



CAROLING

On **Sunday, December 11 at 12:15 pm**, our church family and area churches will be Christmas caroling at four residential homes. The day will start out with pizza and hot drinks at PCL. After our caroling there will be a time of fellowship as we feast on cookies and hot chocolate at our last stop. Please come and join us for this festive occasion.



Christmas Pageant

On **Sunday, December 11**, our church family will perform the Christmas drama, "**Christmas Returns**" during the morning worship service held in the Sanctuary. A continental breakfast will be served by our Deacons starting at 9:30 am. in the Lounge.



Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be on **Saturday, December 24 at 8:00 pm.** The service will include Christmas hymns, lessons and carols. The evening will conclude with the Festival of Lights while singing “Silent Night, Holy Night.”



Holiday Musical Events at PCL



Special Guest Musicians

Sunday, December 11th

Prashvita Prasad, piano

Prateeksha Prasad, piano and voice

Spruha Asit Sangode, piano

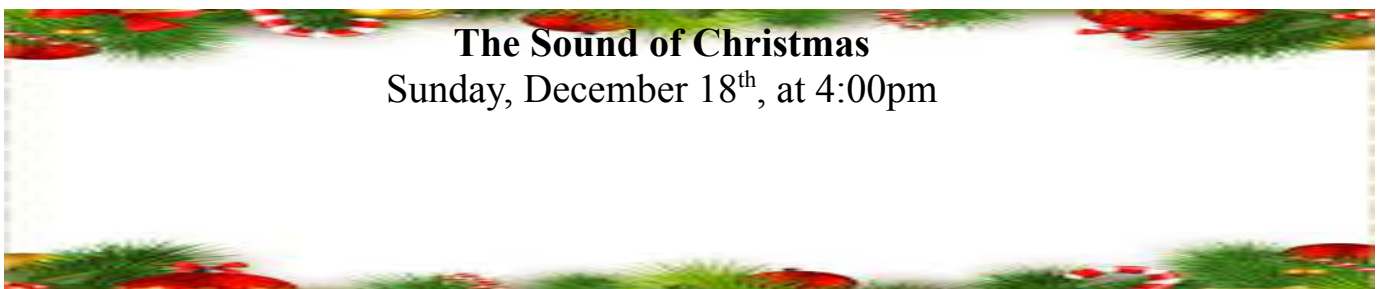
Sunday December 12th

Olivia Lu, piano

Concerts

Holiday Spectacular

Sunday, December 4th, at 6:00pm



The Sound of Christmas

Sunday, December 18th, at 4:00pm

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