



DECEMBER 9-15, 2018

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Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 24

Hospitality Parking: We will offer complimentary parking for the 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services. Drive up to the front portico of the church and parking attendants will be available to park your car.

BUILD YOUR OWN NATIVITY

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Calling all kings, shepherds, and sheep! Help us re-create the Nativity in this child-centered Christmas service. Bring your own costume, or wear one we provide!

CHRISTMAS IN WAKEFIELD CHAPEL

10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., Chapel

A traditional service with organist, soloist, a homily, and a Christmas message from Rev. Dr. John F. Ross.

CANDLELIGHT FAMILY CHRISTMAS*

1:00 p.m. (Parables friendly service), 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

This wonderful experience for all ages includes music by our contemporary music team, Tapestry, a special Children's Choir, Youth Ensemble, and Celebrations Choir, your favorite Christmas carols, candlelighting, a special moment for children, and a Christmas message from Rev. Dr. John F. Ross.

*Childcare available for ages Birth-PreK for these services

FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00 p.m., Sanctuary

With fanfare and joy we hear Lessons and Carols in festive music from the Chancel Choir and the Lake Minnetonka String Quartet, and a Christmas message from Rev. Dr. John F. Ross.

MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS

11:00 p.m., Sanctuary

A joyous and contemplative welcome of the midnight hour and the beginning of Christmas Day. We will hear a meditation by Rev. Dr. John F. Ross and share communion around the table. Moving music will guide us into a time of reflection.

Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Come as you are on Christmas morning for warm, welcoming, and joyous Christmas Day worship. Hear Rev. Lindy Purdy's heartwarming story *Parranda, a Puerto Rican Christmas*, and uplifting music, including all your favorite carols. Join in a Christmas carol sing-along, and Christmas cookies in the Colonnade.



Children's Choir for Christmas Eve

Rehearsals: Wednesdays,

December 12 and 19

6:00-6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Room

Autumn Toussaint invites all children to participate in a special "Choir" with rehearsals filled with fun, music, and special surprises. Learn a special Christmas song to sing at the Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Family worship service. Children need not attend all three rehearsals, and prior choir/music experience is not required.

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HOLY SPIRITS: DWELT

Wednesday, December 19, 6:00 p.m.

Pique Travel, 306 Water Street, Excelsior 55331

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Music at 8:00 p.m.

Dwelt: What does it mean for Jesus to move into our neighborhood this holiday season? In what ways do we prepare our homes for all the fun, and festivities, for the hustle of families, and the onslaught of parties and meals? Better yet, this Advent season how are you making your life? With every action, with every word, we make our lives better or worse. But here's the beauty of what we believe this Advent season. Not only are we making our lives but the spirit of God is making her life with us. Let's celebrate Jesus coming to town. Join us December 19 for Holy Spirits: Dwelt.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 20, 12 noon & 7:00 p.m., Chapel

The celebrations of this holy season have a way of shining light on our griefs, fears, and longings, so that we feel them more deeply. We invite you into the simple warmth and beauty of this Advent Candlelight Worship. Through scripture, prayers, music and message, we offer you the gift of a time to reflect on the comfort and hope of this season – for you, for those you love, for the wider world. This special service will be led by our Pastoral Care clergy and Tapestry musicians.

LIGHT THE LABYRINTH

Friday, December 21, 5:00 p.m., Courtyard Labyrinth

Light the Labyrinth is a new Christmas event that will awaken us to the light of Jesus entering our world. You will be encouraged to engage your shadows and your own light, and how you perceive each of them. This event will draw on the parallels to your own day-to-day life... the way in which the shadows of your life change during the course of the day, and how the atmosphere of a space changes depending entirely on how we share our light. Hosted on the winter solstice— also known as midwinter— we will prepare the way of the light breaking into our darkness. Join us as we sing Advent hymns, walk, and light the labyrinth.

ROCK THE MANGER: CHRISTMAS EVE EVE

Sunday, December 23, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

If you are going to be out of town on Christmas Eve, or you are just ready to celebrate Jesus' birth in a festive way a little early, join us in the Sanctuary for Rock the Manger! This very special time of worship will feature music by our amazing friends from the Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir, an inspiring Christmas message, and will close with candle lighting and singing of Silent Night. All are welcome. * Childcare available for Birth-PreK.

YEAR END GIVING

It's a busy time of the year, but there's still time to make your 2018 gift to WCC. December is a critical month for the church, when we receive over 20% of our annual contributions. Go to wccgive.org, or call the Church Office at 952-473-8877 (ask for Ashleigh). We are grateful for your generosity that is truly inspiring the world with the inclusive love of Jesus.

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CHRISTMAS EVE USHERS

Ushers are needed for all Christmas Eve services in the Sanctuary and Chapel. Services are offered at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at the table in Founders Hall today between services.



ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Name Above All Names

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

SERMON NOTES
