

# The Trumpet December 2024 and January 2025

## Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Office Hours M-F 9am-1pm



*"Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."*

The angel Gabriel visits Mary with these words and thus begins the Christmas story. Mary was probably a young teenager, probably from a good, if humble, home, engaged to Joseph, a carpenter. Many portraits of Mary and Gabriel show Mary with folded hands and a beautifully bowed head. She looks comfortable; she smiles. Well, maybe that was the case BEFORE Gabriel spoke, but I doubt she stayed that way very long.

A friend of mine painted this scene and used her teenage neighbor as the model for Mary. She is wearing what looks like a long, oversized T-shirt and she is terrified, cowering against the wall in her small room. Gabriel is not your everyday girlfriend dropping by for a chat. This is an old spirit, one who lives with God.

Mary is wrenched out of her comfort zone by this message. You will have a child and call him Jesus.

We too can be wrenched easily out of our comfort zones! Troubles at school or work. A huge medical bill. A death. A sick child or spouse. A broken relationship.

But what does the angel say? "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." and "Do not be afraid."

We walk together in this church community – through the watchful, waiting days of Advent's December. We then get to celebrate the holy birth. We rest from the plans and preparations that made December less than watchful.

During the January Sundays of the Epiphany season, we bask in the glow of that holy birth, musing about wise ones who seek to know that baby whose birth wrenched his mother out of her comfort zone into a blessedness we can scarcely imagine. Mary becomes a good mother. But Mary and Joseph come to know terror. They become holy refugees seeking to save the life of their child Jesus from a murdering king.

The stories of the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany invite us into the lives of people like us, people who struggle and are afraid. But we are also people who find blessing in the birth and life of Jesus. We find blessing in walking together Sunday after Sunday, new day after new day. And we become mindful of refugees fleeing for their lives.

God sends the angelic message to us as well as to Mary. "Greetings, favored ones! The Lord is with you." God changes our fears to faith: faith to trust God above all, in spite of all, maybe because of all. There is, after all, no one else to trust! And nothing will be impossible with God.

May you, like Mary, carry the Christ-child within you through the days of Advent, through Christmas, into the new year, and always. All of this, for the sake of our Lord Jesus who walked this earth to give us a vision of the invisible God beside us now and always.

Pastor Beth

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### A Note from Pastor Beth

On a personal note, I want to tell you why I am sad not to be with you this Christmas. I would love to see the children create the manger scene. I would love to sing Silent Night with you in a candlelit church. However, my granddaughter Abby is marrying her fiancé Colin on December 15 in New Jersey: an event not to be missed. Then I will stay for the holidays visiting my three children and their families, all of whom live on the East Coast. I am grateful that Pastor Gail will lead you through the celebrations and joys of this holy and happy season. Merry Christmas to you all and God-willing, I'll see you in January.

-Pastor Beth

Margaret Graebner Recital Series  
Presents a Free Concert

**JANETTE FISHELL**  
AT THE PIPE ORGAN  
DECEMBER 12, 2024  
7:00 PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
301 E Lopez Ave  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Internationally acclaimed organist Janette Fishell will be playing a program of organ music for the Margaret Graebner Series for pipe organ concerts at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Angeles, Washington. The program is free and open to the public, donations will fund facilities at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Ample parking is available. This is truly an artist not to miss!

Janette Fishell is Professor of Organ and Chair of the Organ Department at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, where she teaches Applied Organ and Organ Pedagogy. Her students have distinguished careers as performers, educators, and church musicians throughout the US, Europe, and Asia.

A frequent guest artist and teacher at conservatories, universities and civic concert series throughout the United States, she has been a featured solo recitalist at three national conventions of the American Guild of Organists and will be the first female recitalist to present the endowed Saint Cecelia Recital at the 2024 Biennial




Convention of the AGO in San Francisco. In addition, she frequently plays concert tours in Europe, the United Kingdom and Asia and regularly teaches at international summer schools in the US and England. Dr. Fishell concertizes throughout North America under the management of Karen McFarlane Artists. Widely recognized as a leading authority on the organ music of the Petr Eben, she is nearing completion of Velvet Revolution, a two volume, six-disc collection of that composer's complete solo organ works for the Dutch classical music label Brilliant Classics. Volume one, issued in October, 2022, has garnered international critical praise, earning a place on Germany's prestigious Schalpattenkritik's best new keyboard recordings list of 2022.

Recent performance projects include cycles of the complete organ works of J.S. Bach, César Franck, a recording of Beethoven's complete works for organ and mechanical clock for NAXOS, and collaboration with percussionist Joseph Gramley, her colleague at the Jacobs School of Music. Other recordings for the NAXOS, Pro Organo and Loft labels feature her as organ soloist, accompanist, choral conductor and composer. A life-long church musician, she is the recipient of the Paul Creston Award for contributions to sacred music and was named Young Organist of the Year by Keyboard Arts, Inc. while an undergraduate student. She has served as organist and organist/choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, NC, The Episcopal Church of All Saints, Indianapolis, and Interim Organist at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, Indianapolis. Her compositions have been published by St. James Music Press, Wayne Leupold Editions, and Morning Star Music.



We still need a few more people to help with our children's programming, so if you're willing to serve one or more times a month on the teaching teams, please contact Sharon Buck at [drstbuck5@gmail.com](mailto:drstbuck5@gmail.com)

# Christmas Services

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|  | <p><b>CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE</b></p> <p>Family Christmas Eve service with Young Voices Choir. This service is geared towards our younger visitors.</p> | <p><i>Dec. 24</i><br/><i>4:00PM</i></p> |
|  | <p><b>CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</b></p> <p>Candlelight service with full choir.</p>  | <p><i>Dec. 24</i><br/><i>8:00PM</i></p> |
|  | <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY WITH BRUNCH</b></p> <p>Christmas morning with potluck brunch. Please bring a dish to share! All are welcome.</p>                     | <p><i>Dec. 25</i><br/><i>9:30AM</i></p> |

## Christmas morning Communion service with carols and potluck brunch!

Please join us for a lovely Christmas morning service at 9:30 a.m. as we welcome Emmanuel - God among us as a child. We'll have egg casseroles and fruit and whatever else folks bring. Maybe some mimosas! Don't be alone on Christmas - be with us! This will be a cozy, comfortable, casual morning so come in relaxed clothes - it's Christmas morning! Robes and slippers are welcome. Seriously. Wait until you see the pastor. If you don't want to drive at night, this service is for you!



**Quiet Morning on Saturday, Dec. 7, a.m. - noon.** Pastor Gail is offering some quiet and prayer in the sanctuary for the morning. Please plan to stop by for 3 hours or 10 minutes. Advent is the season that most of the "outside" world doesn't "keep." There is so much busyness to decorate, shop, cook, prepare, mail, write... The world pressures us in December and it's easy to get so caught up in it that we lose track of these precious 4 weeks to prepare for the coming Christ Child.

Here is a morning to step away, into the silence of

the church, for whatever time you can during these hours. We'll begin with a short Morning Prayer. Advent devotional materials will be present. Come to sit, pray, light a candle, journal, knit, read, whatever will still your soul and calm your spirit. A lectio divina reading may be offered. Come, even if is to take a much needed nap. Everyone is welcome for reasons and needs of your own. O come, o come Emmanuel.



There are tags on the narthex Christmas tree for ELCA " Good Gifts. How many of us need more stuff? The world needs goats and beehives and food! There are several opportunities to contribute goods and services through the ELCA. Your donations can be purchased in the name of a friend or family member. Simply pluck an ornament from the tree and log on to the email address on the back to pay for the item. Could we possibly take and order all the tags on the tree?



There is a wide selection of Advent materials for you on the table in the narthex. An Advent calendar focusing on needs of a hungry world; a coloring calendar - ones for you to color at home and a "community" one to color together; devotional booklets. Please help yourselves to whatever will deepen your experience of this coming season of waiting and anticipation of the coming Christ Child.



Do you like the coffee we serve on Sunday mornings? It's available to purchase for your own home! Chocolate Bars, Tea, and Nuts too. Stop by to see these fairly-traded items which are available to purchase on Sunday or during office hours.

### Radio Broadcast

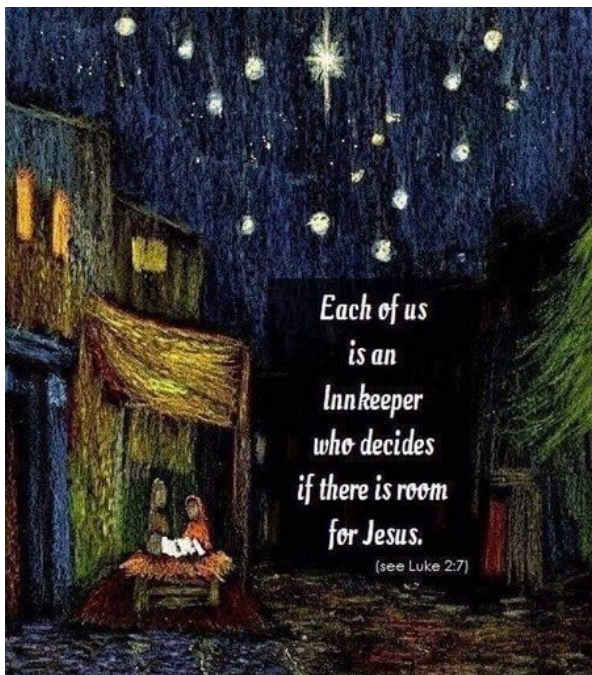
Did you know you can still catch our worship service which is broadcast on the KONP radio station?



Each Sunday, someone sponsors this, with a donation of \$100. You can, too! Dedicate your donation in memory of someone or an event.

Call or e-mail the church office to sign up.

*Thanks for supporting our radio broadcast ministry.*



### Theology on Tap

Thursday, December 5th, 2024 and  
Thursday, January 2nd, 2025  
7:00pm

Gather at Mighty Pine Brewing fellowship and discussion, over a cold pint or non-alcoholic drink. 1st Thursday every month. You can even bring your own snacks!

### FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you to the seven people at Holy Trinity who have committed to checking the Little Food Pantry, one day a week for the entire year!

Congregational members, please keep your nonperishable food donations coming in! The donation box is located across the hall from the church office or you can deposit the food directly into the pantry.

Some suggestions are:

1. Rice
2. Beans
3. Canned soup
4. Granola Bars
5. Peanut Butter
6. Crackers
7. Applesauce
8. Pasta
9. Cereal
10. Tuna



Thank you,  
Mary Lange

**THREADS OF LOVE** shares the power of love through compassionate creativity, using knitting, crocheting, and other handwork to invite, involve, and serve people in our own community and around the world. We gather in the Fireside Room on December 19 and January 15th from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. Bring your handwork and join us in praying and talking and working together. Don't knit or crochet, but wish you could? You are welcome at our meetings! We will do our best to help you learn whatever technique appeals to you. We even have needles and yarn and patterns to help you get started!

If you have questions contact our coordinator, Karen Selig, revkarenseig@gmail.com or the church office.



# Holy Hikers



Thursday, December 12th at 9am to Marymere Falls and Lake Crescent Lodge.

We will meet at the south side of the church. Take Hwy. 101 W., turn right at Lake Crescent Lodge.

This trail is .9 miles, one way. If the weather is good, we can expand the hike by visiting the trails along the lake shore.

Afterwards we will meet in the Lodge for a beverage and goodies, while we enjoy the Christmas decorations and fireplace.



## Finances

Although our expenses are below budget, our income – from you, our faithful ones – is below budget by more. We are experiencing a deficit of several thousand dollars. If you've been forgetting your offerings, please see if you can remember to catch up soon. The church is grateful for every offering. It's true that "our need to give" as response to God's grace and love is greater than "the church's need to receive."

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Beth



Did you know we have a locking mailbox outside of the church? You can safely drop off an envelope outside of church hours. Another option is to sign up for automatic donations on our website, [www.go2trinity.org](http://www.go2trinity.org)

JOIN HOLY TRINITY'S  
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## In Search of Our Kneeling Places by Ann Weems

In each heart lies a Bethlehem,  
an inn where we must ultimately answer  
whether there is room or not.

When we are Bethlehem-bound  
we experience our own advent in his.  
When we are Bethlehem-bound  
we can no longer look the other way  
conveniently not seeing stars,  
not hearing angel voices.

We can no longer excuse ourselves by busily  
tending our sheep or our kingdoms.

This Advent let's go to Bethlehem  
and see this thing that the Lord has made known to us.  
In the midst of shopping sprees  
let's ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts.  
Through the tinsel  
let's look for the gold of the Christmas Star.  
In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos,  
let's listen for the brush of angels' wings.  
This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem  
and find our kneeling places.

# Holy Trinity Library

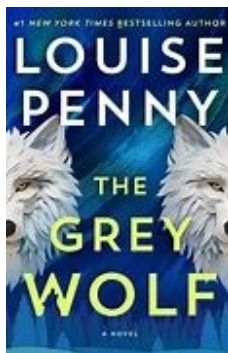


The Library Team wishes you a wonderful holiday season mixed with friends, family and the marvelous food that appears during the Christmas season. Our team takes this month off to enjoy time with others. Please peruse all the seasonal books that will be on display in the library and the fireside room. We are putting a years worth of Christian Century Magazine on a table in the narthex. Please feel free to take one.

**December & January, 2024 & 2025**

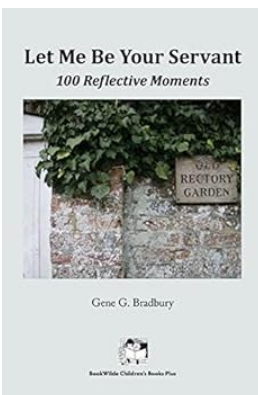
## BOOKS FOR ADULTS:

**The Grey Wolf** (2024) by Louise Penny takes us back to Three Pines and the fantastic characters we have come to love. Armand, Jean-Guy and Isabelle Lacoste are involved in clues, notes and in general a maze of information they must decipher. Enjoy this 19th addition to the series, we have them all....Reviewed & donated by Zorba Alexis Stricker.

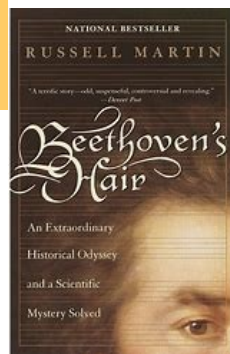


## Let Me Be Your Servant, 100 Reflective Moments

(2015) by Gene G. Bradbury begins each reflection with a quote, which is uplifting, engaging and thoughtful, followed by the author's thoughts and ending with a "Pause for Reflection" question. One of Gene Bradbury's best. A book to be displayed for others to open, any page will provide thought provoking and heart opening passages. Reviewed by Zorba Alexis-Stricker.



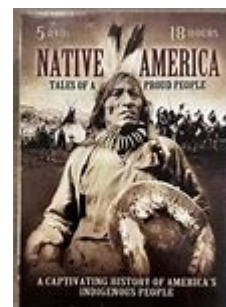
**Beethoven's Hair** (2000) by Russell Martin traces the journey of one lock of hair cut from Beethoven's



head after his death in 1827 by Ferdinand Hiller. Chapters alternate between Beethoven's final years, the Hiller family (including a mystery and an exciting rescue story), and various others who possessed the locket between WWII and 1994, when it was presented for DA research and testing. What races could be found to explain Beethoven's profoundly poor health and ultimate deafness? This narrative ends in 2000, after which more sophisticated studies have been done, yet this is a fascination read for anyone interested in knowing more about this great composer. Re-reviewed by Anita Bonham.

## Native America: Tales of a Proud People (2012)

This three part series, in 5 DVDs, promises to provide the viewer with a history of this nation's indigenous people. 1.) The Great Indian Wars: This is an overview of the many wars fought between the European explorers, the military, civilian forces and the indigenous people between 1540 and 1800. 2.) Native America: Voices from the Land. Thirty-two short films made as early as the 1940s provide a fascinating view of Indian Country in times past. 3.) Trail of Tears: Four documentaries portray aspects of Native American History, including the Trail of Tears and the Indian Boarding Schools. Reviewed by Ann Marie Rahfeldt. Donated by Pastors Baumann.



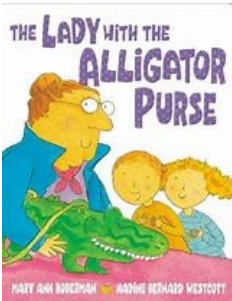
## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN (And the Young at Heart):

**Which Bug Uses a Flashlight?** (2015) by curriculum director, Janet D. Sweet: art director, Travis Rader. Part of the "Ask Me" series, this informative nonfiction answers question after question children may have

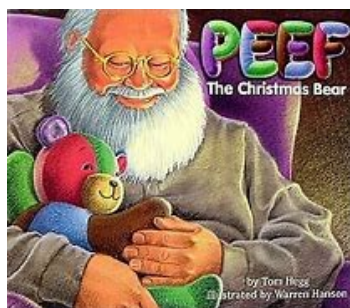


about creepy-crawlies. “Can insects taste with their feet?” and “Do Banana Spiders eat bananas?” are examples of questions that receive brief yet scientific answers. A combination of photographs, color illustrations and fun facts keep the pages turning for the curious, science minded child. Grades 2-5. Reviewed by Liz Her.

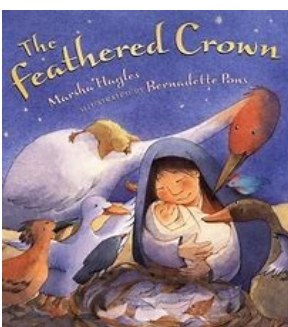
**The Lady with the Alligator Purse** (1988) Adapted and Illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott and Series Editor, Mary Ann Hoberman. This book will make you smile. It is a sing-along and presents a nonsense rhyme to a jump rope tune, complete with a printed melody, very funny words and pictures. Imagine “Miss Lucy had a baby, his name was Tiny Tim. She put him in the bathtub to see if he could swim”. Reviewed by Margaret Ruud.



**Peef The Christmas Bear** (1995) by Tom Hegg and Illustrated by Warren Hanson. Per review by Cynthia Rossi, January 22, 2022. This book is not just for children. Every adult should read this book. We need love to soften our hearts, to soothe everyone around us. Santa creates this adorable little bear for himself but winds up acquiescing to his little friend’s wish to “bring joy and love to a child,” How nice it is to have love tugging at your heartstrings. The illustrations are so colorful. Reviewed by Margaret Ruud.

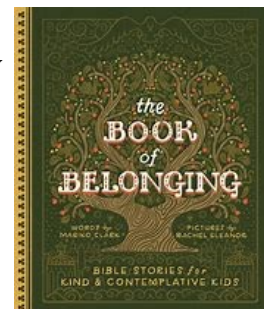


**The Feathered Crown** (2002) by Marsha Hayles and beautifully illustrated in watercolors by Bernadette Pons, tells the story of The Nativity from a different perspective. This rhyming tale follows a flock of birds as they make their way through the night towards a “sea of sand”

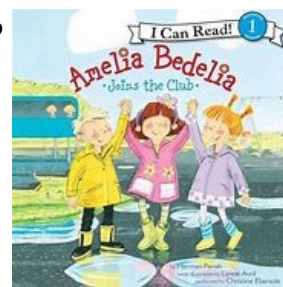


where they touch down and feather a very important nest. This is a new treasure for our collection of Christmas books. Donated and Reviewed by Anita Bonham.

**The Book of Belonging: Bible Stories for Kind and Contemplative Kids** (2024) by Mariko Clark and pictures by Rachel Eleanor. A beautifully inclusive Bible storybook that seeks to reflect the reader in the text and cast a wider net across society, identity and experience than many children’s story bibles. Often overlooked stories are featured here, especially the female-centric ones. The repeated reminder is “You Belong. You are Beloved. You are Delightful.” As the title suggests, this is a place where everyone belongs, unquestionably. Ages 6-12. Reviewed by Liz Her.



**Amelia Bedelia Joins the Club** (2014) by Herman Parish. Two groups at school want Amelia to join them. How does she solve this.. Wonderful lesson. Reviewed by Zorba Alexis Stricker.



Called by God’s *Grace* to  
**SHARE** the good news,  
 we are the hands of Christ,  
 opened by *love*,  
 joined in worship,  
 extended in *WELCOME*,  
 offered in service,  
 reaching for justice.



# Ailanga News

## Delegation Trip Summer 2025

The 2025 trip dates have been set for July 15-31. The youth and chaperone delegates are meeting monthly. Julianna Getzin is one of the delegates going on this trip. Each month will include an Africa Moment presentation. Each delegate chooses a topic they are interested in about Africa to share with the group. Fundraising is planned with ideas for a direct appeal and possible auction among others. Goals include 10K for donations to the school, 4K for scholarship needs and 1-2K to defray trip costs.

Looking ahead in January will be our annual Ailanga Sunday on January 26. January is the beginning of Ailanga's school year, and on this day, we celebrate with prayers for the students, teachers and staff, and their mission, and our continued friendships and partnership. They also pray for us on that day.

## News from Ailanga Headmaster

The situation at Ailanga is quite OK. What threatens us is the drought. We haven't received rain as usual. It is a sign of shortage of food, especially maize and beans. On the other hand, the prices of food will increase as well as the cost of running school.

Please keep the Ailanga school and the Ailanga School Project in your prayers. Donations may be made via PayPal at [https://paypal.me/AilangaSchoolProject?locale.x=en\\_US](https://paypal.me/AilangaSchoolProject?locale.x=en_US) or by check to

Ailanga School Project, c/o Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, 98115.

For more information, contact the ASP board: President and Holy Trinity (Rick Reuter) - [rjandshreuter@gmail.com](mailto:rjandshreuter@gmail.com)



## Thanksgiving Basket shopping was a success!

We bought 15 ready made holiday dinners and pumpkin pies for the families picked by Lutheran Community Social Services. Then our shoppers bought enough food for each of those families to eat for a week! In addition, Safeway provided 17 frozen turkeys for another 17 families. We provided a \$500 check for 15 more. A total of 47 families were fed!!

Our shoppers met with the families they shopped for, everyone was joyful and grateful!

## Welcome Elowyn Sitara Hickman!



in concert

## Coming Together for the Holidays





## Staff & Leadership

### Staff

Beth Orling and Gail Wheatley, Interim Pastoral Team

Natalie Petersen, Office & Financial Administrator

Kyle Lucas, Custodian

Brenda Kennedy, Preschool co-op volunteer teacher

Candance Hall, Caretaker and AV Engineer  
Sage Bateman, Youth Choir Director

### Church Council

President: Mary Ann Unger

Vice President: Wendy Clark-Getzin

Treasurer/Finance: Dean Bensen

Secretary/Communications: Sharon Reuter

Facilities: Dave Birmingham

Worship: Deborah Bopp

Education: Sharon Buck and Karen Selig

Youth: Julianna Getzin

Christian Service: Mary Lange



PASTORAL CARE

**We are always here for your spiritual care  
when you need it.**

*Feel free to call the office (and leave a message) or email us if you know of someone who should be added to the prayer list or who needs a visit.*

Pastor Beth Orling

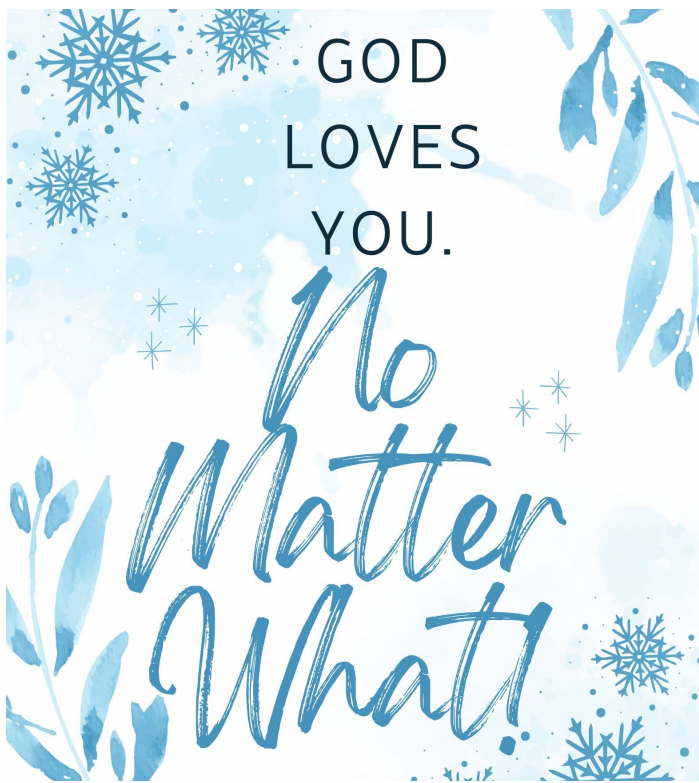
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 Thank you - Mary Lange for organizing and all the donors and all the shoppers!

 Thank you: Joy Lingerfelt, Linda Dowdell and David Jones for sharing their musical gifts in December and January. We are deeply blessed.

 Thank you to our cadre of Sunday School teachers and volunteers, led by Sharon Buck and Karen Selig. We're so grateful.

 Thank you to Sage Bateman and the Young Voices youth choir for sharing with us on Christmas

Congratulations to Amalia Bell and Annabelle Petersen who are performing this weekend in the Port Angeles City Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" at Field Hall. If you scored tickets, you're lucky because all four performances are essentially sold out. Enjoy this community treasure of dancers, guest performers and beloved music. The rest of us will try to buy tickets much earlier next year!

# December 2024



Visit our YouTube channel for Sunday worship, devotional videos and more!

[www.go2trinity.org](http://www.go2trinity.org)

*This is a great way to "introduce" curious friends or neighbors.*

|             | Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat                                      |
|-------------|--|---|---|--|--|-----|--|
| Advent 1    | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6   | 7  |
|             | <b>8:30am</b> Chancel Choir<br><b>9:30am</b> Worship<br>-<br><b>11am</b> Sunday School RM 3 & Confirmation RM 1                |   |   | <b>4-4:45pm</b> Youth Choir<br><b>4:30pm</b> Holy Bookers-Fireside Rm<br><b>6:30pm</b> Chancel Choir | <b>7pm</b> Theology on Tap at Mighty Pine  |     | <b>9am-12pm</b> Quiet Morning            |
| Advent 2    | 8  | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12   | 13  | 14                                       |
|             | <b>9:30am</b> Worship and Northwest Women's Chorus performs in church<br><b>11am</b> Sunday School in Room 3 and Fireside Chat | <b>7pm</b> Northwest Women's Chorus Concert   | <b>9:30am</b> LWR Quilters  |  | <b>9am</b> Holy Hikers to Marymere Falls<br><b>7pm</b> Janette Fishell Organ Concert |     |  |
| Advent 3    | 15   | 16  | 17  | 18   | 19   | 20  | 21                                       |
|             | <b>9:30am</b> Worship<br><b>11am</b> Transition Team Presentation followed by fireside chat<br><b>11am</b> Sunday School RM 3  | <b>6:30pm</b> Executive Committee   | <b>1-2:30pm</b> Threads of Love<br><b>4-4:45pm</b> Youth Choir<br><b>6:30pm</b> Chancel Choir               | <b>No Library Meeting</b><br><b>4pm</b> Enduring Gifts Committee Meeting                             |  |     | <b>7pm</b> Blue Christmas at St. Andrews |
| Advent 4    | 22   | 23  | 24  | 25   | 26   | 27  | 28                                       |
|             | <b>9:30am</b> Worship  | <b>4pm</b> Family Christmas Eve-Service<br><b>8pm</b> Candlelight Christmas Eve Service | <b>9:30am</b> Christmas morning service with Potluck brunch<br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>                  |  |  |     |  |
| 1 Christmas | 29   | 30  | 31  | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4  |
|             | <b>9:30am</b> Worship  |      | <b>CHURCH CLOSED</b><br> |  |  |     |  |