

DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOING OUT TO SERVE

PRAISE GOD WITH SONG #125

"Joy to the World"

\*BLESSING

SENDING MUSIC

Toccatà on "Good King Wenceslas" Young

Those Serving Today: Tom Anderson, Trumpet

\*Those who are able may stand.

Welcome our special guest Robert Gamble founder and executive director of "This Child Here." The organization provides clothing, shelter, medical and skill training for children at risk in the region of Odessa, Ukraine. Following service, meet Mr. Gamble and members of our mission committee in Good Shepherd Hall for conversation and a soup lunch at 11:30 am.

Greeters	David & Kay Day
Ushers	Brandon Hudgens*, Dan Hankins, Kent Capasso, Jan Law, Alice Furey, Neil & Joan McGinnis
Welcome Hosts	Ralph & Gerry Cox
Coffee Servers	Jo Hinsdale, Alice Boster
Coffee Hosts	John & Julie Gage

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December 11, 2016  
10:00 am



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

"Once in Royal David's City" Young

WELCOME

Pastor Jim Wallace

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Dr. Robert Gamble

"This Child Here"

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Charmine Rone, Liturgist

Leader: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's joy.

People: **Knowing that Christ is coming to bring healing and wholeness to the world is a source of genuine delight!**

Leader: When we gather for worship it is a celebration, an opportunity to rejoice in all that God is doing among us and beyond us.

People: **Our lives are marked by laughter and friendship, as we love our neighbors with wide smiles and open arms.**

Leader: Even when we face difficulty and trouble we sing a song of faith, confident that Jesus is able to redeem our suffering world.

People: **Together, we are a sign of God's joy for the world.**

(The third candle is lit)

Leader: Let us pray:

People: **God of transformation, we rejoice that you lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things. We marvel at your power to change hearts and lives. Fill us with your Spirit this season so that our voices declare your goodness and our lives proclaim your mercy in Jesus Christ. In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's joy. Amen.**

\*THE CANDLE OF HOPE Vv. 1-3 (screen)

CALL TO PRAYER

Brothers and sisters, as we joyfully await the glorious coming of the Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church, our community, and the world ....

\*WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE FAIL (unison)

O God of Isaiah, John the Baptist and faithful ones unknown: you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy. Amen.

\*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

\*WITH GOD'S GRACE WE BEGIN ANEW

Let the light of Christ lead you to joy. Believe the good news this day: In the name of the Christ Child you are forgiven!

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.

(refrain "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")

DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

Pastor: In expectation of the Prince of Peace, please joyfully greet and welcome those around you with peace. Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

"A Three Course Christmas"

adapted from

"Born for You and Me"

by Robert & Linda Keeley

Scene 1: Breakfast with Shepherds

Shepherds: Charlotte Silva, Julia Dillon, Eva Tierney, Paige Brown, Thomas Sill

Junior Shepherds: Brendan Hughart, Johnny and Charlie Eays

Waiter: Autumn Anderson

Proprietor: Elise Butera

Angel Gabriel: Elinda Butera

Angel: Mckenzie Brickey

Lambs: Fiona Sill, Colin Brickey

Song

"Glory"

Hopkins

Scene 2: A Lunch Celebration

Waiters: Ashlyn Flemming, Ellie Silva

Proprietor: Elise Butera

Visitor 1: Molly Hughart

Visitor 2: Allison Saier

Hymn #137 "What Child is This"

Scene 3: Dinner with Wise Ones

Waiters: Ellie Sylva, Autumn Anderson

Wise 1: Avery Flemming

Wise 2: Aaron Anderson

Wise 3: Zack Saier

Song

"Peace, Peace"

Powell

Flute: Autumn Anderson

Soloists, Elise & Elinda Butera, Ellie Silva

Director: Sue Van Stelle

Assistant Director: Rachel Boothby

Special thanks to Brian Tierney, Darlene Cusick (sp) and the choir for your help!

LISTENING FOR THE WORD WITHIN THE WORDS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35: 1-10 (The Message)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11: 2-11 (The Message)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Let the Light of Christ Lead You..."

Rev. Dr. James L. Wallace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"The Three Kings"

Young

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

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(refrain "Angels We Have Heard on High")

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**We are pleased to have you worship with us.** If this is your first visit please fill out the yellow card in the pew rack, so that we can provide you with information about Calvin.

### Sunday School Schedule

**Infants/Toddlers** - May use the Nursery upstairs in Cayton Hall

**Preschoolers through 8th grade** - 10:15 am. Children and middle schoolers begin worship in the Sanctuary and are then dismissed to their classes in Good Shepherd Hall downstairs after We Are All God's Children.

**Middle/High School Youth Group:** 7 to 9

### Bible & Book Studies

**Sunday** Adult Forum-11:30 am: Adult Ed

**Mon** Bible Study-11:00 am: Chapel

**Wed** Bible Study- 5:00 pm: Koinonia Rm

**Thurs** Men's Bible -7 am: Fellowship Hall

**Fri** Bible Study- will resume on January 6th

Just a reminder that your articles for the **January Hilltop Notes** are due Thursday, December 15th. Thank you!

### Prayer Requests

#### *Lord Hear Our Prayers:*

Pakistani refugees, Jane Sabat, Karen Elardo, Gina, families of Tommy & Mollie Thorne, Carol, Derryck Dittman, Karina Gutierrez, Tom, Christine, Pattie, Norgart Family

**Prayer requests** may be made to the church office at 503-639-3273.

**When You Are Hospitalized...** please call the church office to alert the pastors so they can visit and the Prayer Chain can be supporting you in prayer.

*Pick up a complete prayer list on the counter in the church office.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Wednesday Evening Activities

**4:00 pm,** Body Recall exercise class

**5:00 pm,** Bible Study, Koinonia Room

**6:00 pm,** All-Church **Santa Lucia Dinner,** Community Life & Stewardship Committees are the dinner helpers. \$5 per person, \$12 per family. Menu: Swedish Meatballs ~ Salads & Desserts

**6:30 pm, Enrichment Classes for All Ages**—Join in the fun with carols too, as we pack **Gift bags** with Christmas gifts for the men of TRC and **wrap gifts** for the children of SOAR at our **"Gift of Giving Event"** this **Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm.**

**7:30 pm,** All Choir practice

Today is the final day to purchase items from the **Holiday Mission Marketplace Catalog.** Use this opportunity to avoid the mall and send hope to people around the world.

### Congregational Book Study

...for new and long-time members during the month of January.

#### **"Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers"**

This book study and discussion will cover ninety-two questions in one hundred and ten pages. The pace will be easy. Each week we will gather for a light lunch and about 45 minutes of study and discussion. Refer to the Hilltop Notes for the schedule and class description. Please sign-up in the main office by Dec 21.

**Tigard Recovery Center.** You may pick up a list of needed items at the wheelbarrow by the Good News Center. Please leave donated items in the wheelbarrow.

Today is the final day to leave toys for the children of **SOAR** beneath the Christmas tree.

Next Sunday we will receive our Christmas Joy Offering. Offering envelopes are available in the friendship pads.

Templeton School Food Program Holiday Assistance: **Today is the last day** to bring in your **\$25.00 Gift Certificates from Safeway** for special Christmas Boxes to the families. Please put the gift certificates in the office mailbox in a marked envelope. Thanks, Your Mission Committee

#### Concerts Coming Up!

"Sounds of Christmas" with Encore Brass - Tom Foley & Glenn Taylor, conductors  
Tues, Dec 13, 7:00 pm, Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church 2828 SE Stephens St - Portland

"Jingle All the Way" with Bells of the Cascades  
Dec 17, 7 pm, Central Lutheran Church  
1820 NE 21st - Portland

The "Tualatin Valley Community Band" is in concert  
Today - Tigard High School, 3:00 pm



### Calvin's Thursday Afternoon Advent Concerts

**December 15, 1 pm**

The Westside Christian High School Concert Choir will perform "Soli Deo Gloria"

**December 22, 1 pm**

This concert will feature our own Darlene Cusick on organ and piano.

*Dessert and Coffee will be served.*

We will have **White Poinsettias** this year for Christmas. **This is the last week to purchase a**



**poinsettia** for our sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one. You will find a form at the Good News Center. Poinsettias are \$10.00. Please leave the form and payment in the labeled box or you may put it in the office mailbox located across from the library. Next Sunday we will have a special "Poinsettia Bulletin." You may take your plant home on Christmas Day.

**Children, youth and adults are all invited to a Calvin tour of the Andy Warhol exhibit** at the Portland Art Museum from 1-3 pm on Sunday, Dec. 18. Tickets for children 17 and under are free, tickets for adults are \$19.99, and tickets for seniors and for students with a school ID are \$16.99. However, check with your local library (or any library in your county) to see if you can reserve and pick up a free cultural pass. If you want to ride the Calvan, please sign up at the Good News Center and plan to meet at Calvin at noon. If you take your own transportation downtown, meet us at 12:45 pm at the museum entrance.