

Holiness in the Body of Jesus

Thursday & Sunday, December 19 & 22, 2024

As We Gather

We often hear it said, and even say it ourselves, that "things aren't like they used to be." We can see it around us in our world, our culture, and even among our own families and homes, whether for better but often for worse. People sometimes have the same impression of the Lord. But our Lord remains unchanged (see Malachi 3:6), and Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (see Hebrews 13:8). Since the beginning, our holy Lord has always desired and even demanded holiness. Holiness comes only by the one perfect bodily sacrifice. Our Lord Jesus Christ has made us holy through Himself alone. Because of and through Him, we do not have to be like we used to be; rather, we live in that grace and love as He first loved us.

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song "He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)"

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P: We light the fourth Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- P: The fourth Advent candle has been known as the angel candle and the candle of love. As our Advent season soon ends, we await the angelic message of the good news of a Savior. We have come to know the love of the one true God this season and always as we have prepared to celebrate His birth. We know God's promises come to fruition in Jesus, who later made known His Father's love in His being born into this world; in His life, ministry, teaching, preaching, healing; and ultimately in His dying and rising. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."
- C: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
- P: Guided by the light of love, we respond with the psalmist: "Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.
- C: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.
- P: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

- C: They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.
- P: For with You is the fountain of life;
- C: in Your light do we see light."

 Four Advent candles are lit.

The Great O Antephons

- P: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:
- C: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.
- **6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB* 357
- 10:45 AM Opening Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Psalm Response Psalm 80:1–7

- P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!
- C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- P: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
- C: stir up Your might and come to save us!
- P: Restore us, O God;
- C: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P: O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?
- C: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- P: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Confession and Absolution

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: who made heaven and earth.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean.
- C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P: We have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.
- C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P: Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to be born in our flesh, to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins.
- C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P: As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Those that believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. **C: Amen.**

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Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Into the darkness, You bring light, and into our lives, You make known Your perfect and everlasting love.

- C: Make us ready for the celebration of our Savior's birth, that we receive Him as He comes to us as a humble infant, bringing to fruition the new covenant of Your love;
- P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

10:45 AM Song of Praise "What Child Is This"

Old Testament Reading *Micah* 5:2–5a (after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Hebrews 10:5–10 (after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Verse

P: Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

C: and they shall call His name Immanuel. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 1:39–45 (46–56)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (after the reading)...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message & Celebrate Song

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day "O Come, All Ye Faithful" LSB 379

10:45 AM Sermon Song "Do You Hear What I Hear"

Sermon

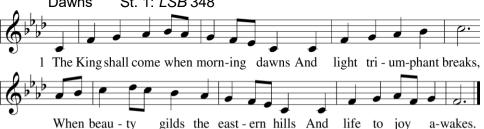
Apostles' Creed

Prayer of the Church

P: for the church, for the people of God, and for all people according to their needs. We await to celebrate our King, who has come, promised to be born among the small clan of Judah in Bethlehem, fulfiller of the old covenant promise, and bringer of life and grace in the new covenant in which we now live. We

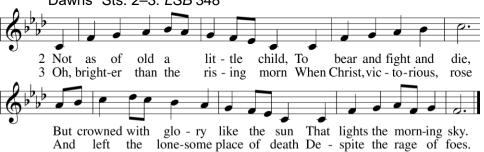
await our King, who promises to return, to restore and renew what was broken, and to bring life and light everlasting. Be with us as we soon close this Advent season of anticipation and preparation, rejoicing in the everlasting King who has come and will come again.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" St. 1: *LSB* 348



P: Almighty King, Your ways are not our ways nor are Your thoughts our thoughts. In days of doubts and despair that arise, in cases of confusion, and in times of trial and tribulation, remind us of Your kingdom in which we have been called and Your eternal kingdom to come. Be with those who struggle, [including . . .]. Help us to see Your mighty work even among our wayward world of sin and sorrow and the perfect plan of salvation imparted through the Savior we await.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" Sts. 2–3: *LSB* 348



P: Ever-present King, we lift up those who have been placed in authority over us in our community, state, nation, and world. Guide and direct their decisions that they be pleasing to You and for the benefit of all, including the marginalized, the

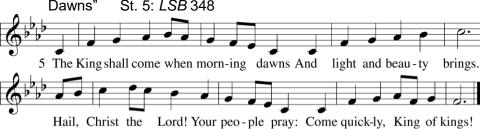
voiceless, and the outcast. Where there is violence and warfare, grant peace. Where there is distress, bring stability. Where there is terror, bring comfort. Where there are opportunities for us to bring compassion and concern through our voices and actions, compel us to do so faithfully.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" St. 4: *LSB* 348



P: King of grace, the one sacrifice needed on our behalf has been given in Jesus, who was born into this world to take upon Himself our sin, burdens, and shame. In the new covenant of grace You have established through Him, help us through Your Spirit to remain faithful to You in Your eternal kingdom.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" St. 5: *LSB* 348



P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Offertory "Hark the Herold Angels Sing" LSB 380

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Thanksgiving

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

- P: We thank You for the new covenant You have established, given and shed in the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.
- C: Grant that we live in Your loving presence, serve You humbly, and love You by our loving of others in Your grace. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Closing Sentences

- P: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- C: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Benediction

- P: The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you. **C: Amen.**
- **6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn** "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" *LSB* 352
- 10:45 AM Closing Song "Angels We Have Heard On High"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! A cordial welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. We are happy to have you share the joy of this Lord's Day with us. A special welcome to those worshiping with us for the first time. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about our congregation, please speak to a pastor after service or call the church at 712.276.1125.

Our worship services will continue to be available, traditional &/or contemporary, on our website: www.redeemersiouxcity.com or you can like us on Facebook or find us on YouTube.

Children's Bulletins and Quiet Bags are in the back of the church. Please place the Quiet Bags in the plastic container (next to the bags) when finished. Thank You!

Large-Print Bulletins and hearing devices are available from Ushers.

Just a reminder that we welcome prayer requests through our church email: redeemerchurchsc@gmail.com. You don't have to be a member to request prayers.

If you would like to give a charitable donation, you may drop off at the church or mail to RLC, 3204 S. Lakeport, Sioux City, IA 51106.

Please stop by Care Corner to sign *birthday* cards for Ron Junck and Karyl Knecht and an *Anniversary* card for Rick & Becky Atkinson celebrating 35 years together.

Altar Flowers are given by Bonnie & Lou Rossman in honor of their 48th anniversary.

Pulpit Flowers are given by Brad & Dee Dose in honor of their 38th anniversary.

Join us for our Christmas Eve Candle Light Traditional Services (11:30 AM, 4:00 PM & 11:00 PM) or our Contemporary Service (7:00 PM) as we celebrate and ponder the humble birth of Jesus as he rests in a manger of straw, though he is the Son of God. Jesus is the 'Word Made Flesh' who is *God With Us*.

Join us on Christmas Day (9:00 AM w/Holy Communion), when we rejoice that the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay is our King of Kings forevermore. 'The Word Made Flesh' reigns over heaven and earth, and we are loved and forgiven members of the Kingdom of God to life everlasting.

The Office will be closed in the afternoon for Christmas Eve and all day Christmas Day. Have a Merry Christmas!

Upcoming Bible Study: 'Where God Came Down: The Archaeological Evidence' by Joel P. Kramer offers compelling evidence that the Bible is trustworthy. Layer by layer, the Bible and archaeology agree! We will examine different Biblical sites, revealing how divine interactions with simple people thousands of years ago shaped ordinary, unimportant places into holy sites, still revered today. This bible study will involve studying different Biblical passages and corresponding videos which show where these events took place! This course will strengthen your faith that the Bible is indeed true and inspired by God! The course will be begin Wednesday, Jan. 8th, at 5:30 PM and continue each week until February 26th. If interested, call or text Curt Green 712-560-5866.

LWML Winter 2024 Women's Quarterly Magazines are here. Pick up a copy on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary.

LWML Mites coming up Sunday, December 29th.

Calling All Quilters!!! Quilting every Monday starting January 6th, 9:00 AM in the Lower Level Center Rm downstairs. All are welcome. Quilts are sewn for local and international mission needs.



LWML Volunteer Activity at the Critton Center (3901 Green Ave, Sioux City, IA) on Saturday, Jan. 11th, 1:30-3:00 PM. Well having games, crafting, and fellowship with the 6-18 year old residents. Use the QR code to access Volunteer Application.

Your 2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up. They are located in the hallway under the coat rack next to the Office.

Super Bowl Sub fundraiser. The youth will be selling subs for the Super Bowl again this year. Order Forms will be available starting on January 5th. Please fill out one order form per sub that you want. Return the forms by February 2nd. Orders can be picked up the morning of February 9th. All proceeds will go towards sending our youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July of 2025. Thank you for your continued support of the youth of this congregation. If you have questions or need more order forms, contact DCE Jonathon Bailey- 620-655-5395

Thrivent Choice Dollars are at work all year long in a variety of projects. This Christmas season, the Thrivent Choice Committee along with the Board of Elders, will be visiting many of our shut –ins to deliver baskets funded by Choice Dollars and Action cards provided by

members. Thank you for your support of Thrivent Choice Dollars and Action Cards provided by many of you during the year.

We are in need of Greeters for our 10:45 AM Service. If anyone is interested, see Pastor Senstad or Gary Kitzmann.

Ushers Wanted! We are in need of Ushers for our 10:45 AM service. No Experience Necessary. If interested, Please contact Doug Stucky 402-404-9068.

The Exalt team is always looking for more musicians to join us for the 10:45 Contemporary Service on Sunday mornings! If you, or someone you know, would like to join the group, please let Nathan Klaumann know either after church or by contacting him directly (402-587-0479)!

Technologist Wanted! We are in need for students or adults who are interested in running technology on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary. We will train you. If interested, please contact Angie DuBois or Tim Young at 712-276-1125.

Thrivent Members Who Have Choice Dollars: NEW Choice Dollars for the 3rd Quarter of 2024 are now available. Please direct them as soon as possible by calling 1-800-847-4836 or by directing them online at **www.thrivent.com.** Thanks for your continued support of the Choice Dollar program at Redeemer.

Fresh rhubarb, rhubarb custard, strawberry rhubarb custard & strawberry rhubarb pies, small & large are available, Thursday and Sunday mornings. \$20 for large & \$9 for small! At times, there are other flavored pies available! Tkx for your purchases! Thanks for all your help. Small jars of jams, jellies, & pickles are \$6 each or 5 for \$25. Large jars of pickles & jams are \$8 each or 5 for \$35. Varied flavors of syrups are \$8. We have a new flavor: "Holiday Jam," A strawberry, cranberry, orange jam!

During the month of December, pie, pickle, and jam sales will go to Bibi's Hope orphanage in Africa. Bibi is recovering from breast cancer, with follow-up appointments in Dubai. A special offering will be taken December 19 and 22 for the orphanage and her cancer care.

Blackberry Jam *Aronia Syrup Aronia Berry Rhubarb Blackberry Jelly Aronia Blueberry Jam Blueberry Rhubarb Aronia Blueberry Jalapeno Jam Cherry Jalapeno Jam Aronia Berry Jelly Cherry Rhubarb Jam Aronia Jalapeno Jam Choke Cherry Jelly Aronia Peach Jam *Choke Cherry Syrup Aronia Rhubarb Jam Elderberry Jelly

Fruit Juice Jalapeno Jam

Fruit Juice Jelly Gooseberry Jam Gooseberry Jelly

Gooseberry Rhubarb Jam

Jalapeno Jam Peach Jam Peach Jelly

Red Currant Jelly

Red Raspberry Rhubarb

Jalapeno Jam

Red Raspberry Rhubarb Jam Rhubarb Aronia Jalapeno Jam

Rhubarb Jam

Rhubarb Ginger Lime Jam Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam Strawberry Jalapeno Jam Strawberry Rhubarb Jalapeno Jam

Tart Cherry Jam Wild Grape Jelly

Wild Plum Jalapeno Jam

Wild Plum Jam Wild Plum Jelly

Wild Plum Rhubarb Jam Wild Raspberry Rhubarb –

- Jalapeno Jam

Wild Raspberry Rhubarb Jam

**New - Holiday Jam

PICKLES

Dill

Hamburger Sweet Dills Sweet Pickles

Recess Monitor/Paraeducator/After Care Worker: The Care Worker plays a vital role in supporting the well-being and development of children. This position involves three job responsibilities working closely with students in various educational settings and fostering a positive learning environment. The Care Worker will utilize their skills to educate, manage behavior, and ensure that each child receives the attention they need to thrive. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this position, please contact Pam Whightsil at 712-258-6325 or email at pwhightsil@stpaulssiouxcity.org.

GriefShare for the Holidays – Calvary is hosting this opportunity the evening of Mondays, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This endeavor offers grieving church members, as well as people in our communities, support, understanding, and tools to get through tough times regarding the loss of a loved one. Bring a family member, a friend...if questions please call 712-389-5226. You may register at calvaryleeds.com. FYI – GS's winter cycle begins Tuesday, 1/14 (morning) and on 1/16 (evening).



Giving has never been easier! You can now scan Redeemer's QR Code to access our online giving. Just open up your camera on your phone and point it at the QR code centering it on your screen. You may have to hold it still for a few seconds. Then tap the pop-up banner/link. This will direct you to Redeemer's giving website.

If you have "new" flats (lids) and/or new/used canning rings (narrow or wide), you no longer need, we would gladly accept your donation. Just put in a sack or box and place outside Pastor Zirpel's door. Canning jars, especially 8 oz (narrow) and 16 oz (narrow & wide) jars, also accepted. ~~Thank You!

Additional Listening on Sundays:

- 1. Good Shepherd Hour- 8:00 AM KSCJ
- Lutheran Hour- 8:30 AM KSCJ
- 3. Main Street Living- 10:00 AM KCAU, Channel 9.

December 29 airing - This Is the Life – "Puzzle Club Christmas" – The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas. Worship Service – Rev. Kevin Roop of Peace Lutheran Church in Marcus, IA, delivers the message "Depart In Peace" based on Luke 2:22-40. If you would like to watch **Main Street Living** at a different time other than Sunday morning, 10:30, you can log on to the website (www.mainstreetliving.com). Just hit "Sioux City."

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Always clearly mark your "special" offerings, so that the office can make sure that you are credited properly. Missionary support is always sent to Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton, IA) through Redeemer Lutheran Church. Your quarterly statements will reflect your "special" offerings if clearly marked.

Redeemer's Missionaries of the year for 2024 are the Adam Lehman Family and the JJ Wolf Family. Contributions may be made to their accounts to Redeemer Lutheran and earmarked as such at any time. Contributions are then sent through Mission Central (Gary Thies, Mapleton) by Redeemer. Thanks for your consideration!

Building Healthy Families: This time of the year finds many of so busy shopping, wrapping, baking, hosting parties, attending concerts...you know the list! While these activities aren't bad, let this be your friendly reminder to

slow down, be still, and not miss the reason we celebrate. Refocus if you need to! "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

SERVING THIS WEEK- (December 19 & 22, 2024): Thursday, 6:30 PM-(Harlan & Mary Feddersen, Al & Mellisa Joens, Shelly Fergan, Mike Searls). Sunday 8:15 AM- Team 3 (Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Gary Bumsted, Paul Feckenstein, Bob Naylor). 10:45 AM- Team 7 (Doug Stucky, Nate Klaumann, Christian Stai, Tom Stokes). GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Lamont & Drenda Onken; 10:45 AM- Dale & Tina Revell. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- TBD; 10:45 AM- Camden Doscher. TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Jordan Fisher; 10:45 AM- Curt Green. COUNTING TEAM: 2 (Mack & Hermelbracht's). COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Karen Vock & Loralee Fink

Christmas Eve (December 24, 2024): USHERS: 4:00 PM- Team 8 (Dave Schlotman, Scott & Beth Bowman, Steve Dirks, Brian Owens, Paul Schlotman). 7:00 PM- Team 1 (Alex Erickson, Marc Benson, Larry Nelson, Jerry Van Peursem). 11:00 PM- Team 2 (Scott Ernst, Brian Duff, Roy Olsen, Lamont Onken, Phil Schauer). Acolytes: 11:30 AM, 4 PM, 7 PM- Kevin & Tyler Simpson. GREETERS: 4:00 PM- Dick & Deanna Braun; 7:00 PM- Marty & Marcia Delperdang; 11:00 PM- Scott & Brenda Ernst. Technologist: 11:30 AM- TBD; 4:00 PM-Erik Koehler; 7:00 PM-TBD; 11:00 PM- Jordan Fisher

9:00 AM Christmas Day (December 25, 2024): USHERS: Team 3 (Gary Flammang, Mitchel Bauman, Gary Bumsted, Paul Fleckenstein, Bob Naylor). GREETERS: Jackie Krueger & Shirley Barth. ACOLYTES: TBD. TECHNOLOGIST: David Senstad

SERVING NEXT WEEK- (December 26 & 29, 2024): same as last Sunday.
GREETERS: 8:15 AM- Bruce & Roberta Timmons; 10:45 AM- Shirley
Stokes. ACOLYTES: 8:15 AM- TBD; 10:45 AM- Camden Doscher.
TECHNOLOGIST: Thurs. 6:30 PM- Tim Young; Sun. 8:15 AM- Erik
Koehler; 10:45 AM- Tim Young. COUNTING TEAM: 3 (Bobolz's &
Schmiths'). COFFEE & ROLL SERVERS: Dave & Lori Albrecht

Record of Our Discipleship: Week Ending December 15, 2024
Worship Attendance: Sunday, 27+108+106=241 (20%)
Adult Bible Study: 24; ROCK Sunday: 30; ROCK Wed: N/A
Sudanese: 13

Date	Income	Budgeted Income	%
Dec. 15, 2024	\$33,611	\$15,548	216%
Year-to-date	\$738,589	\$786,203	94%

Building Fund Income:

Year-to-date \$3,115 Weekly Income \$800 Total \$3,915

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM ROCK Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

Monday, December 23, 2024

5:30 PM Adult Fitness

6:30 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve

Office Closed in the afternoon

11:30 AM, 4 PM, 11 PM Christmas Eve-Candlelight Traditional Service

7:00 PM Christmas Eve- Candlelight Contemporary Service

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Christmas Day

Office is Closed

9:00 AM Christmas Day Service w/Holy Communion

Thursday, December 26, 2024

6:30 PM Worship Service

Friday, December 27, 2024

9:00 AM - Noon Food Shelf

Sunday, December 29, 2024

MITES SUNDAY

8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

No ROCK Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Confirmation

1:00 PM Sudanese Worship

December Advent Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24:

- Tandlelight Services at 11:30 AM, 4 PM & 11 PM.
- ♣ Contemporary Candlelight Service at 7 PM

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25: 9 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec. 29: (First Sunday after Christmas) 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31: Holy Communion Worship service at 11:30 AM & 6 PM

