



December 22, 2020

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### Invitation to Inreach (Fellowship/Care)!



Click above to attend!

## This Week: **Christmas Music**

### Wednesday Morning Conversations and Prayers

in the Activity Center

**8-9:15am**

Chairs and distancing provided. Bring your own beverage and mask (*required*).

### Invitation to Outreach (Community Involvement)

As you spend time pondering our Christmas Connections, seek the Spirit's guiding. How might we reach out to Christ in 2021?

And, have you uploaded a picture or video holding/passing the light of the Christ candle?

[www.cpwaco.org/SubmitUploadsHere](http://www.cpwaco.org/SubmitUploadsHere)

### Invitation to Upreach!



### Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols and Candles

This Thursday evening at **7:00 PM**

(The zoom room will open at 6:45 for fellowship gathering)

Click [Zoom](#) to join, or click [Facebook](#) to watch.

A recording will remain on our Facebook page for later viewing/sharing.

### Creating Sacred Community Online

(Buttons for Zoom and Facebook can take you to our Sunday services

from the church webpage at [www.cpwaco.org](http://www.cpwaco.org))

**Sunday Morning, 12/27** - Click [HERE](#) (a link to our Zoom services on Sunday)

9:10 AM Gathering/Fellowship

9:35 Genesis Class meets on Zoom; Check with Matt/Jay to see where the Men's Class will meet

10:25 Fellowship, Gathering of Joys and Concerns

10:40 AM Prayer and Worship featuring a *special guest appearance by Simeon!*

Watch live from [Zoom](#) or [Facebook](#)

(Links above will open our Zoom Tabernacle or the Facebook recording)

## Order of Worship--Christmas Eve

Order of Worship for Christmas Eve Lessons, Carols and Candlelight  
Thursday at 7pm

Introit--Matt Ruwe, Trumpet

A Reading from Isaiah 9  
The Candle of Hope

Hymn # 49 "Once in Royal David's City"

A Reading from Isaiah 65  
The Candle of Peace

Hymn # 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Psalm 96  
The Candle of Joy

Hymn # 53 "What Child Is This?"

A Reading from John 1  
The Candle of Love

Hymn # 40 "Joy to the World!"

A Reading from Luke 2  
The Christ Candle

Hymn # 25 "Away in a Manger"

The Bethlehem Star  
Nativity Prayer

Offertory  
Christmas Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

A Reading from 1 John  
Passing the Christ Light

Hymn # 60 "Silent Night"

Greetings, fellow siblings in Christ,

Hark! A beloved child of God is about to be born--one who will change the world!

"People encounter God  
under shady oak trees, on riverbanks, at the tops of mountains,  
and in long stretches of barren wilderness.

God shows up in whirlwinds, starry skies, burning bushes,  
and perfect strangers.

When people want to know more about God,  
the son of God tells them  
to pay attention to the lilies of the field and the birds of the air,  
to women kneading bread and laborers lining up for their pay.

Whoever wrote this stuff  
believed  
that people could learn as much about the ways of God  
from paying attention to the world  
as they could from paying attention to scripture."

~Barbara Brown Taylor,  
*An Alter in the World*

The Truth that grew inside of Mary still grows inside each of us today.

Peace and Joy,  
Judith

Please Join Us on [Zoom](#) (or [Facebook](#)) this Sunday, 12/27

as we worship together with members of  
the Presbytery of Lake Huron  
sponsored by the Synod of the Covenant  
*All prayers and songs will appear on the screen.*

### Prayer Concerns

- for Denyse in San Antonio and her father, Frank Seaman, as he continues to recover;
- for James and Josh, friends of Pastor Judith's, whose mother died by suicide this month;
- for the family of Corrie, who passed this week after an illness;
- for the Gabe and Raul, being treated for COVID-19 in Mexico;
- for special deliveries from the Carolinas, and other places;
- for David J as he recovers from having eye surgery in Austin yesterday;
- for our meal deliveries, deliverers, and other angels of God among us;
- for all our members, friends and family to stay safe, healthy and connected;
- for "lots of wisdom in our enthusiasm to see friends and loved ones, for mindfulness of health and respect for others during this third surge of Covid-19;"
- for everyone born, a place at the table!



### Celebrating Birthdays

Linda Williams - December 22  
Melissa Rhoden - December 25

(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!  
We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)



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