




# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Abbreviation  
Legend  
CH--Criswell Hall  
S--Sanctuary  
K--Kitchen  
L--Library  
Room #123  
MMR--McMillen  
Room #113  
PS--Pastor's Study  
HR--Handbell  
Room #115

|            |               |  |
|------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Tue</b> | <b>Dec 24</b> | 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 7:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve-S  |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>Dec 25</b> | Christmas Day  Church office closed |
| <b>Thu</b> | <b>Dec 26</b> | Church office--no office hours, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH,  |
|            |               | 8:30 AM Contemporary Service-Sanctuary.  |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>Dec 29</b> | 10:30 AM Traditional Service-Sanctuary.  |



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December 22, 2024

8:30 AM



## Tuesday, December 24, Candlelight Christmas Eve 7:00 PM

Join us to sing carols, hear the original Christmas story and worship by candlelight. Let us come together on this special night to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.



### Monday, December 30



People's  
Kitchen  
Food



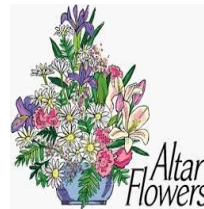
**Tuesday, December 31**  
Food Distribution at  
people's Kitchen Site

### Saturday, January 25, 11 AM

Fellowship Ministry visit to the Piedras Blancas elephant seals in Cambria. Depart at 10 AM to carpool from the church. Sign up in the Narthex.

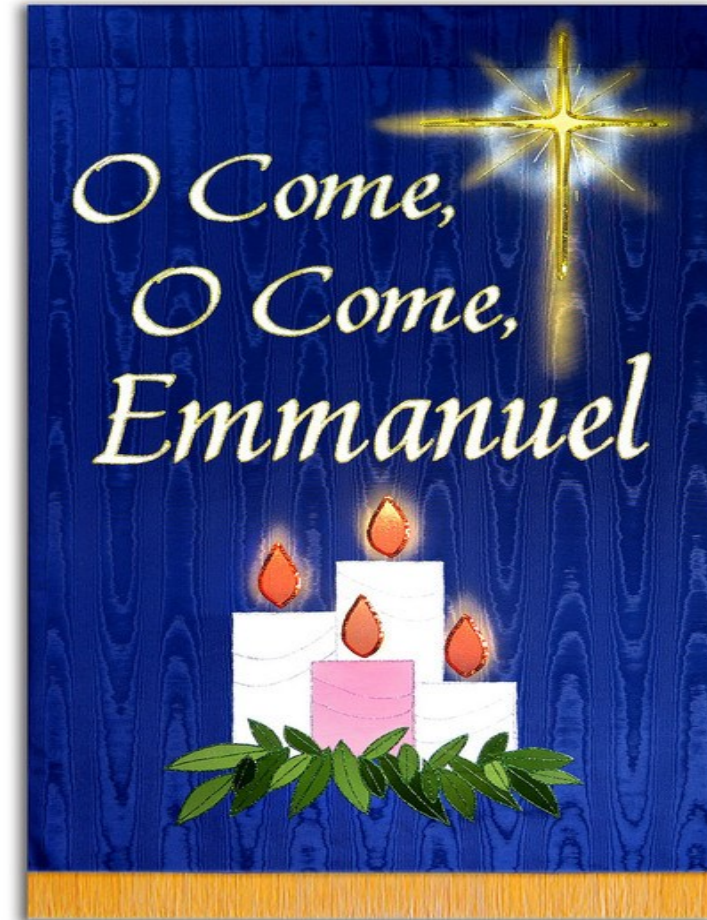


Altar flowers are given by  
**BOB AND MARY JORSTAD**  
in honor of their  
**56<sup>th</sup> WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
CYNDEE ROHLA**

Altar flowers are given  
with love  
from your family



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent

|                                   |   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| OPENING PRAISE                    | <i>Today is the Savior's Day</i>  |                       |
| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS             |   |                       |
| LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE | The Candle of Peace   |                       |
| PRAISE SONGS                      | <i>Go Tell It on the Mountain<br/>To Bethlehem We Go<br/>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> |                       |
| ILLUMINATION                      | <i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i>  |                       |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE             |   |                       |
| SCRIPTURE                         | Micah 5:2-5a<br>Luke 1:26-38  |                       |
| SERMON                            | A STAR IN THE NIGHT<br>Peace Shines   | Rev. Mary Birgelaitis |
| OFFERING                          | <i>Christmas Offering</i>   |                       |
| COMMUNION                         | <i>Breath of Heaven</i>   |                       |
| FINAL BLESSING                    | <i>The Friendly Beasts</i>  |                       |
| CLOSING                           | <i>Shepherd's Rock</i>  |                       |

*Praise Team Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Guitar: Ian Beard  
Bass: Bob Jorstad, Singers: Connie Clark, Chloe Keith, Pam Garza*

## Today's Scripture

### Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength  
of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of  
the LORD his God. And they shall live secure,  
for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

### Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from  
God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin  
betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of  
the house of David. And the virgin's name was  
Mary. And he came to her and said,  
"Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"  
But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and

tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And  
the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you  
have found favor with God. And behold, you will  
conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall  
call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called  
the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to  
him the throne of his father David, and he will reign  
over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom  
there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I  
am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, The Holy Spirit will come  
upon you, and the power of the Most High will  
overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be  
called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative  
Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son,  
and this is the sixth month with her who was called  
barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And  
Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it  
be to me according to your word." And the angel  
departed from her.

Today's Liturgist: Susan Thronson

| ATTENDANCE   |      |       |           |       |       | GIVING   |
|--|------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|----------|
| WEEK   | 8:30 | 10:30 | IN-PERSON | VIDEO | TOTAL |          |
| 11/24  | 37   | 48    | 85        | 30    | 115   | \$ 2,040 |
| 12/01  | 30   | 50    | 80        | 29    | 109   | \$ 9,553 |
| 12/08  | 34   | 44    | 78        | 26    | 104   | n/a      |
| 12/15  | 40   | 71    | 111       | 10    | 121   | n/a      |
| <b>Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321</b><br><b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT: n/a</b> |      |       |           |       |       |          |

### HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

### MISSION TEAM

Next Sunday  
December 29

### STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE