

DECEMBER 1, 2013

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 6 PM

175  
YEARS

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN  
*Church*  
1838

Second Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives through:

**worship**, as we praise and glorify God;

**mission**, as we embody God's love in service to the world;

**discipleship**, as we listen for God's Word;

**giving**, as we express gratitude to God;

**fellowship**, as we love and care for one another.

**Weekly Sunday Worship**

8:15 a.m.—Chapel

9:30 a.m.—Sanctuary

11 a.m.—Sanctuary

**Service of Communion & Wholeness**

10:35 a.m.—Chapel

**Families@Five Worship**

5 p.m.—Chapel

**Second@Six Casual Worship**

6 p.m.—Sanctuary

**Next Sunday, December 8  
Second Sunday of Advent**

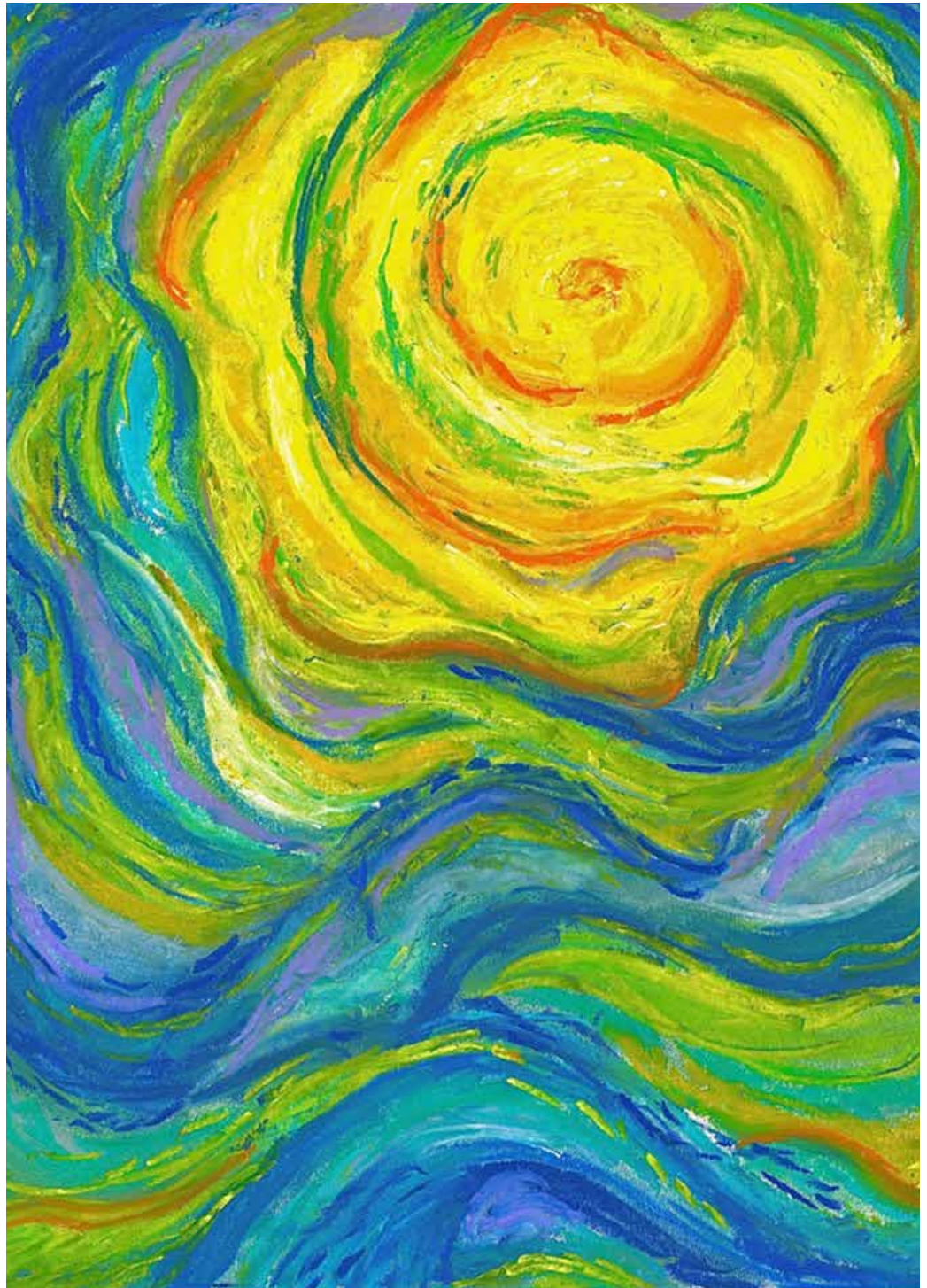
8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

Families@Five  
Rev. Caroline V. Dennis

Second@Six  
Advent Lessons & Carols

# Second@Six

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church



Building Community ❖ Transforming Lives ❖ Engaging the World

# Today@Second

**8 a.m.**

Theology, Thoughts & Coffee, 312:  
Studying Soren Kierkegaard's book,  
*Fear and Trembling*

**8:30 a.m.**

McFarland Hall:  
175th Anniversary Book Promotion  
Boy Scouts Wreaths

**9 a.m.**

Elder 9 AM Communion Meeting, 216

**9:30 a.m.**

Nursery: Infants, 240; Toddler, 233  
Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday  
School, Second Floor  
Elementary Sunday School, Third Floor  
Koinonia, 402: Studying Acts  
The Upper Room Bible Study, 109  
Words on the Word, 312:  
Discuss AM sermon Scripture text

**10:30 a.m.**

Coffee Hour in McFarland Hall:  
PW Inspiring Speaker Series  
Luncheon Reservations

**11:15 a.m.**

Carol Choir Rehearsal, Choir Auditorium  
Cherub Choir Rehearsal, 312  
Choristers Rehearsal, 112

**5:30 p.m.**

Sunday@Supper, Common Room

**6 p.m.**

Second@Six Children's Classes, Third Floor



For Christian Education updates on facebook, "like" our CE page at Facebook.com/2PCCE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Make plans now to attend the festive Christmas luncheon featuring acclaimed local vocalist Blair Clark.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 11:15 A.M.**

Take a break from your holiday to-do list to enjoy a delicious lunch, delightful company and festive music.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the church or online at [SecondChurch.org/ISS](http://SecondChurch.org/ISS).



**Deadline is this Sunday!**

MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE

## CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE 2013

175+ FAMILIES (800+ PEOPLE) IN NEED!

SO MUCH TO DO!  
BUT... PLENTY OF TIME.

VOLUNTEER WITH US AT:  
[SECONDCHURCH.ORG/CB](http://SECONDCHURCH.ORG/CB)



CHECK THE LIST!  
DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE ATRIUM NEAR THE LIBRARY

## Advent text messages

We invite you to "opt in" to receive a daily text message from the church at 7 p.m. each evening during the entire Advent season. Each text will contain a short message and scripture to remind you of the season and help you stay focused on the true meaning of Christmas and Advent.

**To sign up**, simply text the word **ADVENT** to the shortcode **69302**. You will receive a "thank you" text once you are added to the list. Standard text message rates do apply.



**Get started:** Simply scan this QR code with your smart phone and send the text message that it creates for you.

# December 1, 2013 — First Sunday of Advent

**WELCOME!** We are so glad to have you with us this evening. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out one of the “welcome” cards in the pew rack so we may welcome you and respond to any questions you might have.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

**Introit** *Now Are We Come to Eventide* David McK. Williams  
(1887-1978)

Now are we come to Eventide.  
The night is falling, as Christ lay sleeping,  
Folded in holy rest, so God is calling to sleep and rest.

**Welcome and Concerns of the Church** Anna Fulmer

### Call to Worship

\* **Opening Hymn #9** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

### Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

### Congregational Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es, the Lord is near, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

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\* Those who are able may stand. + Latecomers may be seated.



### Worship Leaders

Dr. Richard L. Baker  
*Senior Associate Pastor*

Rev. Anna K. Fulmer  
*Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry*

This evening's worship service  
features music by:

### The Beecher Singers

Dr. Michelle L. Louer  
*Director of Music and Fine Arts*

Dr. John Allegar, piano

**CHILDCARE** is available in Room 211 for infants - age 3 years.

### CHILDREN ages 4-10 years:

Following the *Passing of the Peace*, children ages 4 – 10 are welcome to participate in the Children's Program by meeting the Program Coordinators at the pulpit door during the *Passing of the Peace*.

Please fill out a security sticker from the pew rack and place on child, but keep the adjoining number to use when you pick up your child from classrooms 304 – 309.

Children's bulletins/worship booklets are available from the ushers.

**The Prologue**

The good news with which John's Gospel begins is that humans are neither first in the world nor alone in the world. The **Word** is first, and God has come to us . . .

The prologue lifts readers above history and into mystery, the mystery of God's eternity, glory, inner nature, and saving purpose. It prepares readers to enter the narrative of Jesus' life with openness to an invasion from above.

-- Lamar Williamson, Jr., *Preaching the Gospel of John*.

If John has been described as the pearl of great price among the New Testament writings, then one may say that the Prologue is the pearl within this Gospel. In . . . Augustine's and Chrysostom's exegesis of the Prologue, . . . both held that it is beyond the power of man to speak as John does in the Prologue. The choice of the eagle as the symbol of John the Evangelist was largely determined by the celestial flights of the opening lines of the Gospel.

-- Raymond E. Brown, *The Gospel According to John*.

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2013:**

**By Profession of Faith:** Jennifer Browning, Christy Herris, Jan Moorman.

**By Reaffirmation of Faith:** Greg Butler, William Graves, Duane Henry, Tom Moorman, Heather Murphy, Pat Murphy, Micci Richardson, Amanda Trombley, Mike Trombley.

**By Letter of Transfer:** Lisa Bauman, Marla Campbell, Cherlynn Renner, Chris Renner.



**News Within the Church Family**

**Hospitalized:**

Anne Fisher, Wally Yakey

**\* Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Children may exit through the pulpit doors for their classes.)

**Offertory** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Sid Richardson

**Scripture Reading** John 1:1-18 (p. 966)

**Message** Richard Baker

**Worship in Wonder Series**

**“The Wonder of the Word Become Flesh”**

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.”*

(JOHN 1:14)

**\* Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith Anna Fulmer

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,**

**suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Amen.**

# SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Communion

Richard Baker and Anna Fulmer

*All are invited to partake of this Communion meal. To receive the bread and juice, walk to the front via the nearest center aisle. When you receive Communion, tear a generous piece of bread from the loaf, then dip it into the cup. Please return to your seat via the outer aisle.*

*Communion is a time for prayer and meditation and open to all.*

## Special Music

*The Glory of the Father*

Egil Hovland  
(1924-2013)

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.  
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.  
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.  
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.  
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

Based on John 1

## Prayer After Communion

\* **Closing Hymn #11**    *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*    VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

\* **Sung Benediction**    *True Light*    Keith Hampton  
(b. 1957)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Almighty God is light.  
He lives in us as True Light.  
In the beginning out of the darkness God created True Light.  
Don't let the light that You've given me die,  
And don't desert my mind.  
But let the one who serves You praise You again and again.  
You are the one who judges right from wrong.  
Your glory excites no envy.  
But let the one who serves You Praise You again and again.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.  
God gave the world True Light!

## The Most High Brings the Lowly to His Level

Having declared that they who received him we "born of God" and had become "sons of God," he adds the cause and reason of this unspeakable honor. It is that "the Word became flesh," that the Master took on him the form of a servant. For he became Son of man, who was God's own Son, in order that he might make the sons of men [humankind] to be children of God. For when the high associates with the low, it does not touch its own honor at all. Instead, it raises up the other from its excessive lowness. So it was with the Lord. By no means did he diminish his own nature by his condescension, but he raised us, who had always sat in disgrace and darkness, to unspeakable glory.

Likewise it may be that a king, conversing with a poor person of lower social status, does not shame himself at all but makes the other illustrious and observed by all. Now, if, in the case of the extrinsic dignity of people, association with the humbler person in no way injures the more honorable one, then much less can it do so in the case of that simple and blessed essence that has nothing extrinsic or subject to growth or decay but has all good things immovable and fixed forever. So, when you hear that "the Word became flesh," do not be disturbed or cast down, for that essence did not change to flesh - it is impiety to imagine this - but continuing what it is, it took the form of a servant on it.

-- Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of John*

## The Word Manifested Itself as Flesh

For just as our word in some way becomes a bodily sound by assuming that in which it may be manifested to the senses of people, so the Word of God was made flesh by assuming that in which he might also be manifested to the senses of people. And just as our word becomes a sound and is not changed into a sound, so the Word of God indeed becomes flesh, but far be it from us that it should be changed into flesh. For by assuming it, not by being consumed in it, this word of ours becomes a sound, and that Word became flesh.

--Augustine, *On the Trinity* 15.11.20

# This Week@Second

## Monday, December 2

- **PW Prayer Group.** 9 a.m., 355.
- **Centering Prayer.** 10 a.m., 355.
- **Monday AM Book & Bible Study.** 10 a.m., 312.

## Tuesday, December 3

- **Men's Fellowship Breakfast.** 7 a.m., Youth Suite.
- **Presbyterian Women in the Word.** 2:30 p.m., 312.
- **Young Women's Small Group.** 7:30 p.m., 113.

## Wednesday, December 4

- **Centering Prayer Wed. Night.** 6:30 p.m., 113.
- **"Sticks" Parkinson's Support Group.** 11 a.m., 112.
- **Youth Ministries Wed. Night.** 6:30 p.m., Youth Suite. Quest: Middle School. Niners: Confirmation. Trek: High School.

## Thursday, December 5

- **Son Rise Adult Bible Study.** 6 p.m., McFarland Hall.
- **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.** 7 p.m., Choir Auditorium.
- **Edson Youth Choir Rehearsal.** 7-8:15 p.m., first in Choir Auditorium then in Chapel.

## Friday, December 6

- **Mindfulness Meditation.** 12:15-12:45 p.m., 113.

## Saturday, December 7

- **Children's Advent Festival 2013.** 10 a.m., Community Room.
- **Dress Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Music Sunday.** Starting at 9 a.m., Sanctuary.
  1. 9 a.m.-9:50 a.m.: Carol Choir rehearsal
  2. 9:35 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: Choristers rehearsal
  3. 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.: Cherub Choir rehearsal
  4. 11 a.m. All 3 choirs sing at Advent Festival in the Community Room

## MUSIC AND FINE ARTS



**Where in the church can you find a carving of a burning bush? (Hint: pay particular attention to this week's sermon.)**

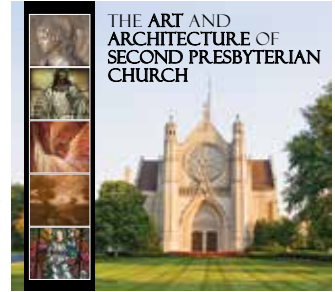
Did you find last week's painting of a child playing with a dog in the mural on the second floor in the children's wing?

### BUY YOUR BOOK NOW!

In celebration of the 175th Anniversary of Second Presbyterian Church, the Fine Arts Advisory Team has published a fascinating book, entitled *The Art and Architecture of Second Presbyterian Church*.

Look no further to support local ministries and do Christmas shopping! All profits from the book will be donated to Northside and Westminster Ministries.

Books can be ordered for \$30 in McFarland Hall or online. Please visit [SecondChurch.org/FAAT](http://SecondChurch.org/FAAT) for more details.



*Away in the manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head...*

## CONGREGATIONAL Advent Festival:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10AM - 12 NOON

The church family gathers at this annual event to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. This is a great way to share the joy of the Advent season with family and friends. There is no ticket to buy, no reservation to make... just come and enjoy...

- ❖ Tasty snacks and beverages
- ❖ Cherub, Chorister and Carol Choirs leading us in song
- ❖ Christmas crafts
- ❖ Nativity photo booth



## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 7, 11:30 AM

WOODSTOCK CLUB, 1301 W. 38TH STREET

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Join us at Woodstock Club on December 7 for Fellowship and a Festive Holiday Luncheon.

Prepaid, non-refundable reservations are required at \$16/per person. Register online at [SecondChurch.org/Sages](http://SecondChurch.org/Sages), at reception desk, or in McFarland Hall during coffee hour through December 1. Deadline is Wednesday, December 4 at noon.



## Poinsettia Delivery Renews Spirit



Support the Memorial Flower Fund with donations in your loved one's name. The Fund provides chancel flowers for the Sanctuary every Sunday, poinsettias at Christmas and lilies at Easter. After worship, the Deacons distribute the chancel flowers to hospitalized members. The fund also provides poinsettias and lilies to homebound members during the holidays. Forms are available online at [SecondChurch.org/flowers](http://SecondChurch.org/flowers), in pew and literature racks, and at the reception desk. Names of those being remembered or honored will be published in the Christmas Music Sunday bulletins, on December 15.

For more information, please contact  
A.J. Johnson at 253- 461, Ext. 367.  
**FIRM DEADLINE: December 9, 10 a.m.**

## Please Donate Coats!

- Christmas Benevolence needs coats, specifically:
    - \* Boys sizes 5-20,
    - \* Girls 5, 6, 6x
    - \* Men's m, 2xl, 3 xl, 6 xl.
    - \* Women's xl to 6 xl.
- New or gently used coats may be placed in the bin outside the library on the first floor or in the children's hallway on the second floor.

## Blood Drive Thanks!

- Blood drive goal for 175th Anniversary year exceeded! Thanks to everyone who supported our effort to donate 175 units of blood for the anniversary year. We have exceeded our goal by donating **213** units!

## Communications

### Volunteers Needed:

- Communications Team needs volunteers - just 2 hrs./mth. and help make a huge difference to shut-ins, military personnel, and potential members. No experience needed, training provided. Grade 8 to Sages all welcome!
- Please contact Jamison Coler: [JColer@SecondChurch.org](mailto:JColer@SecondChurch.org).

- Audio Operator
- Camera Operator
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Writing
- Social Media
- A/V Set-up

## Alternative Gift Guide



As you make your list and check it twice, you are invited to consider gifts to some of the transformational programs of Second Presbyterian Church.

This guide includes information about fifteen different ministries. You can make a donation in any dollar amount to one or more projects. A donation form is in the back of this guide and also online at [SecondChurch.org/GiftGuide](http://SecondChurch.org/GiftGuide).

When you make a donation in honor of a friend or family member, the honor card can be sent directly to the honoree or to you so that you can personally present it. Deadline is December 15 to receive honor cards before Christmas.

[SecondChurch.org/GiftGuide](http://SecondChurch.org/GiftGuide)

### MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE



## Typhoon Haiyan Disaster Relief

Second has already sent an initial \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance toward the efforts in the Philippines following the typhoon. If you would like to donate specifically to this cause, please specify this in your donation envelopes or select this box in your e-giving account.



[SecondChurch.org/e-Giving](http://SecondChurch.org/e-Giving)



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**Office Hours:**

Mon.-Fri.: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;  
Sat.: 9 a.m. to noon

**Ministerial Candidates:**

Sarah Bilek, Karl Duchmann,  
Nick Ison, Jennifer Lipinski,  
Julie Osborne, Ben Snipes,  
Stacey Smith, Maureen Wilson.

**Inspirational Phone Message**

(317) 522-1943

**Telephone/Fax Numbers/  
Church Office**

(317) 253-6461 (phone)  
(317) 252-5590 (fax)

**Children's Circle Preschool**

(317) 252-5517

**Childcare Reservations**

(317) 252-5519

**CenterPoint Counseling**

(317) 252-5518

**NEW TO US?**

**Are you considering  
membership at Second?**

Please plan to attend the  
next Discovering Second,  
a two-part class on  
**Sunday, December 8,  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and  
Sunday, December 15,  
9 - 10:45 a.m.**

Please contact  
Dr. Jim Riley at 253-6461 or  
JRiley@SecondChurch.org

**And his name shall be...**  
A new baby is coming! What shall we call him?  
Join us during the season of Advent, as we consider  
names for the child who will come, bringing hope,  
love, joy and peace.

**SUNDAYS, 5 PM**

**Families@Five**

**Christmas Music Sunday** **DECEMBER 15**  
**9:30 & 11:15 AM**

**Christmas Eve Worship Services**  
Please join us at one of our four worship services.

- 4 p.m.** **Lessons, Lights and Carols**  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
- 7 p.m.** **Candles and Carols**  
LED BY ASPIRE YOUTH MINISTRIES
- 9 p.m.** **Lessons, Candles and Carols**  
MEDITATION BY DR. GALLOWAY
- 11 p.m.** **Holy Communion**  
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