

Viral Times

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Christmas Eve Worship

It's not too late to ask for seats in worship on Christmas Eve. On December 24 we will hold services at 5:30 and 8:00, and up to 25 people may be seated in our building (handwashing, masks, social distancing, no singing). If you and your household would like to worship in our building contact Pastor Jim on phone, text, or e-mail and let him know how many are in your pod, and which service time you prefer. Names received by December 15 will be randomly drawn.

An unlimited number of members and friends of the congregation may join us on Zoom, where you can sing at home as loud as you'd like:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86763442174>



Advent Wreath & Candles

Please contact Corinne to help us read the litany each Sunday in this blue/hopeful season. The text will be e-mailed to you, and displayed on the Power Point screen. Pastor Jim will light candles on the wreath in the nave. Worshippers are encouraged to have a candle or wreath at home too.

Life Line

Four traditional Advent themes have emerged: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. In recent years many congregations have lit blue candles, to match new paraments and vestments.

But in years gone by the colour of Advent was purple, to highlight what the season has in common with Lent (leading to Easter). And in that case the third candle of the wreath, the candle of Joy, was pink (lighter purple) to invite us to loosen up a bit. There is much for which to rejoice!

Advent means that our celebration of Jesus' birth is getting closer, and that God's plan to establish his reign on earth is also drawing nearer.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim



Designated Gifts

Thank you for more than \$5235 in offerings for nine local outreach ministries in 2020. (See the list and amounts in the newsletter.) \$5000 of this will be matched by congregational funds, thanks to two major gifts we received at the start of the year. Your gift will go twice as far. Well done!

This Week at CTR

December 20 Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83596791034>

December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 & 8:00

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