

# From the Pastor's Desk



Saturday, December 12, 2020

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## Church Chat

**SUNDAY, DEC. 13**

**9:30-10:15 A.M.**

Click [here](#) to join with friends on Sunday morning!

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## Sunday Worship

**This Sunday, December 13,  
the Sunday morning worship service  
of Montreat Presbyterian Church  
will be distributed via Constant Contact  
and made available on Facebook  
by 10:00 A.M.**

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## Candle Photos for Christmas Eve

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The Worship & Music Committee would like to see if we can assemble **photographs of our congregation members holding a lit candle with a somewhat dark background**, if you would be willing to have your photo be part of a montage for Christmas Eve.

**If you would like to share a photo of you holding a**

**candle for the Christmas Eve service, please:**

- take it as a **horizontal** photo
- email it with the subject line "**Candle Picture**"
- send it to Vivian at [music@montreatchurch.org](mailto:music@montreatchurch.org)
- email it to us **by this Friday, Dec. 18**

Thank you!

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## **Advent and Christmas Services**

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ALL ARE WELCOME to all of our worship services, no matter what season or time of year! **All services listed here will be distributed via Constant Contact unless otherwise indicated.**

**Sun., Dec. 13  
by 10:00 A.M.**

**Service for the Lord's Day - Third Sunday of Advent**

*Traditionally "Gaudete" Sunday, the Sunday of Advent reflecting joy--the day the pink candle is lit in the Advent wreath!*

**Wed., Dec. 16  
5:00 P.M.**

**"A Christmas Tapestry"**

*Scenes of the scripture readings woven together to tell the story of the nativity, presented by members of the Montreat Presbyterian Church family.*

**Wed., Dec. 16  
8:00 P.M.**

**Evening Prayer for the Third Week of Advent**

**Sun., Dec. 20  
10:00 A.M.**

**Service of Lessons & Carols**

*Humanity's need for a savior, the promise of the Messiah, and the coming of Christ in the nativity are told in scripture readings interspersed with carols, hymns, anthems, and meditations.*

**Wed., Dec. 23  
by 8:00 P.M.**

**Evening Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent**

**Thu., Dec. 24**

**Christmas Eve Service**

**5:00 P.M.**

*The online traditional Christmas Eve service will include communion, the singing of "Silent Night" and an appropriate version of the ceremony of candlelight.*

**Thu., Dec. 24  
10:00 P.M.**

### **Christmas Eve Late Compline Service**

*In monastic and other worshipping communities, compline is the service for the "completion" of the liturgical day. Our late Christmas Eve service, made available online, will be quiet, meditative, and mainly musical, allowing for a moment to rest in the beauty of the coming of Christ.*

**Sun., Dec. 27  
10:00 A.M.**

### **The Service for the Lord's Day - First Sunday of Christmas**

*We are not finished with Christmas yet! In fact, we're just getting started. The 12-day season that begins on December 25 continues the joyful observance of Christ's nativity and the holy mystery of his humanity and divinity.*

**Sun., Jan. 3  
10:00 A.M.**

### **The Service for the Lord's Day - Second Sunday of Christmas**

*On the Tenth Day of Christmas, we will celebrate holy communion, install our new session members, and observe one last Sunday of Christmas until December 2021!*

**Wed., Jan. 6  
Time TBA**

### **Epiphany**

*"Star Words" revisited, in an evening Zoom gathering. Before unwrapping our words for 2021, we'll take a moment or two to reflect on how this year's word helped shaped our life in 2020. We'll then talk about ways we can experience our new Star Word as a spiritual gift and reflect on it throughout the year. You will have the opportunity to safely receive your star for the coming year before the event. Details about distribution, as well as a link for the*

*Zoom meeting, will be in an upcoming Memo.*

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