

From the Pastor's Desk



Saturday, December 19, 2020

Church Chat

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

9:30-10:15 A.M.

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Sunday Worship

**This Sunday, December 20,
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.**

Candle Photos for Christmas Eve

It's not too late to send **photographs, individual or as households together, 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
- email it to us **by this Monday, Dec. 21**

Thank you!

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Dec. 25-Jan. 5

Christmas as a 12-day feast was ratified by the Church in the mid-6th century, although those days after Christmas Day had long been observed as a special time of year for Christians. Whether you (like me) celebrate Christmas all the way through to Epiphany on January 6, or take the tree down before the Christmas Day dinner dishes are put away, the whole Christmas season is an invitation to observe and live into the promises of hope, peace, joy and love with the same dedication and gratitude that we bring to Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Montreat Presbyterian Church's worship and other offerings reflect that invitation in observing Christmas as a 12-day season.

Advent and Christmas Services

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. 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
5:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve Service

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 pick up your star for the coming year shortly after Christmas Day, about ten days 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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