

From the Pastor's Desk



Saturday, December 5, 2020

Church Chat

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

9:30-10:15 A.M.

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Sunday Worship

**This Sunday, December 6,
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.**

Second Sunday of Advent

Our Weekly Mailings During Advent

Each day during Advent (except Sundays) we are sending out a **daily Advent devotional** written by a member of our church family. These will typically be in your email inbox first thing in the morning.

Starting this coming week, every few days we will be sharing

Christmas family recipes from our congregation's households. Look for the first one to arrive this Sunday!

A brief weekly **Evening Prayer** service to conclude the day will be posted on Wednesday evenings during Advent.

Our **Sunday services**, the **Montreat Memo** (issued Tuesday afternoons) and this late-week "**From the Pastor's Desk**" mailing will also continue as usual! The Memo can still be considered our primary church news outlet.

See below for some of our other seasonal offerings, and join us as often as you wish!

Request for Pictures

We are asking for photos of individuals or households **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 Dec. 18

We would also like to receive photos from our church family showing whatever Christmastime means to you. If you would like to share a Christmastime photo, please:

- take it as a **horizontal** photo
- email it with the subject line "**Christmas Picture**"
- send it to Vivian at music@montreatchurch.org
- email it to us by Dec. 22

Thank you!

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.**

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| Sun., Dec. 6 | 10:00 A.M. | Service of Hope & Remembrance
<i>A communion service for everyone which acknowledges that Christmastime can bring complicated and sometimes difficult emotions.</i> |
| Wed., Dec. 9 | 5:00 P.M. | Hymns of Christmas - A Montreat Wednesday Presentation of the Christian Education Committee
<i>John Rogers and Vivian Hare lead an online program that's part hymn sing, part Advent reflection and part Christmas party. Learn the history and reflect on the meaning of some of our most sacred Christmas music.</i> |
| Sun., Dec. 13 | 10:00 A.M. | Service for the Lord's Day - Third Sunday of Advent
<i>Traditionally "Gaudete" Sunday, the Sunday of Advent reflecting joy--the day the pink candle is lit in the Advent wreath!</i> |
| Sun., Dec. 16 | 5:00 P.M. | "A Christmas Tapestry"
<i>Scenes of the scripture readings woven together to tell the story of the nativity, presented by members of the Montreat Presbyterian Church family.</i> |
| Sun., Dec. 20 | 10:00 A.M. | Service of Lessons & Carols
<i>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.</i> |
| Thu., Dec. 24 | 5:00 P.M. | Christmas Eve Service
<i>The online traditional Christmas Eve service will include communion, the singing of "Silent Night" and an appropriate version of the ceremony of candlelight.</i> |
| Thu., Dec. 24 | 10:00 P.M. | Christmas Eve Late Compline Service
<i>In monastic and other worshiping communities, compline is the service for</i> |

the "completion" of the liturgical day. Our late Christmas Eve service, online, will be quiet, meditative, and mainly musical, allowing any who attend 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 7:00 P.M.

Epiphany

"Star Words" revisited. Details to be announced!

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