



Peace Lutheran Church

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December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent

Our MISSION: Compelled by the love of God and our faith in Jesus Christ, Peace Lutheran Church, a diverse people of faith, in partnership with Peace Community Center, seeks to realize God's dream for the world through worship, learning, giving, and serving.

God's VISION: We believe God's vision for Peace is to be a diverse community of faith in the Hilltop where all are welcome - a community that is Spirit-filled, compassionate, healthy, reconciled, and just.

Today at Peace Lutheran Church

God bless you! Welcome to worship! We worship in person Sundays at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream worship online at 11 am. See our website peacelutherantacoma.org, Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for online worship videos and faith resources. During the pandemic, our prayers are with all who suffer and all who respond in care.

It is a blessing to worship in person. Masks are welcome but not required. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online. Please be respectful of those who continue to use masks and those who wish to limit physical contact (hugs/handshakes). We will continue to increase airflow in the sanctuary during worship to reduce risk. You may wish to sit near an open window for increased protection.

It is the **Second Sunday of Advent**, meaning "coming." In these weeks prior to Christmas we prepare for the celebration of God's coming into the world in baby Jesus. We ponder how God comes to us now and look forward to God's coming in the future. Advent is a season of hope! Today the prophet Isaiah shares a vision of peace, grounded in God.

Today is the **Conversation Around Race Worship Exchange**. Members of congregations participating in this partnership of faith communities focused on racial justice are invited to experience one another's worship gatherings. The partnership includes Peace, Church of the Indian Fellowship, Tacoma Friends Meeting, and Trinity Presbyterian Church.

You're invited to purchase **Fair Trade coffee, tea, or chocolate** today and next Sunday between worship services.

Brendan Nelson is in Washington, DC through Tuesday for an Enterprise Partners housing network gathering.

Parents with children: During 11 am worship, we offer a children's worship time in the basement classroom. We post Godly Play videos on our YouTube channel to use at home.

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John or Brendan Nelson or stop by the Welcome Table at the church entrance. May you know God's peace this week!

Prayer & Praise List

To submit a prayer tell the pastor or call the church office. Names will appear on the list for 3 weeks unless requested to remain longer. Please remember these people and situations in prayer. If you feel moved to reach out to someone, write them a caring note to let them know you are thinking about them and praying for them. Contact the church office for their contact info.

- For future directions of Peace Church, that we might lean into our foundational commitment to antiracism

- For peace and change in a culture of gun violence
- We honor lives tragically taken in acts of racial violence, naming Andrew Brown Jr, Daunte Wright, Manuel Ellis, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd
- For deep reflection and acknowledgment of prejudices in ourselves and racism in our systems and institutions, and for wisdom to intentionally act to call out and dismantle racism in all its forms and work for God's justice in our nation's laws, policies, & practices
- The Asian-American community suffering anti-Asian racism and violence
- The Native American community with the historical atrocities of boarding schools and ongoing injustice
- In this pandemic, for those who grieve the deaths of loved ones, the ill, medical professionals, public health workers, governments and agencies, our church and community
- For the people of Ukraine in this war, for Ukrainian & Afghan & Haitian refugees, for all immigrants
- For all who are hurting and feeling weighed down...
- For the hungry in our world, for food and justice
- For all experiencing homelessness & housing insecurity
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- The Peace housing ministry
- All ministries of Peace Church & Community Center
- For all who experience sexual harassment or abuse
- For all who struggle with mental illness
- For peace: all living amidst violence or unrest, esp. in Ukraine, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Holy Land, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Yemen
- For hope: the unemployed & underemployed, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, the incarcerated, and all struggling with addictions
- For healing: Anne Campbell, Debbie Kennedy, Tamesha Nelson, Reymanii Perez, Carol Plaehn, Dorothy White
- Ongoing health concerns: Kitty Adams, Joe Blake, Eddie Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted Johnstone, Kisela McDaniel, Jerry Pittmon, Holle & Carol Plaehn, Sandra Puckett, Yvonne Reed, Dianne Stoehr, Dorothy White, Bob Wu
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Octavius Killian, Daniel Lotovaivai, Alfred Nelson, Jackie Ray, Eileen Strittmatter, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyne Trent, Henry K. White
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Davis

family in Uganda, Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); the church in South Sudan; the church in China; Sevigny family in Japan; the Navajo Lutheran Church in Arizona

Small Group Gatherings

- **Book Group:** Kit Thompson: 229-5766
- **Christians Concerned with Homelessness prayer group:** Sarah Butler Wills. Bryant Neighborhood Center, 1615 6th Ave., first Thursday, 5:30-6:30 pm
- **College Care Package Team:** Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Conversations Around Race:** Ted Johnstone: 752-9514
- **Community Bible Study:** Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1pm
- **Gospel Choir:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Men's Breakfast:** Antonio Yune: 227-1995
- **Papers of Peace (card-making):** Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain:** Sandra Puckett: 348-8999, for prayer requests email: quietwater60@yahoo.com
- **Writing Group:** Shari Shelton: 906-3769. 4th Tuesday, 6 pm

Opportunities to Serve

Regular Offering to Peace Thank you for your generous and ongoing giving of financial support to Peace Lutheran Church! Please share your offering in person Sundays at the Welcome Table or send offering by mail or electronic means or donate on the church website. If you would like to set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253-383-1317).

Thrivent Choice Dollars Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? Do you have Choice Dollars to direct to a charitable organization? Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Peace Lutheran Church or Peace Community Center by logging into your account on the Thrivent website.

Give to Help Families for the Holidays Want to help a family in need this season? Give a donation to Peace Lutheran Church noted "Holiday Help" or bring a gift card for Fred Meyer or Walmart to the office **by Dec. 14**. Questions? Ask Pastor John.

Poinsettias If you would like to donate a poinsettia to beautify the altar for Christmas, please bring one to church on **Sunday Dec. 18** or drop it off at the office that week. If you would like your poinsettia to honor someone, please fill out a poinsettia form or email Pastor John with the name of the honoree.

Peace Lutheran Church Events & Information

Sunday Morning Faith Opportunities 9:45-10:45 am

- Godly Play for children ages 4-3rd grade (basement classroom)
- Explorers for 4th-6th graders (multipurpose room classroom)
- Feet to Faith confirmation for 7th-8th graders (conference rm)
- Adult Forum (multipurpose room): **Today (in person & Zoom): Ministry Plan (Budget) Forum:** Hear more about the 2023 budget, ask questions, and learn about the process of calling Charissa Carroll to Word and Service rostered ministry

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 11, 9:45 am (in person and online via Zoom) Agenda:

- Election of Council Officers & At-Large Council Members
- Adoption of the 2023 Ministry Plan (Budget)
- Vote to Call Charissa Carroll to Word and Service Rostered Ministry (as Resource Navigator)

- Introduction of New Community Center Board Members

Sunday Breakfast and Refreshments We offer breakfast for all **Sundays at 9:30 am** in the multipurpose room. We offer refreshments and fellowship after 11 am worship every Sunday.

Men's Breakfast **Saturday Dec. 17, 9-10:30 am at Peace.** A time of fellowship and connecting with one another. Questions? Ask Antonio Yune (antonio.yune@gmail.com, 253-227-1995)

Advent Devotionals Make your way daily through the Advent season using a daily devotional and Advent wreath of 5 candles.

Adults and Youth: Use the "Living Well Through Advent" resource by Living Compass. See link in all-church emails.

Families with Children: Use the Jesse Tree daily devotional with ornament symbols to help the Advent journey come alive by hearing stories and learning about people in Jesus' family tree. Pick up Jesse Tree materials and Advent candles at the Welcome Table or contact Pastor John.

Christmas Brunch! Children and families are invited to a special intergenerational Christmas event at Peace with crafts, the Christmas story, and brunch. **Saturday Dec. 10, 11-12:30 pm.** Stay after to decorate the sanctuary at **12:30 pm.**

Children's Christmas Program **Sunday Dec. 18 during 11 am** is the Children's Christmas Program. Children will act out and tell the story of Jesus' birth! There will be a special practice with children on **Sunday Dec. 11 at 9:45 am.**

Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service **Wed, Dec. 21 at 7 pm:** On the longest night of the year, join a contemplative service of lament and healing during a time of year that is hard for some of us. **In person & live stream.**

Christmas Eve Worship - Saturday, December 24

5 pm: Children's Christmas Eve Worship for Families (in person & live stream): Join a child-friendly celebration of Jesus' birth!

7 pm: Christmas Eve Worship (in person & live stream): Celebrate Jesus' birth with candles, carols, and message of God's incarnate love!

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 103, brendan@peacetacoma.org
- **Coordinator of Children, Youth, & Intergenerational Ministry:** Jayna Detweiler, ext 104, jayna@peacetacoma.org
- **Music Director:** Twylla Moore, twylla@peacetacoma.org
- **Resource Navigator:** Charissa Carroll, ext 128, charissa@peacetacoma.org
- **Nursery Attendant:** Rebecca Valencia, rebecca@peacetacoma.org
- **Office Manager and Community Meals Contact Person:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org
- **Custodian:** Ana Sanchez
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa, Robin McGaughy	Tech: Brad Wills
Van Driver: Antonio Yune	Nursery: Rebecca Valencia
	8:30 am
Assisting Minister: Pam Asadi	11:00 am
Reader: Dean Sawhill	Trina Kagochi
Greeter: Teresa Jackson	Tony Kagochi
Ushers: Viviane Sawhill	Teresa Jackson
Musicians: Sandra Puckett	Helga Reed-Jefferson
Song Leaders: Gretchen Duggan	Kathy Hanawalt
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