Peace Lutheran Church

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

November 29, 2026 – First 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

- 8:30 am: Worship
- 9:30 am: Breakfast & Fellowship
- 9:45 am: Faith Education Hour
- 11 am: Worship (also livestream) followed by Refreshments

It is the First Sunday of Advent. A new church year begins! Advent means "coming," and in these four weeks prior to Christmas we prepare for the celebration of God's coming into the world in baby Jesus. We look forward to Christ's promised future coming and ponder how he comes to us every day. Advent is a season of hope!

Manis and Rachel Pierre share the sermon message.

You're invited to purchase Fair Trade coffee, tea, or chocolate between worship services. It's an act of justice!

Interested in learning more about Peace? Please contact Pastor John, Brendan Nelson, or stop by the Welcome Table at the church entrance. If you have questions, concerns, prayer requests, or desire pastoral care, contact Pastor John.

May you know God's peace this week!

Prayer & Praise List

To submit a prayer, tell the pastor or call the church office. 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.

- Thanks to God for God's love in Jesus and all God's gifts!
- For the gifts of our indigenous siblings in this Native American Heritage Month
- For our church to lean into our foundational commitment to anti-racism; for deep reflection and acknowledgment of prejudices in ourselves and racism in our systems and institutions, and for wisdom to act to call out and dismantle racism in all its forms and work for God's justice
- For the Peace housing ministry
- For Peace Community Center seeking an Executive Director
- For peace and change in our culture of gun violence
- In our world of global warming, for climate justice
- Our calling to be agents of hope, healing, and justice
- Peace and justice for all experiencing global violence
- For hope: immigrants & refugees, all experiencing housing insecurity & homelessness, the unemployed & underemployed, all hurting & weighed down, lonely & lost, hungry & suffering, depressed & mentally ill, incarcerated, all experiencing brokenness in relationships, sexual harassment or abuse, and all struggling with addictions
- The grieving: the community of Greater Heights Church of God in Christ (including the families of Brendan Nelson and Twylla Moore) at the death of beloved Pastor Penton
- For healing: Annie Burris, Damishe Greenwood-Walker's mother, Richard Hansen, Helga Jefferson-Reed, Marianne Lyle, Shauna Teclemariam
- Ongoing health concerns: Keri Anderson, Annie Burris, Loretta Carter, Ed Castro, Cleo Clay, Jeanie Correa, Dori Greenaway, Ted & Billie Johnstone, Jerry Pittmon, Sandra Puckett, Katrina Sortor, Spenser Thomas, Antonio Yune
- College & advanced training students: Renee Anderson, Jasmine Ballentine, Lillie Brooks-Walker, Jamison & Jeremiah & Kamari Carroll, Tyler Daikoku, Annabell Davis-Bloom, Bea Kelzenberg, Evelyn Luippold, Elyse & Sigourney McWilson, Audrey Preston, Aiden Shelton, Laney & Ziah Sneva, Abigail Steenberg
- Military away: Juwan Banks, Alijah Garvin-Williams, Micah Lyle, Taylor McCarthy
- Special need: Rachel Boss, Bul Ajak Bul, Izzy Flourney, Jackie Ray, Sunshine Timmons, Dezmyn Trent
- For our partners in mission all over the world: Jane Kagochi & Solid Faith Church in Kenya; the Namibian Lutheran Church (companion synod); Sevignys in Japan

Small Group Gatherings

- **Children's Choir**: Michael Green: 360-350-2445, usually 3rd & 4th Sundays after 11 am worship, sing 1st Sundays at 11 am
- **College Care Package Team**: Pat Ferguson: 627-1349
- **Community Bible Study**: Pastor John: ext. 101, Thurs, 1 pm
- **Gospel Choir**: Michael Green: 360-350-2445, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Thurs, 6 pm; sing 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 am
- **For a Time Such as This**: Lynn Longfield: lynn_longfield @hotmail.com, usually 2nd Sundays after worship
- **Men's Bible Study**: Malcolm Carroll: 253-282-0218, Fridays, 7-8:30 am, Peace Community Center classroom building
- **Papers of Peace (card-making)**: Nancy Heavey: 752-8450
- **Prayer Chain**: Gail Storrs: 222-5246, for prayer requests email: gailstorrs@gmail.com
- **Women's Bible Studies**: Leigh Wong: 302-7641
- **Writing Group:** Gail Storrs: gailstorrs@gmail.com, 222-5246, 2nd Mondays, 6 pm

Opportunities to Give and Serve

Regular Offering to Peace Thank you for your generous and ongoing financial support to the church! Please share your offering in the Offering box at the sanctuary entrance or send by mail or donate on the church website. To set up regular online giving, contact the church office (253) 383-1317.

Commitment Sunday Follow Up Have you pledged your time, talent, and treasure to God for the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in 2027? To date we've received 38 financial pledges totaling $296,512. Thanks for sharing God's gifts!

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

Thrivent Choice Dollars Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? 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.

Peace Breakfast Providers Needed Able to provide a Sunday breakfast in December? Sign up on the Welcome Table clipboard. Questions? Ask Teresa Jackson 253-318-4420.

Peace Lutheran Church Information

No Sunday Morning Faith Offerings at 9:45 am Today
Please share Thanksgiving fellowship.

Upcoming Adult and Youth Education Sundays at 9:45 am

- Today: No class – share Thanksgiving fellowship
- December 6: 2027 Ministry Plan (Budget) Review, led by Treasurer James Pedrick. Please contact Pastor John for a copy of the budget if you would like to review in advance.

Advent Devotionals Make your way daily through the Advent season using a daily or weekly devotional and Advent wreath of 5 candles. See all-church email for devotional links. Families with Children: On Sundays pick up Advent bags with Jesse Tree and God With Us devotional materials, and pick up a separate bag with Advent candles to light at home.

Youth Outing to Zoolights! Youth are invited to join us for an outing to Zoolights today at 5 pm! Enjoy dazzling lights, time with friends, and a fun evening celebrating the season. Contact Brendan Nelson for more information or questions.

Women's Ministry Christmas White Elephant Gift Exchange
Come to our annual white elephant party on Friday, Dec. 4 from 7-9 pm in the New Classroom. There will be a lot of joy and laughter as we celebrate the Christmas season. Please bring a dish to share and a gift to exchange. Contact Julia Kagochi at julia.e.matias@gmail.com with questions.

Interested in Learning More about Faith in God and Service through Peace Church? Want to become a member of Peace? Join a Saturday class in the multipurpose room Dec. 5 from 10–2:30 pm called "Foundations of Faith and Peace" exploring marks of being a follower of Jesus and what it means to serve him in and through Peace Lutheran Church. Lunch provided. Interested? Talk to Pastor John. New members will be received in worship Sunday, December 13.

Children's Cozy Christmas Brunch Saturday Dec. 12 from 11 am–1 pm. Great for families with children! Christmas crafts, the story of Jesus' birth, food, and decorating the Christmas tree and sanctuary for Christmas. Pajamas encouraged!

Save the Date: Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 13, 9:45 am (in person and online via Teams) Agenda:

- Election of Council Officers & At-Large Council Members
- Adoption of the 2027 Ministry Plan (Budget)
- Peace Community Center Update

Youth Dinner Please join the Peace youth for a progressive dinner in the Hilltop on Sunday**,** December 13, from 5-7 pm. We'll start with appetizers with Sally and Lynn, enjoy our main course with the Hanawalts, and end with dessert and games with the Kagochis. Pick up and drop off will be at the Hanawalt's house (1601 S Sheridan Ave). Contact Kathy Hanawalt for more details (253-572-0133).

Children's Christmas Program Sunday Dec. 20 during 11 am worship. Kids of Peace tell the Christmas story!

Transportation Need a ride to worship? Call the church 253-383-1317 and press 120 to leave a message on the van line.

Peace Lutheran Church Staff

Church staff are off on Mondays. Church Office Hours: Tue-Fri, 9 am–5 pm

- **Pastor:** John Stroeh, ext 101, pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org
- **Director of Community Engagement & Outreach:** Brendan Nelson, ext 102 or call or text 253-777-3029
- **Youth Minister:** vacant
- **Children's Minister**: Annabell Davis-Bloom, ext 104, annabell@peacetacoma.org
- **Interim Music Director and Gospel Choir Director:** Michael Green, michael@peacetacoma.org
- **Musician:** Twylla Moore
- **Nursery Attendant:** Brianna Miller, briannamiller182@gmail.com
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org
- **Operations Manager:** Damishe Greenwood-Walker, ext 100, plcadmin@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa **Tech**: Jay Maebori **Nursery**: Brianna Miller
Van Driver: Don Whittles **Breakfast**: John Maxwell, Rebecca Foster
Snack: Kit Thompson **Welcome & Support**: Pam Asadi

	8:30 am	11 am
Assisting Minister:	Antonio Yune	Kit Thompson
Reader:	Betty Sortor-Beaman	
Usher:	Priya Manion	Eric Lee
Prayer Ministers:	Robin McGaughy	Shelley Maebori
Musician:	Twylla Moore	Twylla Moore