



Peace Lutheran Church

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"The Church that Welcomes and Serves"

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"Touching Lives, Extending Peace"

January 29, 2023 – Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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 worship videos and faith resources.

It is a blessing to worship in person. Based on community risk levels for COVID, flu, and RSV, we are requiring masks during worship. For other church activities, including the Faith Education Hour, masks are recommended. If you are experiencing symptoms of illness, please stay home and worship online. Please be respectful of those who wish to limit physical contact (hugs/handshakes). We continue to increase airflow in the sanctuary during worship to reduce risk. We encourage all to get a flu shot and COVID booster.

We are now in the church season of Epiphany, meaning "a revealing," and we're keeping our eyes open to the ways God is revealed in our lives. Light and mission are Epiphany themes. In the Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples in the Sermon on the Mount. He shares the beatitudes about those blessed by God.

Families 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, and for communities grieving the tragic and unnecessary loss of life to mass shootings**
- **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 midst 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 all who grieve:** Kitty Adams at the death of her sister Sherri, the Whitten family at the death of Linda Whitten, Yan family (Myrah Ballentine's relatives) at the death of their 7 year-old daughter, Barbara Hartness at the death of her mother Donna
- **For healing:** Terry Edwards, Lorena Guerrero's husband Charles, Jeremy Hargrove, Renee Jones, Debbie Kennedy, Mischa McCann's father, Katrina Sortor, Carvin Williams
- **Ongoing health concerns:** Kitty Adams, Joe Blake, Eddie Castro, Dori Greenaway, Ted Johnstone, Kisela McDaniel, Jerry Pittmon, 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, Dezmynt 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; Seigny 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

Office Volunteer Damishe is looking for a volunteer to help out in the office. If you are able to donate an hour or two, please email Damishe at plcadmin@peacetacoma.org or call the office at (233) 383-1317.

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.

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:** Hear an update from Lutheran Community Services Northwest, led by Kelly McDonald, Regional Advancement Manager.

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.

Community Bible Study Pastor John leads a Zoom Bible Study in person and by Zoom **Thursdays 1 to 2 pm** on the scriptures for worship the following Sunday.

Children's Breakfast & Craft Time **Saturday, February 11 from 9-11 am** in the Basement classroom. For more info contact Jayna Detweiler at jayna@peacetacoma.org.

Women of Peace It's that time again! Let's gather for a breakfast potluck, fellowship and a little self-care on **Saturday, February 11th from 9-11 am** at Peace Lutheran Church. We will be meeting in the classroom across the alley from the church. If you would like, we invite you to bring a breakfast item to share with the group. There will be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Table. Please reach out to Leigh Wong (253 302-7641) or Charisa Carroll (253 267-9510) with any questions.

Men's Breakfast You guessed it! **Saturday February 11, 9-11 am at Peace** in the multipurpose room. A time of fellowship and connecting with one another. Questions? Ask Antonio Yune (antonio.yune@gmail.com, 253-227-1995).

Peace Community Center Information

Learners to Leaders **Thursday February 23, 5:30 – 8:30 pm** at Stadium High School. An evening of food, friendship, and fundraising to support Peace Community Center. Tickets are on a sliding scale starting at \$5. Tickets purchased at \$50 level will be entered to win two flight vouchers. Please RSVP.

Community Events and Information

St. Valentine's Celebration **Saturday, Feb. 11, 6-8 pm** at St. Mark's by the Narrows, 6730 N. 17th St., Tacoma. A fundraiser for the Empowering Life ministry at Washington Corrections Center for Women (Purdy). Pastor Annie Jones-Barnes of Rock City in our synod brings her soul-infused big-sound jazz band, HYBRID, to perform, plus elegant desserts and a silent auction. \$15 suggested donation. To register: contact Joan Nelson (joan2nelson@comcast.net, 253-208-3307).

Conversations Around Race Recommends:

Native American Blanket Exercise **Saturday, Feb. 18, 2-4 pm** at Bryant Neighborhood Center, 1619 6th Ave, Tacoma. A powerful workshop opportunity to learn more about the experience of Native peoples and the loss of their land, led by Rev. Irvin Porter, that helps us work together toward right relationships between Native and non-Native people. Suggested donation \$10. Limit of 50 participants.

AIDNW Is Seeking Help with donations of warm coats and backpacks for men. See our weekly newsletter or call Sam Martin with AIDNW at (253) 572-9659 for more information.

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
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- **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
- **Finance Coordinator:** Jenny Haferbecker, jenny@peacetacoma.org

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Jeanie Correa, Robin McGaughy **Tech:** Brad Wills
Nursery: Rebecca Valencia **Van Driver:** Don Whittles

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Assisting Minister:	Antonio Yune	Antonio Yune
Reader:	Sandra Puckett	Don Gillis
Greeter:	Robin McGaughy	Jeanie Correa
Ushers:	Janet Willis	Helga Reed-Jefferson
Song Leader:		Damishe Greenwood-Walker
Musicians:	Twylla Moore	Twylla Moore, Paul Brown, William Hall