

**November 26, 2023**  
**Hymn Festival**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**11:00am**

*We don't like Earthly kings so much anymore, Lord. No, we don't. We've moved on in this New Century, and have created other things to rule our lives: our cell phones, our favorite sports teams, our shopping malls, our Facebook pages, our calendars crowded with to-do lists and appointments, our worries, our bills to pay... it seems we have agreed to serve just about everything and everybody - except for You. Forgive us. May Your Kingdom come, to a place right here in our hearts, where you rule as our Good Shepherd, with love, compassion and forgiveness. Amen.*



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WEST WAYNE STREET**

## **Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!**

**Thank you for joining us today!** We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission and programs. We hope you'll return next Sunday for the first Sunday of Advent. Livestreaming is also available to watch via the website or YouTube.

*-Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, and Rev. Ann Pitman*

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

***Congregation responds in bold***

### **GATHERING**

**Prelude**     Improvisation on *Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>*

**Tolling of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

This is the day the Lord has made!

**This is the crowning of the year!**

The life of Christ is the model for our own, and he shapes all we say and do.

**The Lord reigns over all our days.**

**Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

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## Advent: Preparing to Welcome Jesus

Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Anthem

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
*Chancel Choir*

Charles Wesley/Ralph Vaughan Williams

## Christmas: Immanuel, God-with-Us

Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Hymn No. 114

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(F) (G) (C) (Dm) (F) (G)  
B<sup>b</sup> C F Gm B<sup>b</sup> C

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(C) (Dm)  
F Gm

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)  
C F Gm C F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.  
and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

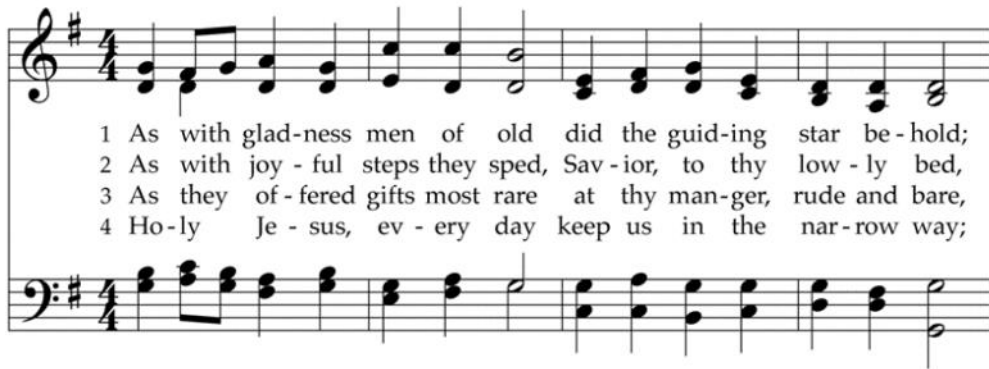
## Epiphany: The Light Shines in the Darkness

Reading

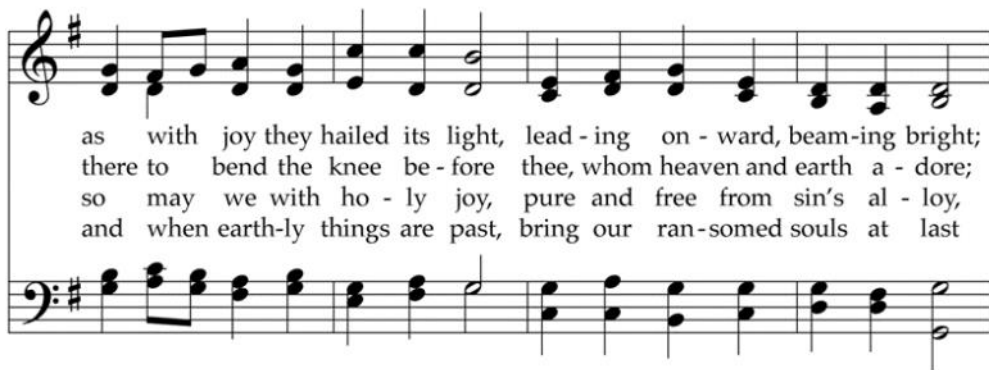
Isaiah 60:1-6

\*Hymn No. 150 As with Gladness, Men of Old


DIX



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,  
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;  
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.  
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.  
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

## Baptism of the Lord: Jesus Is Marked as God's Own

Reading

Mark 1:4-11

Anthem

Baptized in Water  
*Chancel Choir*

Michael A. Saward/Dale Grotenhuis

## Lent: Penitence and Preparation

Reading

Mark 1:12-13

Hymn 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory  
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-  
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.  
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
past, an Eas-ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

## Holy Week: God's Love Revealed

Reading

Mark 15:25-41

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Were You There

African American Spiritual/Melva Costen

*Chancel Choir*

# Easter: The Lord Is Risen!

Reading

Mark 16:1-8

\*Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

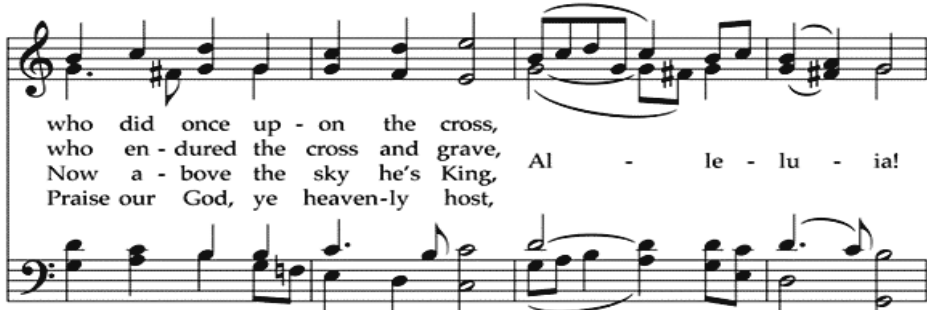
Easter Hymn



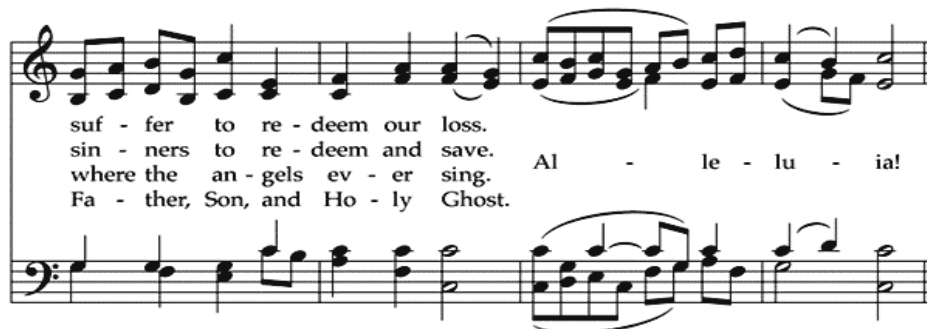
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um-phantly ho - ly day,  
un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

# Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Comes Among Us

Reading

Acts 2:1-13

Hymn 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD



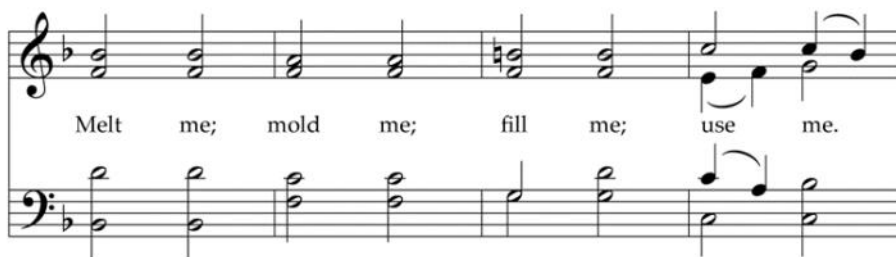
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first line of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."



Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

The third line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me."



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth line of the hymn concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."



## Ordinary Time: For the Living of Our Days

Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

\*Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad-ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad-ness, rich in  
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,  
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,  
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,  
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss thy king-dom's goal, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.  
serv-ing thee whom we a - dore, serv-ing thee whom we a - dore.

## The Reign of Christ: Already and Not Yet

Reading

Psalms 93

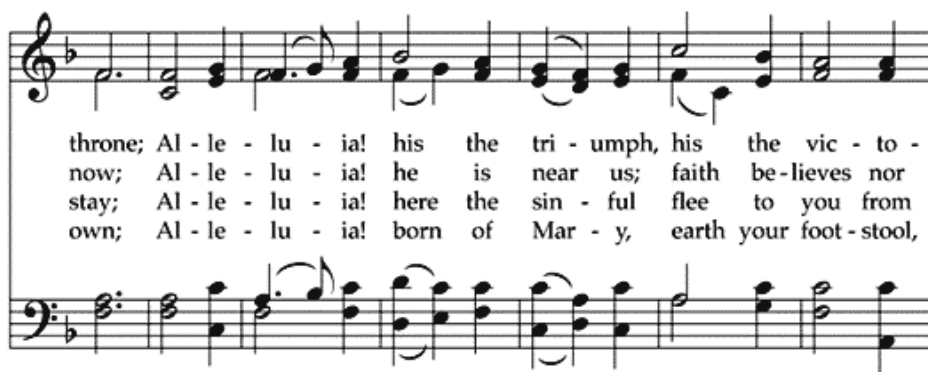
\*Hymn 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

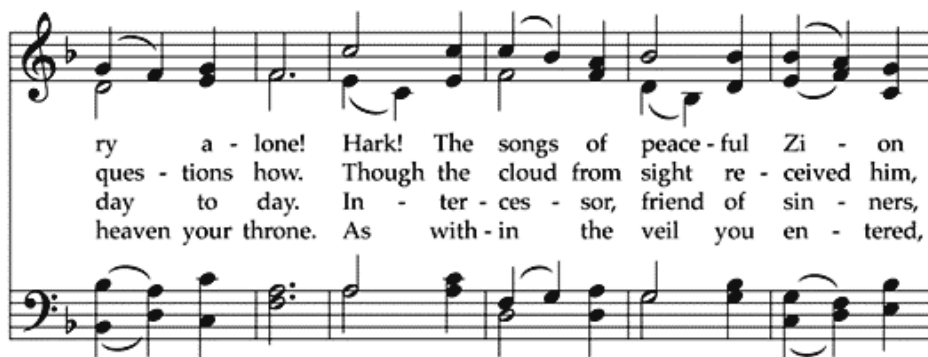
HYFRYDOL



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor  
stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**      Improvisation on *Hyfrydol*

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## Assisting with Worship this Morning

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**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

**Elders of the Month/Greeters:** Ron Kohart and Steve Weissner

**Ushers:** Eric Evans, Dave Beer, Anita Wolfe, Linda Yount

**Director of Music Ministries & Organist:** Brent Neuenschwander

**Assistant Organist:** Kathryn Miller

**Chancel Choir:** Soprano: Irene Ator, Susan Dorion, Slate Egolf, Liz Graham, Antoinette Lee, Gretchen Lee, Ellis Pedersen, Sandy Shearer; Alto: Angela Green, Joan Kern, Jane McGeehan, Mary Jane Ormerod, Cassandra Petrie, Carol Rhudy, Jill Therrien, Mary Winters; Tenor: Jude Balthazar, Quinton Davis, Marj Sapp; Bass: David Beer, Scott McMeen, Jim Mergenthal, and Kip Ormerod

**Live Stream Operator:** Dick Florea

**Sound Board Operator:** Jeff Slater

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**Prayer List or to Request Pastoral Care:** If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list or are seeking pastoral care, please contact the church office at 260-426-7421. Please let us know if you would like a visit.

**Hospital Stays:** Hospitals are unable to give us information when a member is admitted. Please be sure to ask someone to contact the church office so that a Pastor may attend to the member in need.

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## Help Others This Holiday Season

**The Schools Team needs your help.** At the beginning of each semester, the Schools Team asks the administrators of the 2 schools we support, South Wayne and Washington elementary schools, what needs they have for the upcoming months. Both of the schools have asked for sweatpants (bottoms only) to have on hand when the kids have accidents and need a change of clothes. We ask your help in providing this for our schools. They need children's sweatpants sizes XS through XL. We will have a bin in the Narthex where you can place your purchases. We thank you in advance for helping us support our schools.

## MINISTRIES FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! K-5TH GRADE RIGHT AFTER THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

Join us for Sunday School with Miss Rachel and Friends! We'll all start in worship together, and then head to our SS room as a group. We hope you'll join us for a lesson, craft, and, of course...Bible Bucks! YAY! Grown-ups, please pick your children up after worship.

### NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 6MO - 5YEARS

Jesus loves the little children, and we do, too! But should you decide that today would be a good time to explore the nursery, your child is always invited to drop in. Ask an usher for assistance.

### BUSY BAGS FOR CURIOUS MINDS

Worship isn't always easy for little hands and minds to focus, so you are invited to "check out" a fidget toy-filled Busy Bag or a book from our Littles' Library! Please return after church, so it's there next week!

## **Advent and Christmas at First Pres!**

**Advent/Christmas Eve Service Music:** You're invited to give the gift of music this Christmas in memory or in honor of someone. The orchestra on Christmas Eve is made possible through these gifts. To donate, make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo line: Music – Christmas or online at [www.firstpresfortwayne.org](http://www.firstpresfortwayne.org). If you are giving in honor or in memory of a loved one, please be sure to include that information with the donation. Contributions received by December 10th will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Christmas Decorations:** Christmas decorations are made possible through monetary gifts given in loving memory of family and friends. Memorialized names, with the names of the donors, will appear in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin if they are received by December 10th. To donate, make check payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo line: Chancel Guild – Christmas or online at [www.firstpresfortwayne.org](http://www.firstpresfortwayne.org).

**Gingerbread House Party:** Join us Saturday, December 9, 10-12 (or whenever you're done) in McKay Hall for the fun of decorating a gingerbread house. This is for all ages! Houses are pre-built and all the decorations you could ask for will be available. Houses cost \$17 each, and reservations /payment can be made by scanning the QR code or signing up online at <https://bit.ly/FPCgingerbread>. Don't delay! There are a limited number of houses available.



**Save the Date!** Advent by candlelight is returning for the first time since 2019. This year it will be held Wednesday, December 13, 7:00-8:30. More information and details will be included in future enews and bulletins.

## **“How Does A Weary World Rejoice?” Advent 2023**

Christ was born into a weary world. King Herod ruled the land with a legacy of ruthlessness. The Romans treated the people of Israel with contempt, imposing harsh taxes and land seizures that forced many into subsistence farming. Poverty and destitution were pervasive. And yet, Christ was born, bringing good news of great joy for all people.

As Advent comes again to a weary world, we ask, “How does a weary world rejoice?” As we move through our series, we hope to create space for acknowledging the weariness of our world while celebrating God’s closeness with great joy. And so, this Advent, we will hold space for our weariness and our joy. We will seek a “thrill of hope” in our hurting world. We will welcome joy—even if, like the prophet Isaiah, we cry out for comfort (Isaiah 40:1). In this weary world, may we find many ways to rejoice.

*Devotional Booklets related to the series are available on the table in the Narthex. Please take one!*

## **Make Connections**

**Faith, Fibers & Fellowship — Mondays, 3:00pm:** FFF meets every Monday from 3:00pm-5:00pm, on the third floor, in Room 302. All fiber crafters are welcome to bring their own projects. There are just two "rules"... please, no ink and all beverages must have lids. If you have questions, please contact Marj Sapp (260-413-2639) or Marcie Weissner (260-312-5733)

**Wired Word — Sundays, 10:00am:** Wired Word, a discussion class based on current news articles, meets most Sundays at 10:00am in the 2nd floor parlor. Each week, a new topic is discussed through the lens of our faith. This class is easy to jump in when you can, without feeling like you’ve missed too much to follow along. Come join us!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK

### Sunday, November 26, 2023

- 9:30am HeBrews, YL
- 10:00am The Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
- 10:30am Childcare, NR
- 11:00am English Worship Service, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
- 11:15am Sunday School, 208
- 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 1:30pm KLM Steering Committee, YR

### Monday, November 27, 2023

- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302

### Tuesday, November 28, 2023

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, SR
- 2:00pm Worship Committee Mtg, SR
- 4:00pm Buildings & Grounds COM, SR
- 6:00pm Session Meal & Meeting, PR

### Wednesday, November 29, 2023

- 10:00am Table Talk, ZM
- 10:30am Day School Chapel, CH
- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH

### Thursday, November 30, 2023

- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
- 6:30pm Choir Social, PR
- 7:00pm Choir Practice, MR

### Friday, December 1, 2023

- 9:30am Day School Music Class, MR
- 10:00am Men's Bible Study, ZM
- 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM

### Saturday, December 2, 2023

*No church events*

### Sunday, December 3, 2023

- 9:30am HeBrews, YL
- 10:00am The Wired Word, 207
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
- 10:30am Childcare, NR
- 11:00am English Worship Service, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
- 11:15am Sunday School, 208
- 12:15pm Jubilee Luncheon, PR
- 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH

### Campus Room Abbreviations

CH	Chapel	MF	McKay Foyer	SB	Sanctuary Balcony
CL	Chapel Lounge	MH	McKay Hall	SC	Sanctuary
CN	Chapel Narthex	MR	Music Room	SDR	Small Dining Room
CY	Courtyard	NP	North Parking Lot	SM/	Stephen Ministry Office
FH	Fellowship Hall	NX	Narthex	SR	Session Room
FO	Front Office	NR	Nursery	TH	Theater
GL	Gallery	OS	Offsite	YL	Youth Lounge
KT	Main Kitchen	PR	Parlor	ZM	Zoom