

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 pm, PFS presents True North Duo in the Sanctuary
- Sunday, December 7, at 2 pm, Water to Wine at the home of Steve and Debbie Wilkins
- Sunday, December 14, at 11:15 am, OWL Parent Session in Rooms 7 & 8
- Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Services
  - All Ages Candlelight Service at 6 pm
  - Traditional Carol Service at 9 pm

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# Mhat do you fear?

IN THE TIME OF HEROD, WE LONG FOR GOD TO BREAK IN



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#### **PRELUDE**

O Tannenbaum, Arr. Vince Guaraldi

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- Monday, December 1, at 9 am, Coffee with Pastor Karin at Ava Roasteria in Beaverton.
- Sunday, December 7, at 11:15 am, Congregational Advent Fair in the Petersen Gallery
- Saturday, December 13, at 3 pm, Southminster All Choirs Concert in the Sanctuary. Doors open at 2:30 pm.
- Sunday, December 14, at 11:15 am OWL Parent Informational Session for 4th-6th grades in Rooms 7 & 8
- Sunday, December 14, show at 3 pm "Mother of Light" concert at St. Luke Lutheran Church
- Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve
  - All Ages Candlelight Service at 6 pm
  - Traditional Carol Service at 9 pm
- · Lay Reader: Amelia Standish
- Candle Lighting: Hormann Family

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

On Sundays and Mondays,

on good days and bad days,
early in the morning and very late at night,
here in this room, and out in

here in this room, and out in the world, God, we long for you to break in.

Meet us in this space.

Surprise us with your presence.

Fill this room with your good news.

With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!

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#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

# Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

In the Time of Herod To the tune of In the Bleak Midwinter ©Anna Strickland, 2025. Commissioned by A Sanctified Art, LLC.

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Children and youth are dismissed.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **HEBREW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Lamentations 3:55-57
I called on your name, O Lord, from the depths of the pit; you heard my plea, "Do not close your ear to my cry for help, but give me relief!" You came near when I called on you; you said, "Do not fear!"

## **GREEK TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

Luke 1:5-13

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified. and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

#### SERMON

What Do You Fear? In the time of Herod, we long to break in. Rev Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski

### **RESPONSIVE HYMN**

#88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2, and 5)

### **CORPORATE PRAYER**

### **OFFERTORY**

Preludio from Partita No. 3 for solo Violin in E major by J.S. Bach

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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We have seen the valley. We have seen a sky without stars. We have seen the longest night, and still we believe. We believe in a with-us God. We believe in the hope of tomorrow. So even when our knees shake, even when our voice trembles. even when fear is all around us. we will hold onto that good news. We will reach for each other. We will look for God in our midst. We will sing songs of joy. We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born. We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love. So still, we believe. Amen.

## **CLOSING SONG**

Goodness of God

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

Body and Soul by Johnny Green

## **FELLOWSHIP**

