

# St. Martin's Anglican Church
# November 29th, 2026
# 10:00 AM
# First Sunday of Advent

Welcome Team: David Bo, Marilyn D  Chalice Bearers: Rob M, Sharon J

It is a great privilege to gather, share stories of faith and worship God on this beautiful territory, which we now know as Pickering, but which has been the site of human activity – and therefore storytelling and worship – for many thousands of years. We wish to honour the ancestral guardians of this land and its waterways: the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today many Indigenous peoples, including the Métis Nation, continue to call this land home and act as its stewards, and this responsibility extends to all peoples, to share and care for this land for generations to come.

Celebrant: The Reverend Shelly Pollard

Prelude: Chi Mai

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Sentence: Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

**Opening Hymn:** #89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (V 1-3, 7)

O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,

and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might.
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
And be for us the Prince of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

CP 89- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Text: Latin (9th cent.?); tr John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale (15th cent.); arr Healey Willian (1880-1968), alt. ref. desc. And altern.harm. David Willcocks (1919-). Arr. © 1996 Concordia Publishing House. Used with permission. Ref. desc. And altern harm. © 1970 Oxford University Press. *CCLI Licence #11469691. CCLI Streaming Licence 21657598.*

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: People of God: awake!
The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.

**All:** **Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open,**
**all desires known,**
**and from you no secrets are hidden.**
**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**
**that we may perfectly love you,**
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**707 Trisagion**

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

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have mercy upon us.

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**The Collect**

Celebrant: Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading** ISAIAH 64:1-9 Reader: Wallace C

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be

exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** 80:1-7, 16-18

Celebrant: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
**All:** **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Celebrant: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
**All:** **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

Celebrant: You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
**All:** **You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Celebrant: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
**All:** **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

Celebrant: And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
**All:** **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Celebrant: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Second Reading** 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9 Reader: Quita T

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel** *Please stand in body or in spirit for the Gospel*

**Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!** *Sing A New Creation*

Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Sing A New Creation 192*
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**Gospel Reading** MARK 13:24-37

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
**All:** **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.
**All:** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather

his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!** *Sing A New Creation*

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**Homily:** The Rev Shelly Pollard

*Moment of Silent Reflection*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All : I believe in God,**
**the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**
**He descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again.**
**He ascended into heaven,**
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy catholic Church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** Intercessor: Selwyn N

**Confession & Absolution**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love
and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites us to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Moment of Silence*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
**All:** **we confess that we have sinned against you**
**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,**
**and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**
**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**
**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All:** **And also with you**.

**Offertory Hymn:** #341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford,
God to us all blessings give,
we to God devoted live;
all below and all above
one in joy and light and love.

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**Prayer over the Gifts** *Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
**All: Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Eucharistic Prayer 5**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
**All: And also with you**.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing

**All:** **Holy, holy, holy Lord,** ***735***
**God of power and might,**
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**
**God of power and might,**
**heaven and earth are full,**
**full of your glory.**
**Hosanna in the highest,**
**Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest,**
**hosanna in the highest,**

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Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving God,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,

said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread, and share in the life
of the family of your children.

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**All:** **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (Sung)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray and sing,

**All:** **Our Father in heaven hallowed be thy name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen, amen.**

*Text: BAS page 211. Music: Sibbick arr. Lambert.*

*Moment of Silence*

**Breaking of the Bread** *BAS 5*

Celebrant: God of Promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
**All:** **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

## THE COMMUNION

**Agnus Dei** *747*

**All:** **Jesus, Lamb of God,**
**have mercy on us.**
**Jesus, bearer of our sins,**
**have mercy on us.**
**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,**
**give us your peace, give us your peace.**

*CP 747 Jesus, Lamb of God.*
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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.
**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(for those who choose not to receive Communion, or are following the service online)*

Celebrant: Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:
**All:** **My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you, and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

**Communion Hymn:** #74 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By these pledges that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to realms above us,
consecrate our lives, O Lord:

in your service, Lord, defend us;
help us to obey your word;
in the world to which you send us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord!

*CP 74-For the Bread Which You Have Broken.*
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**Anthem:** Prepare the Way of the Lord

*words based on Isaiah 40:4-5, music by William Rowan.*
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**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand in body or in spirit*

Celebrant: God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.
**All:** **Amen.**

**Doxology & Blessing**
Celebrant: Glory to God,
**All:** **whose power, working in us,**
**can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God from generation to generation,**

**in the Church and in Christ Jesus, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge
and love of God and of his Son,
Jesus Christ the Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you and the ones you love
now and forevermore.

**All: Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn:** #98 Hark the Glad Sound!

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

Christ comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst;
the iron fetters yield.

Christ comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace
to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

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**Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: What Child Is This?

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**The Rev. Shelly Pollard (she/her/hers), Incumbent**

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## ***St. Martin's Weekly Announcements – 2026***

**New Announcement*

**Sunday School -** Sunday School is every Sunday during the 10:00 AM service. All are welcome!

**Pastoral Visits**
If you would like a pastoral visit for yourself or a loved one, please contact the church office to arrange one. The office number is 905-839-4257 office@stmartinsanglican.ca.

**Mid-Week Service**
Join us for our BCP mid-week service Wednesdays at 10:30am. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome. Friendly reminder, Rev Shelly's day off is every Friday.

**Confirmation Classes**
Confirmation classes have started. If you have any questions, please email the church office.

### *Christmas Flowers

To celebrate Christmas our Altar Guild decorates the sanctuary with flowers. Please consider making a donation either "in memory of" someone or to honour those near and dear to your own heart. If you would like to make a dedication, please speak to Anne D. or contact the church office at office@stmartinsanglican.ca or 905-839-4257. Envelopes for Christmas flower donations are also available at the welcome desk. The deadline for dedications is Sunday, December 13, 2026



## Christmas Vendor Market - Saturday, December 5 from 10am–2pm

Spread the word about another exciting Christmas event!
Tell your neighbours, friends, and family and please join us at St. Martin's for our popular Christmas Vendor Market featuring over 20 local artisans and businesses. Check off your Christmas gift list and join in the fun!



## Christmas In Advent Tea

The Christmas In Advent Tea is **Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 2:00 PM** – If you would like to attend, please let the office know by Wednesday December 2, 2026 at 905 839 4257 or office@stmartinsanglican.ca.

## *CHRISTMAS WISH INITIATIVE

This Christmas season, the St. Martin's Outreach Team is excited to collaborate with Durham Youth Services (DYS). Durham Youth Services partners with youth to achieve and maintain lasting solutions to their housing crisis.

Additionally, through our Christmas Wish program this year, we are hoping to share extra care and encouragement with a local family navigating a very difficult season. With their young son currently undergoing medical care, we aim to bring some added comfort and Christmas cheer to their home. While we are keeping their specific details confidential, we invite our St. Martin's community to wrap this family in warmth, prayer, and generosity during the holidays.

How to Get Involved
You can participate by picking a tag (or two!) from our Christmas Wish Tree, located on the bulletin board near the accessible washroom. Tags will be available beginning Sunday, November 29th. Once you select a tag, please shop for the requested gift or gift card, and drop off your purchase—along with a gift receipt and the tag—at the church by ***Sunday, December 13th*.** If shopping is a challenge, consider making a monetary donation to support this initiative.

Let's come together to spread joy and make this season brighter for those facing housing and other challenges in our community! Thank you for your generosity!

## *Faith in the Food Court (Lower Level, Pickering Town Centre) - **Monday, December 7, 2026 at 7pm**

Join us for an evening of conversation and connection at our Faith in the Food Court initiative! The conversation continues on Monday, December 7 at 7 pm in the lower level food court at Pickering Town Centre as we explore the book "52 Ways to Reconcile: How to Walk with Indigenous People on the Path to Healing* by David A. Robertson. It's a fantastic opportunity to share thoughts and learn from one another as we take our faith out into the community.

As we approach the conclusion of our discussions on this book over the next few meetings, we're excited to announce that starting in January, we'll be exploring "The Reason You Walk: A Memoir" by Wab Kinew.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Denise F.



## St. Martin's Holiday Plant Fundraiser

The Fundraising Team is partnering once again with Vandermeer Nursery this Christmas season to offer locally grown holiday plants and outdoor evergreen decorations!

Don't see anything you like or have pets to consider?
Vandermeer Gift Cards are also available — a perfect gift that never expires!

A portion of the proceeds stays with us to support St. Martin's general operating fund, helping sustain our many programs and initiatives.

Order forms and brochures are available on the Greeter's Table.

Order Deadline: **Sunday, November 29**
Payment: Cash or cheque (payable to St. Martin's Church)

Pick-Up Times:
Saturday, December 12 – 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Sunday, December 13 – after the 10 am service

Every order makes a difference — thank you for your support! Contact: Debbie C or Lee L

**2027 Church Calendars –** The 2027 Church Calendars are available and are at the back of the church. The cost is **$8.00** each.

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Sunday, December 13 • 5:30 PM

Join the Social Committee for our annual Christmas Potluck — an evening filled with delicious food, music, laughter, and festive fun!

What to Bring:
Please bring your own plates, cups, and cutlery, plus your favourite Entrée OR Side Dish OR Salad AND a small dessert to share.
Drinks provided: Coffee, tea, water, and juice boxes.

After dinner, enjoy trimming the tree, a carol sing-along, and even a visit from Santa!
Bring your friends and family — **ALL ARE WELCOME!**
Sign up: Add your name to the sheet on the Greeter's desk or contact the church office to be added to the list.
Contact Lee or Denise for more information.

## The Christmas Story:

Plan to stay after the service on Sunday December 20th for warm fellowship and wonderful music as the Social Committee welcomes Matthew Vilord back to St. Martin's to perform his deeply moving presentation, "The Christmas Story."

Following Matthew's performance, the Viva Singers will lead us in a joyful Christmas sing-along.

A delicious lunch will be provided by Viva after the 10 am service.

If you plan to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Greeter's desk so we can prepare enough food for everyone.

For more information contact Lee L.

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**Donations for St. Paul on-the-Hill Community Food Bank** - The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in filling the red wagon with your donations for the food bank. An Outreach volunteer will take the donations to St. Paul on-the-Hill. Grocery gift cards are always greatly appreciated. For a comprehensive list, please visit this link to St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank.

## St. Martin's Anglican Church, Pickering

### Advent & Christmas Services & Events

**Sun, Nov. 29, 2026 Advent 1 – 10am Service**
(In person & live streamed)

**Sat, Dec. 5, 2026 Vendor Market – 10am – 2pm**

**Sun, Dec. 6, 2026 Lessons & Carols – 10am Service**
(In person & live streamed)

**Wed, Dec. 9, 2026 Christmas in Advent Tea – 2pm**
(In person only – Free event *Register through the church office*)

**Sun, Dec. 13, 2026 Advent 3 – 10am Service**
(In person & live streamed)

**Tues, Dec. 15, 2026 Reflective Compline – 7pm**
(On Zoom only)

**Sun, Dec. 20, 2026 Advent 4 – 10am Service**
(In person & live streamed)

**Thurs, Dec. 24, 2026 Christmas Eve – 4pm Service**
Family Focused Christmas Eve Service (In-person only)

**Thurs, Dec. 24, 2026 Christmas Eve – 7pm Service**
Traditional Christmas Eve Service (In person & live streamed)

**Fri, Dec. 25, 2026 Christmas Day – 10am Service**
(In person & live streamed)

**Sun, Dec. 27, 2026 Christmas 1 – 10am Service**
(In person & live streamed)

**Sun, Jan. 3, 2027 Epiphany – 10am Service**
(In person & live streamed)

**Sat, Jan. 23, 2027 Event:** Buffet Dinner, Dance, Entertainment by Sean the Magician. Tickets $30. (In person only – Ticketed event *Register through the church office*)

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