

First Sunday of Advent
9:30 am Worship
November 29, 2020

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182
Springfield, Missouri 65810

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***GATHERING HYMN**

O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING

ELW # 880

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

First Week of Advent-Daniel's Hope in God

L Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a King who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people. As we light this candle, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

L O people of hope, come,

C **let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.**

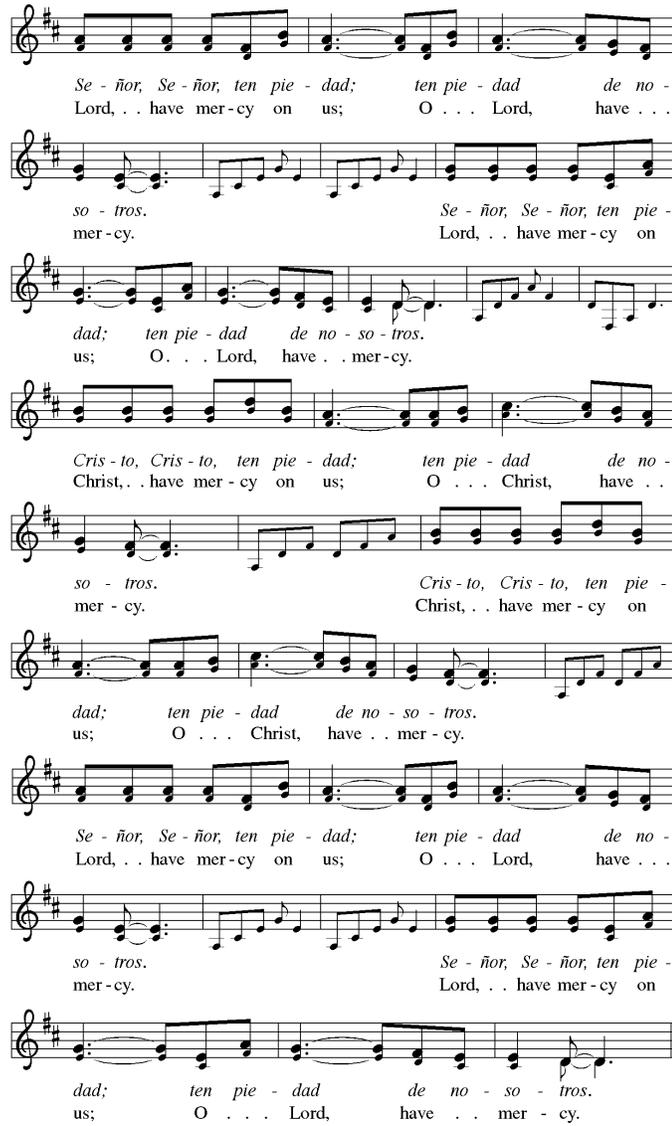
***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

L The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*KYRIE

Setting 7, ELW



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros.
mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros.
mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros.
mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A God of deliverance,

C you rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshiping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshiping only you, for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and seas, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

WORD

READING

Daniel 6:6-27

⁶So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever!" ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. ¹⁰Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." ¹³Then they responded to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day." ¹⁴When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed." ¹⁶Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" ¹⁷A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹Daniel then said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong." ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions — they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces. ²⁵Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: "May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, enduring forever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. ²⁷He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Setting 7

*;*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*;*A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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a - le - lu - ya! *;*A - le - lu - ya!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

L The holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-third chapter

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 23:1-5

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *Daniel's Hope in God*

Brandon Messner, Council President

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
verses 1, 3, & 4*

ELW # 858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!*
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.*
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!*

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION** *(The response to "Hear us, O God," is "your mercy is great")*

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L The peace of Christ be with you always

C And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

No offering plates passed at this time. Please place your offerings in the offering plates located at the back of the sanctuary.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

***THE BENEDICTION**

L The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy,
the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you + peace.

C Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

*Rejoice, for Christ is King!
verses 1 through 4*

ELW # 430

*Rejoice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:*

Refrain Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: Refrain*

*His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n: Refrain*

*He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit
and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet: Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

L God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!

C To be Spirit Led and Love Driven.

A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness!

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Instrumental

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About Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (POP)

As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are a community of faith, gathered together by the Spirit, fed with the Word and with the Sacraments, and sent to serve in the name of Christ. Some of the gifts gathered within this congregation are teaching, compassion, hospitality, music and drama. All baptized who believe in the presence of Christ are invited to receive communion. The invitation is extended not by us, but by our Lord Jesus Christ, who also equips us to serve each other, our community and the world.

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Our Core Beliefs:

We are saved by the grace of God alone -- not by anything we do.

Our salvation is through faith alone -- a confident trust in God,
who in Christ promises us forgiveness, life and salvation.

The Bible is the norm for faith and life -- the true standard
by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged.

PRINCE OF PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER LIST: Call or email the church office with prayer requests for the congregational prayer list, the telephone prayer chain and/or email prayer group who will also lift up your prayer concerns.

A REQUEST FROM YOUR WORSHIP TEAM TO SERVICE ATTENDEES: Congregants, please wipe down your pew after the worship service ends. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Sign up on the sheet to be placed in the narthex by this weekend, and/or contact the church office at 417-881-0833 if you would like to give a poinsettia this Christmas in honor, thanksgiving and/or memory of a loved one. Poinsettias are \$9 each. Please note "Poinsettia" in the memo section of your check (or select "Flowers" if giving online). *Thanks! Susan Stelford*

WORSHIP SIGN-UP: Remember to sign-up for PoP's Saturday and Sunday Worship Services at pop-elca.net.

DECEMBER NOISY OFFERINGS on December 5 and 6 to go towards Lutheran Family and Children's Services.

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES will be held Wednesdays December 2, 9 and 16 at 7:00 pm.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO RECORD WORSHIP SERVICES each week in the sanctuary. If you are interested in assisting with recording worship services, please contact Angie Messner by email (acmessner17@gmail.com) or Sarah Derr (sarahaderr13@gmail.com). A BIG thank you to Roger Wallenburg for managing recording of worship services during this time. Thank you! *Worship and Music Team*

FOOD PANTRY FOR MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS of our congregation who are in need of food. We only have non-perishable goods, although if anyone is in need of other items (e.g. milk eggs, etc.), we would be happy to provide it. There are gift cards available for members/non-members to purchase perishable food items and/or gas and please remember, should you need something, please call Pastor Katherine at 843-709-7994 or Kathy Corwin at 417-536-1592.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM: Become a member of the Congregational Care team! Contact Susan Stelford at sstelford@yahoo.com and/or the church office.

A REMINDER TO CHECK OUT THE CENTRAL STATES SYNOD DAILY PAUSE FOR PRAYER with members of the Central States Synod Staff weekdays at 1 pm online on the Central States Synod FACEBOOK page.

2020 CHRISTMAS IN JAIL: Please remember God's children who will be inmates or staff (& their dear ones & victims) this Christmas season – this year also with the dangers of Covid-19. Please keep them in your prayers. We are again collecting paperback books. Crossword, Sudoku, or other word puzzle books (without staples please) & postage stamps are much enjoyed. *At least 2 of the jails has disallowed mail in envelopes, so pre stamped postcards will be really appreciated! Thank you for the items you have given since last Christmas! [We don't need Christmas cards this year due to your great generosity last year, but if you have some you want to get rid of, Gayle will take them to Harmony House or someone else that can use them.] There is a marked container on the Outreach Table in the Cry Room to collect these items.* Paperbacks you consider appropriate for our church to give and the jail population to read are greatly appreciated. (PAPERBACK ONLY - hard covers are not considered safe.) Please bring all donations by December 4th. Any questions? Contact Outreach Team member Gayle Bell at 417-268-8563.

Interested in our having a Zoom Bible Study from Prince of Peace?

We have access to very good study guides that are on the books of the Bible – Old and New Testament. If you are missing adult Sunday School and other adult Bible study classes, let me know! We will decide as a group the day and time to meet via Zoom and also which book of the Bible we want to start with. *(There is a Monday Evening Bible Study which currently meets in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. If you would like to join them in person, just call Tracy Richter and she will fill you in on Covid precautions.)* If, however, you do not drive at night, or are going to be out of town for the colder months, or would just rather study at home via the internet, please call (Gayle Bell) 417-268-8563.

**DECEMBER
NOISY OFFERINGS
LFCS**



Lutheran Family & Children's' Services has existed since 1868 to find residence for children left homeless after the Civil War. They have been serving children and families ever since. Our noisy offerings for December 5 and 6 will go towards LFCS.

PPAS—Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoptions Services

CURRENT PROGRAMS:

- ★ Counseling
- ★ Adoptions
- ★ Pregnancy Assistance
- ★ Foster Care
- ★ Parenting Education
- ★ Child Development
- ★ Community Prevention

Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 11/18/2020)

When a prayer request is given to Pastor Katherine and/or the church office the names are included on the prayer list for three weeks and then removed. Sometimes it is requested for names to remain on our prayer list longer than three weeks. We are asking for your help to keep our congregational prayer list current by incorporating a new section called "Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving." Please let us know when someone's health and/or situation has improved, and they will be placed in the new section for three weeks and then removed. This revision will provide all of us the collective opportunity to pray for all current needs as well as give prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God. ***Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.*** (The prayer list is printed within each worship service bulletin.)

We pray for: The congregations and ministries of the Central States Synod and for our companion Synod in Russia; Rev. Alexander Lapochenko and the congregations of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Arsenyev, Russia, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Magadan, Russia; for the leaders of Russia and its neighbors; for the church in Russia. Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Dean for the (Russian) Far East; wife (Natasha) and sons Matvey, Martin and Lukas. Russian Pastor Gleb Pivovarov and for his wife, Anastasia. Prayers for Russian lay preacher Andrei Olzols and his wife, Viktoria.

We pray for POP members: Don & Becky Skare, Jeff Campbell, Bill & Elfreda Cole, Paul Potthoff, Jenny Mattison, Frank "Butch" & Donna Hayden, Eric Wilson, Jim & Judy Wenzl, Andy Derr, Elaine Huy, Les Rohr, Gail Ernst, Edie Kruse, Darrel Arnold, Trisha Lambert, Jim & Sherry Smith, David Hightower, Diane Washburn and Nancy Wilson.

We pray for the loved ones and friends of POP members: { "◀" indicates a continuing prayer request }

Anna Fisher and family of Amos & Gayle ◀
Jackie Milan, health concerns. Friend of Amos and Gayle Bell. ◀
Tammy Milan, breast cancer. Friend of Amos & Gayle Bell. ◀
Rita Wirtz and daughter Tammy; both are battling breast cancer. Friends of Gayle and Amos Bell ◀
Christian Flood & parents Shelly & Shannon. Grandson of Kathy Corwin ◀
Molly Plate, neighbor of Barry & Patty Killian, breast cancer. ◀
Susan Griffiths, chronic health concerns; friend of Angie Messner ◀
Jan McCoy, battling cancer ◀
Hank Washburn, brother of Diane, Parkinsons stage IV ◀
Chris Artis Johnson, daughter of Jan Artis ◀
Norman Beaver, cousin of Gayle Bell, health concerns ◀
Oliver Jones, struggling with autism. Grandson of Chuck & Sherry Jones ◀
Paul Smith, son of Jim & Sherry Smith ◀
Larkin Wahl, brother of Shawn aggressive treatment for cancer ◀
Stacy, friend of the Vinsand's who is in need of a heart transplant ◀
Pam Teeter, relapse of cancer. Friend of Chuck and Sherry Jones ◀
Keith Burrell, brother of Carol Lewis ◀
Bev Hall, aunt of Angie Messner, who has MS ◀
Char Rutkowski, good friend of Trisha Lambert's, whose cancer has recurred ◀
Jean Wallenburg, sister-in-law of Roger & Pastor Katherine, pancreatic cancer and undergoing treatment (10/15) ◀
Sterling Osborn, 13 y/o grandson of Greg Roger's aunt, with Ewings Sarcoma shoulder tumor undergoing treatment

Floyd Davis, step-father of Trisha Lambert ◀

Shirley Dowell, mother of Pastor Katherine's good friend and colleague Fred Milliga. Shirley has cancer /approaching end of life.

Robyn Rakers, friend of Julie Karlson just diagnosed with breast cancer (10/18)

Terry Conito, dear friend and colleague of Conita Gaines who was placed in hospice 10/12

Heather Tisdell, daughter in law of Diane Washburn who has Covid-19 (11/1)

Arvin Appleman and daughters Heidi and Heather and their families, cousins of Sarah Derr (11/4)

Margie Appelman, mother of Sarah Derr who had one knee replaced Tuesday, November 3rd

John Elliott, Joel's dad, St. Louis has tested positive for Covid

John Elliott, Joel Elliott's middle brother **Shari Elliott, nephews; Joshua, Benjasmin, Isaac** may all be Covid 19 positive, as well as **Shari's sister Julie**.

Doug Stevens, uncle of Sarah Derr, who is nearly 80 years old who was in the ICU with Covid and was discharged home 11/17

Doug & Tina Reynolds, daughter and son in law of Amos & Gayle Bell. Prayers of love, strength and healing as Doug begins medical leave. (11/10)

Leania Carter, whose back was injured last week

Nancy Wilson, recovering from back surgery 11/13

Bev Block, sister of Nancy Wilson who lives in Michigan and who was admitted with Covid.

Victoria Reid, mother of Carmen Whorley, in hospice care

We grieve with those who have lost loved ones

The family of Jim Morris, owner of the company Pam Duneman works for, who passed November 10

The family of Dave Slauson, Dave is the brother of Nancy Wilson, who passed November 9 during the night in Spokane, WA

The family of Debbie Appleman, 66 year old cousin of Sarah Derr who died suddenly November 1

Our prayers, updated 11/24, especially surround...

Gabe Derr, that all those who are serving him in the manner of healing for mental health are open to God's guidance.

Mike (Covid) and Trisha Lambert and for all affected by Covid.

Family and friends of Jackie Anderson, PoP member, who Entered the church triumphant on November 18, due to COVID-19. Graveside services will be held in Iowa on November 30.

Bruce and Patti Moore for illness and death in the family.

Family and friends of Rina Vanderloo, mother of Linda Los, who died on November 20.

Those who are travelling this Thanksgiving to stay safe.

PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

Monday, November 30		<i>Pastor Katherine's Day Off</i>
	1:00 pm	Pause for Prayer with the Central States Synod (Facebook Live)
	6:30 pm	Monday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, December 1	1:00 pm	Pause for Prayer with the Central States Synod (Facebook Live)
	9:30 am	<i>Pericope Team Study (via ZOOM)</i>
	5:30 pm	<i>Outreach Team Meeting (via ZOOM)</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Worship Team Meeting (via ZOOM)</i>
Wednesday, December 2	1:00 pm	Pause for Prayer with the Central States Synod (Facebook Live)
	7:00 pm	Advent Midweek Worship Service on-line only
Thursday, December 3	1:00 pm	Pause for Prayer with the Central States Synod (Facebook Live)
Friday, December 4	1:00 pm	Pause for Prayer with the Central States Synod (Facebook Live)
Sunday, December 6	9:30 am	Sunday Worship Service

**PLEASE WATCH FOR UPDATES TO THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND CALENDAR AS SCHEDULES AND EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
CAN CHANGE BECAUSE OF COVID.**

PRINCE OF PEACE STAFF

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