

Welcome

We are very glad you are here!

Whether you are a first-time guest
or a lifelong member, we are glad to share
with you this season of wonder and joy.

Welcome to those who have no church home,
need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ,
or do not believe.

Welcome to infants and youth and
adults of all generations, to families of all
configurations, to believers and questioners,
and, of course, to questioning believers!

We are an open and affirming congregation,
welcoming of people of every race, gender,
and sexual orientation. No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

May we be blessed by the love of God
as we share in this time of worship.

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Hope

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

“In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, male nor female, slave nor free.” We invite people of every age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, means, ability, and spiritual tradition to join with us in the love of God and neighbor: through worship, dedication to education and commitment to service.

If you are new . . . allow us the opportunity to answer your questions and provide any needed information. Please identify yourself to one of our ministers, sign the Fellowship Pads, with your address, email, & phone number, so that we may send you our newsletter.

Welcome families with children! If your child requires special attention during worship, please make use of the Boardroom (located at rear of Sanctuary, adjacent to the north narthex). There is a rocking chair, a flood of natural light, and speakers so you can continue to listen to the service.

Childcare for children under three is available in the 3rd floor Nursery (Room 356). Children are invited to meet in Wallace Chapel at 10 am for worship followed by an outdoor church school experience. If you are new to us, an usher will gladly walk with you to Wallace Chapel.

The North Narthex into the Sanctuary is **fully accessible**. While our 1903 Meeting House and its many additions have many stairs, the building has been retrofitted with elevators and lifts. For example, if you exit the sanctuary through the door in the front to the left of the chancel, there is an elevator to access all floors.

Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from ushers.

Community Hour – Please join us following worship for refreshments and conversation on the South Lawn.

Please wear your Nametag – Nametags are in the North Narthex. If you need one made, please put your name on the list, and be patient as they are made in groups of six.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Kick-off Celebration – November 28 from 3 to 5 pm. This event is outdoors and in Wallace Chapel (windows and doors open). Let us gather around HOPE and enjoy this event for ALL AGES!

Christmas Gifts for Low-Income Families – For many years members of this congregation have generously shopped for Christmas gifts for low-income families. Complete details of this annual outreach opportunity are in the Events newsletter.

Advent Bible Study – Join the clergy after worship each week for an hour long Bible Study. Our Advent devotional, lets scripture and Oliver’s poetry be our guides, together pointing us toward weekly practices that can help deepen and enrich our experience of the season.

Lay Led Service – Sadly, covid restrictions prohibit us from offering dinner (this time) before the service. Please join us at 7 pm on December 1 in the Wallace Chapel. Whether you have been a loyal member of this group for 15 years, or attending for the first time, you will receive a warm welcome. ~ *Jim McKinney*

Cookies with Santa – Please join us on Saturday, December 11th at 9 am when Santa makes a visit to the Hills Church! He will hand out a packaged cookie to all children (even those young at heart!)

Christmas Cookie Exchange – Come join in the holiday fun and yummy goodness on Sunday, December 12th at 11 am in the Assembly Room. Everyone bakes one type of cookie but goes home with a festive assortment of each other's favorites! Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie to share, and copies of your recipe and a container.

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