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Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025
Sermon Series: From the Manger
Advent Theme: Hope Grows

Prelude 'Advent Aria' – Adrian Fish (b. 1956)
The Light of Christ Enters the Sanctuary

Introit - He Came Down
He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
Hallelujah forevermore.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Earlene: A long time ago, a baby was born in a town called "House of Bread." His name was Jesus. Before his birth, his mother, Mary, sang of God's goodness: "God has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things."

ALL: First, we light the candle of hope. Hope is believing things can get better with compassion and imagination.

Pastor: Today, we light the candle of peace. Peace is what happens when everyone treats each other, themselves, and the world kindly.

ALL: As we light this candle, we are reminded that, from the manger, peace is growing...growing to be God with us. His name is Jesus, Bread of Life.

All: Light the Advent candle, two: Think of humble shepherds, who filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: As we begin this second week of Advent, focused on peace, may we remember what the angel said,

All: “Be not afraid, Glory to God in the highest!”

Leader: Born to bring peace, the Spirit of Christ says, “Peace to this house.”

All: Born to bring peace, the Spirit of Christ says, “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

Leader: In this season of long nights and expectant hearts, how do we find this peace?

All: Peace happens when we treat each other, ourselves, and the world kindly.

Leader: Peace emerges when the work of justice is done, when all are free to be who God made us to be.

All: Let us worship in a spirit of peace, proclaiming the coming of the Prince of Peace!

Opening Hymn “To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”

1. To a maid engaged to Joseph, the angel Gabriel came. "Fear not," the angel told her, "I come to bring good news, good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."
2. "For you are highly favored by God the Lord of all, who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest, you are most blest, most blessed, God chose you, you are blest!"
3. But Mary was most troubled to hear the angel's word. What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear, to hear the angel's message, it troubled her to hear.
4. "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child. His name shall be called Jesus, God's offspring from on high. And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high."
5. "How shall this be?" said Mary, "I am not yet a wife." The angel answered quickly, "The power of the Most High will come upon you shortly, your child will be God's child."
6. As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words. "Behold, I am your handmaid," she said unto her God. "So be it; I am ready according to your word."

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of starry skies, into your peaceful presence we bring our whole selves: anxieties, concerns, distractions, projects, dreams, and disorders. We know that in this unjust and chaotic world, peace is difficult to find and maintain, but we hunger for peace today. Reveal the ways we have blocked or prevented your peace within us and our communities. Expand our capacity for peace as we remember the manger, where peace first began to grow. Help us reimagine systems that would make space for more peace. May the peace of Christ sustain us in worship today. Amen.

Children’s Message

***Prayer of Illumination**

God of peace and presence, accompany us today as we continue our Advent journey.

May we be deeply empowered by the coming birth of Jesus—this promise of peace and sustenance for the world. May the story of Jesus inspire us to work toward a world where all are fed and peace prevails.

In Christ, we see true peace intertwined with the fulfillment of hunger and the pursuit of justice. We ground our minds and hearts in this moment so we might be transformed by your message. *Amen.*

First Gospel Reading: Luke 2:14

A reading of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

The Shepherds and the Angels

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Gospel Hymn UMH “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Second Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-6
A reading of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

The Mission of the Seventy-Two

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

He said to them,
“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say,

‘Peace to this house!’
And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you.

Pastor: “The word of God for the people of God.”
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

“Peace Grows” Rev. Dionne T. Hall

Prayer of Preparation: **O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**
REFRAIN: REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO YOU, O ISRAEL.

Response to the Word: **O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.**
REFRAIN: REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO YOU, O ISRAEL.

Affirmation of Peace
One: Let us affirm our commitment to and belief in the Christian discipline of peace.
All: Jesus taught his disciples, “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’” One: Jesus taught his disciples, “If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.”
All: We believe peace is expensive. Peace is costly. What will we sacrifice for the sake of peace?
One: We believe peace is humble. Peace is willing to apologize. What ground will we concede for the sake of peace?
All: We believe peace is intentional. Peace is slow. What efficiency will we lose for the sake of peace?
One: We believe peace is brave. Peace has boundaries. What changes will we make for the sake of peace?
All: We believe those who make sacrifices for the sake of peace will be made whole again, for Jesus makes all things new.
One: Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.
All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!

Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer
God who cares for all of creation, you created hunger as a signal to take care of our needs.

When we are fed physically, spiritually, and emotionally, hunger subsides and peace remains. Thank you for this wonderful gift—minds and bodies, which tell us when we need something.
Today we pray for those who hunger:

For those who hunger for food, struggling to afford, store, and prepare food—we ask that you provide them with nourishment and that we, as your people, act with compassion and generosity to meet their needs.

For those who hunger for peace in a world filled with conflict and strife—we pray you would embolden leaders to bring an end to violence. Help us to be instruments of your peace, working to bring about reconciliation and justice.

For those who hunger for personal peace during this Advent season—as we await the coming of Jesus, may we be reminded of the peace and promise his birth brings. Let us be ambassadors of this peace, offering comfort and support to those who feel lost and alone.

For those who hunger for spiritual fulfillment, longing for a deeper connection with you—open their hearts to your presence and guide them to find solace and strength in your love.

As we journey through Advent, preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus, help us be mindful of the needs around us. May the humility of the manger and the abundance of your peace inspire us to share our blessings with others.

We pray these things as we worship the living Christ,
who fills our deepest hunger and brings us everlasting peace. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Siblings in Christ, from the manger in Bethlehem, peace is coming to fill hearts all over the world. This peace will be found in Jesus, the Bread of Life.
The bread he broke was broken for all.
The wine he poured was poured out for all.
As we enter a time of remembrance and celebration, all are welcome to the feast. Come to the table and find peace in Jesus.

Call to Confession

Let us confess the ways in which we have opposed peace in ourselves and our communities.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, you created us to be at peace with each other and creation, but we confess we have disrupted your good peace.

We have not allowed your peace to nourish us when we disconnect ourselves from our own suffering, shunning the healthy disciplines, relationships, and therapies that would bring us internal peace.

We have not allowed your peace to nourish us when we choose to hold petty grudges for small grievances, allowing friendships to slip into cold conflict.

We have not allowed your peace to nourish us when we cling to relationships and situations we know to bring discord, afraid to leave the familiar for the unknown.

May your hope compel us to make choices reflecting our love for our neighbors and creation. Take our feeble efforts and magnify your glory. May the world be fed with hope. Amen.

Words of Assurance (responsive)

Pastor: Hear the good news proclaimed by the angels: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom God favors.”

People: God is a Loving Parent with endless compassion, desiring all people to flourish. Even when conflict and anxiety abound and peace seems elusive, God’s love remains steadfast.

Pastor: Receive God’s pardon and be at peace.

Passing of the Peace (responsive)

Pastor: Christ himself is our peace, destroying barriers and walls of hostility, unifying us as one body, and inviting everyone to the table of peace.

Earlene: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem ‘Never Weather-beaten Sail’ – Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Loving God, these gifts and offerings are a reflection of our commitment to Christ’s peace. May they provide sustenance to those in need and extend your love and justice throughout the world. Bless the generosity of this community, prompting us to compassionately share in building a world where the hungry are filled. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving for Advent

Holy and merciful God, we approach this table with a spirit of peace, trusting that the troubles of our minds and bodies will find compassion under your loving gaze. The gifts of communion are sufficient to remind us of your presence with us and the peace that dwells within us. While the world can be a violent and hostile place, at this communion table, we are safe at home. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.

You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.

You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.

You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.

Your own Son came among us as a servant to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: *"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: *"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

In remembrance of Christ, we gather at this table, alongside disciples old and young, from every walk of life, confident that through Jesus Christ, we are all nourished and made whole.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Let us pray:
God our Loving Parent, may this timeless meal of bread and fruit of the vine fill our hearts with peace, that we might partner with you to restore all things to justice and glory.

Holy Spirit, as you inspired Jesus to speak peace to every home he encountered, we pray you would transform us into agents of your peace, bringing peace wherever we go.

Jesus, our Friend and Brother, just as you shunned violence in favor of revolutionary peace, remind us to be peacemakers, too—imitating your path of nonviolent resistance.

The 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 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. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Leader: The body of Christ, given for you.

People: Amen.

Leader: The blood of Christ, given for you.

People: Amen.

Communion Anthem - 'Wait For The Lord' - Communauté de Taizé

Communion Hymn "Away in the Manger"

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of peace and presence, once again you have met us at the table of bread and fruit of the vine, life and blessing. We marvel at the mystery of this gift, where basic food and drink become the sacred components of our fellowship together. Our union with you compels us to join the angels in their hillside song, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!" Let this holy feast sustain us as we walk this second week of Advent together. Amen.

Closing Hymn "What Child Is This"

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Postlude 'Advent reflections' – Rosalie Bonighton (1946-2011)

The Light of Christ goes into the world.

Charge

May Christ, the Bread of Life,
who is the Prince of Peace in a hostile world, bring peace to your hearts and minds.

Benediction

May the love of our Creator,
who calls us to care for the hungry and oppressed, surround you. And may the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
who empowers us to imagine a kin-dom where all needs are met, strengthen you, now and always.
Go in hope and peace to feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of Christ's coming.

*Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in honor of Betty Tedrick's December 8th birthday.*

Placed by her family.

Available Sundays to sponsor flowers is December 14, 28, and
the month of January 2026.

Grace Notes
December 7, 2025
Mission Statement: *Glorify God ~ Draw All to Christ ~ Edify & Equip*

Membership Reports: As faithful members of Grace UMC, we faithfully strive to remember our membership vows to support the church by upholding the church with our ***prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.***

Prayers - Persons listed on Joys & Concerns will appear for two weeks. Please fill out a request card if you would like your request shared on Sunday morning and listed in Grace Notes. You may call or email the church office Monday thru Wednesday (**by 10am**) with those you would like to include or remove. If a person requires additional time, or has a long-term illness, request they be added to the “Long-term” list. The joys and concerns will list first name and last initial; no details will appear.

Joys & Concerns

Nov. 30: Candy D. and family, Family of Gene E., Family of Dee Ann V., Donna H., Jane S., Wanda S.

Nov. 23: Drew M., DeeAnn V. and family, Candy D. and family

Prayers (Long-term): John S., Paul H., Ron S., Kenny S.; Robin G., Lucy K.; Bill S., Erin B., Doris K.; Bill H., Wendi C., Margie C., Bev. B., Connie M.; Vickie S., Rhonda and Tony W., Harriett H., Jane H., Babs W., Donna M., Johnny B., Frannie J., Michael L.

Our Condolences - We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Joann McLucas who passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2025.

The Revised Common Lectionary – A service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library

Sunday, December 07, 2025: Luke 2:14; Luke 10:1-6

Monday, December 08, 2025: Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12;

Tuesday, December 09, 2025: Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21;

Wednesday, December 10, 2025: Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37;

Thursday, December 11, 2025: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10;

Friday, December 12, 2025: Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18;

Saturday, December 13, 2025: Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18;

Presence – Join us for worship in person or via Facebook Live.

Worship: 60 Sunday School: 29 Facebook Live: 186 Ladies T4U:

GIFTS – Your gifts offer HOPE to Grace Church and the community. When we tithe, we follow the example given to us in Genesis 28:10-22 by giving at least 10% to the **General Fund**. United Methodists value the tithe as a benchmark for giving, one we encourage our members to move toward and, once achieved, move beyond. We believe that there is joy in giving, and the greater the generosity the deeper the joy. The **General Fund** is responsible for ensuring all the needs of the church are met; this includes all of the ministries, missions, and operational costs of Grace Church. **The One Board (as of May 14, 2023) asks that all tithes and offerings be placed in the General Fund except those for T.H.R.I.V.E., Micah’s Backpack & Building for the Future. Separate envelopes are provided for these ministries and located by the lectern. This is the only way to donate to these ministries.** This will allow Grace Church to move towards fully funding all ministries and missions of the church. This will bring us up to date with current UMC budget practices.

General Fund: \$1,424.14

Endowment Withdrawal: \$

Estate Gift:

Music Fund: \$0.00

Needed for Weekly Budget: \$4,500

Building for the Future: \$50.00

T.H.R.I.V.E. & Micah’s Backpack: \$5.00

Service and Witness:

Ushers: J.C. Martin, Bill Thompson, Donna and Roy Shoop, Madison Shoop, Lucas Shoop, Ella Sholty, Justus Osuji

Greeter: Daisy Wolfensberger

Lay Readers: John Hess, Earlene Johnson, Sandy Kendall, Kurt Zimmerman

Media Managers: Donnie Bryan, Roy Shoop

Choir: Becca Bryan, Donnie Bryan, Patti Hull, Hannah Kamseuh, Polly Martin, Peace Osuji, Ryan Wetzel

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T.H.R.I.V.E. (Thankful, Hopeful, Revitalized, Intentional, Victorious, Educated). Continued needs are non-perishables, dry goods, feminine care products, hand soap, shower gel, razors, shave cream, individually wrapped paper towels and toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, laundry detergent, etc. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted, and please use the indicated envelopes located by the lectern. **Closet 712** Volunteers are always appreciated. Donations drop off is Monday -Thursday 10am-12pm., **fall and winter clothing ONLY**. Both T.H.R.I.V.E and the clothes closet are open on Saturday, **December 13, 2025**, 10:00am – 11:00 am.

Pastoral Care and Emergency Contact Information: In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Dionne at (240) 347-2345 (cell), Facebook Messenger, or pastordionne.hall@gmail.com. The church office number is (240) 850-2934. Please inform the hospital and/or funeral home that Pastor Dionne is the Pastor at Grace. ***The Pastor and church should be notified of any illness or death of a member or family member first.*** The Pastor will confirm availability dates for Services of Death and Resurrection with the funeral home director.

CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 7	8:30 & 10:00 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	Worship, <i>Second Sunday of Advent, Communion</i>
	10:15 am	Sunday school for all ages
Mon., Dec. 8	12:00 pm	T4U Christmas Luncheon and Meeting in Rider Hall
Tues., Dec. 9	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed., Dec. 10	12:00 pm	Lunch and Advent Bible Study in Rider Hall
	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry
Thurs., Dec. 11	12:00 pm	Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon at Western Sizzlin Steakhouse
Sat., Dec. 13	10:00 – 11:00 am	Food Pantry/Clothes Closet
Sun., Dec. 14	8:30 & 10:00 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	Worship, <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
	10:30 am	<i>Annual Church Christmas Party in Rider Hall – All are invited!</i>

		There will be NO Sunday school today
Tues., Dec. 16	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed., Dec. 17	12:00 pm	Lunch and Advent Bible Study in Rider Hall
	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry
Sat., Dec. 20	9:00 – 12:00 pm	The Chosen Season 4 and Fellowship
Sun., Dec. 21	8:30 & 10:00 am	Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship is provided in Rider Hall
	9:00 am	Worship, <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
	10:15 am	Sunday school for all ages
	5:00 pm	<i>Blue Christmas</i> Candle Lighting Service
Tues., Dec. 23	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Wed., Dec. 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Thurs., Dec. 25		Merry Christmas! (church and office are closed)
Mon., Dec. 29	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Pop Up Pantry/Clothes Closet

Christmas Greetings! - Members are given the opportunity to send greetings to their friends at Grace, and at the same time help those in need by including a gift to the food pantry or Micah's Backpack. The cards will be placed in the Narthex, and the names of those who sent them will be listed in the December 21st bulletin. Your support of these outreach ministries is sincerely appreciated.

The Chosen – Join us on Saturday, December 20th for Chicken, Waffles, Hot Chocolate, and The Chosen from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Bible Study – will be held on Wednesdays, December 10 and 17 at 12:00 pm. Join us for lunch and an Advent Study in Rider Hall.

Choir rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. We would be happy to welcome new members. If you have an interest in singing and joining the choir, please talk to Jonathan.

