



HOPE

PEACE



# WE HAVE GATHERED AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

December 9, 2018

8:00 a.m.

*The Church at Litchfield Park, aspiring to be as inclusive as the love of God, welcomes everyone who comes to the doors of this House of Prayer for all People.*



**CHIMES** "O Come, O Come" Wade/Chandler  
Carillon and Heavenly Handbell Choirs

**PRELUDE** "Rejoice" arr. Ham

**WELCOME, REGISTRATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE** Richard & Brenda Morgan

✠ **HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 278  
(Verses 1 & 2)

**MUSICAL PRESENTATION** "Still, Still, Still" Traditional/Ingram  
Carillon and Heavenly Handbell Choirs

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 2:11-22  
L: The Word of the Lord. (Page 3)  
P: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** "Peace for All" Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.

✠ **HYMN** "What Child Is This?" No. 281  
(Verses 1 & 2)

**OFFERTORY** "How Great Our Joy" Junst/Ingram  
Carillon and Heavenly Handbell Choirs

✦“DOXOLOGY”

No. 815

✦“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 245

“O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!”

✦BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE

“Birthday of a King”

Neidlinger

### EPHESIANS 2:11-22 (NIV)

“Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called ‘uncircumcised’ by those who call themselves ‘the circumcision’ (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”



✦ CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND (AS YOU ARE ABLE)

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## CHIMES

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Carillon and Heavenly Handbell Choirs

Wade/Chandler

## PRELUDE

“Rejoice”

arr. Ham

## BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

## WELCOME, REGISTRATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✠ LITANY FOR ADVENT—PEACE

L: Today, people of God, we come together to commemorate the advent of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and contemplate the concept of peace.

**P: Jesus is our peace.**

L: God, in Christ, is working to reconcile the world together—together with God, together with one another.

**P: Jesus is our peace.**

L: When we are truly living God’s love in the world, living the way Christ taught us and as the Holy spirit leads us...

**ALL: Jesus is our peace. Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Chantel Apodaca and Katy Gempler

### ✠ HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”  
(Verses 1 - 3)

No. 278

### PRAYER OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (In Unison)

Lord God, we gather today to commemorate the advent of Jesus Christ into the world. Proclaimed from ancient times as the Prince of Peace, Jesus came to reconcile all people to you, dear God, and all of us to one another. Help us, your church, to live as the example of that reconciliation; help us to remove the barriers which divide us from others, in obedience to our Savior.



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10:45 a.m.

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**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER**

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

The Merriman Family

✦ **PRAISE OF CONGREGATION** “Christmas Joy Medley”

Wesley/Watts/Handel/Work/Mendelssohn

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Do You Hear What I Hear”  
Youth Choir and Praise Band

Regney/Shayne

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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**SERMON**

“Peace for All”

Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.

**PRAISE OF CONGREGATION** “The First Noel/Above All”

*CCU Song#2672885*

LeBlanc/Baloche

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

“Breath of Heaven”  
Tamara Fromm, soloist

Grant/Chapman

✦ **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

Wesley/Mendelssohn

**“Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”**

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE**

✦ **CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND (AS YOU ARE ABLE)**

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# Announcements for December 9, 2018

Take time to check out what's happening...	
√ Poinsettias	√ Christmas Pageant
√ Christmas Angel Project	√ Interim Children's Ministry Director
√ Luminarias	√ Pastoral Search Committee
√ Christmas Caroling	√ Ladies Who Lunch
√ Bible Study	√ Women's Fellowship
√ Youth Fellowship & Band	√ W.C.S.F. Thrift Shop
√ Contribution Year End	

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS TODAY

Poinsettias for the Christmas season are on sale in the breezeway between services. This is a chance to remember a loved one, praise someone, or simply spread the spirit of Christmas with the enduring red bloom that represents a deep love for Jesus. The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary and Souers Hall with the honorees' names listed in the bulletin. The price is \$10.00 cash or check made payable to The Church at Litchfield Park with "poinsettias" in the memo line. Today is the last day to purchase your poinsettia.

## CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT

The Missions Committee has chosen North Carolina-Hurricane Florence disaster relief for the focus of the Christmas Angel Project this year. **You will be given the opportunity to donate to the relief efforts TODAY and the 16<sup>th</sup>, between Sunday services in the breezeway.** A card made by our Sunday school classes and youth groups will be available to each donor to be signed and sent along with the disaster relief funds to be received by those in need during these devastating times.



Luminaria

## LUMINARIAS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Traditionally, the church has been adorned by luminarias on Christmas Eve. If you would like to participate in this beautiful ministry to our community, please sign-up in the breezeway or contact the church office at (623) 935-3411.

## ALL CHURCH CAROLING

Come ready to sing Christmas carols the evening of **Sunday, December 16**. We will meet in the parking lot and load on the hay wagons at 5:00 p.m. After singing Christmas carols around Litchfield Park, we will have hot chocolate, cookies, and possibly a visit from a jolly man dressed in red!

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Bible study concludes for 2018 on **Tuesday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m.** and **Wednesday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. in Souers Hall.** Please read Acts 20:13-38 & John 17:1-5 prior to our time together if possible since we'll be considering them while we explore the locations of Didyma & Miletus and talk about Paul's efforts to say goodbye as well. As always, please bring a Bible and something to write with if you are able to. Childcare will be available in the Nursery.



## **YOUTH PRAISE BAND**

The youth praise band (grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) will meet at 3:00 p.m. today in the **Watt House.**

## **PULSE AND IGNITE**

The Christmas party is **tonight** in the Watt House! **Ignite – grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – will meet from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.;** **Pulse – grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – will meet from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Youth should bring a wrapped White Elephant gift and be prepared to have a great time celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Lots of Christmas games and prizes!



## **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Please plan to come and witness the beauty of "Nativity: A Traditional Story of the Birth of Jesus Christ" written by Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr., and performed by the children on **Sunday, December 23, at 10:45 a.m. in Souers Hall.**

## **INTERIM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR**

Kristin McNamara is now serving as our Interim Children's Ministry Director. In this role, Kristin will be coordinating Sunday School teachers, setting up classrooms, and facilitating other children's ministries. We welcome Kristin as she serves in this capacity during this time of pastoral transition.



## **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

With the recent resignation of Pastor Dale, a Pastoral Search Committee was appointed and has begun their work. They have advertised in various publications and websites and have already received several applications and resumes. The committee will continue the review process over the next several weeks. Once they have a recommendation, that recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Directors, and if they approve the recommended pastor, the name will be presented to the congregation in a special meeting. The new senior pastor will be confirmed with the approval of two thirds of the congregation in attendance at the congregational meeting. If you have comments or questions, feel free to contact any of the committee members. They are Travis Allen, chairman, Danelle Farris, Chris Martin, Virgil Grumbling, Suzanne Boyer, Rob Gimbl, and Manda Gempler.

## **LADIES WHO LUNCH**

Ladies Who Lunch will meet at Mimi's Café, 1225 N. Dysart Rd., on **Tuesday, December 11, at 12:30 p.m.** Contact Suzanne Boyer or Joan Cappel with any questions at [ladieswholunch@clp.church](mailto:ladieswholunch@clp.church) or call the church office at (623) 935-3411. Please sign up in the breezeway. All women are welcome.

## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Circle 1 will meet on **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.** at the home of Mary Trejbal. Please join us for friendship and fellowship. You may get directions by emailing [wcsfcircle1@clp.church](mailto:wcsfcircle1@clp.church).

## **W.C.S.F. THRIFT SHOP**

The Thrift Shop will be **open for business on Thursday, December 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, with a donation day on **Wednesday, December 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** Please feel free to contact Amber Gilbert, Amanda Clough, Jennifer Scott at [thriftshop@clp.church](mailto:thriftshop@clp.church) or call the church at (623) 935-3411 if you have questions or need to make other donation arrangements.

## **2018 CONTRIBUTIONS**

In order for your offerings to be reflected on your 2018 giving statement, all contributions must be in the church office **no later than Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

Dec 16	8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service	Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.
Dec 23	8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. Cantata 10:45 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant	
Dec. 24	5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services	Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.
Dec 30	8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service	Rev. Lynne Kammeraad

## The Church at Litchfield Park Christmas Calendar 2018

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Dec. 16	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy</b> Sunday School Christmas Party Christmas Caroling	8:00*, 9:15*, 10:45* 9:15, 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Classrooms Souers Hall
Sun. Dec. 23	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - Love</b> Cantata Christmas Pageant	8:00*, 9:15 a.m.* 10:45 a.m.*	Sanctuary Souers Hall
Mon. Dec. 24	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Chancel Singers Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Choir Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Choir Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Bells	5:00 p.m.* 7:00 p.m.* 9:00 p.m.* 11:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
Tue. Dec. 25	Christmas Day - Office Closed		
Wed. Dec. 26	Christmas Holiday - Office Closed		

\*Childcare provided in the Nursery

### Calendar for the Week of December 9, 2018

**Today, 12/09/18**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** – In the breezeway before and after worship

**INFORMATION TABLE** – In the breezeway and in front lawn area before and after worship

- ◆ 8:00 a.m. – **WORSHIP SERVICE** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 8:00 a.m. – **NURSERY (Newborn-2 years old)**
- ◆ 9:15 a.m. – **WORSHIP SERVICE** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 9:15 a.m. – **NURSERY (Newborn-2 years old)**
- ◆ 9:15 a.m. – **PRE-K SUNDAY SCHOOL (3-4 year olds)** in Classroom 6
- ◆ 9:15 a.m. – **SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades)** in Classroom 3 and Souers Hall
- ◆ 10:45 a.m. – **WORSHIP SERVICE** in Sanctuary
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- ◆ 11:45 a.m. – **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 11:45 a.m. – **PUERTO RICO MISSION MEETING** in Fireside Room South
- ◆ 3:00 p.m. – **ORPHEUS MALE CHORUS** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 3:00 p.m. – **YOUTH PRAISE BAND** in Watt House
- ◆ 4:30 p.m. – **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP** in Watt House
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. – **PULSE YOUTH GROUP** in Watt House
- ◆ 6:00 p.m. – **BOY SCOUT TROOP 99** off site

**Monday, 12/10/18**

- ◆ 12:00 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House

**Tuesday, 12/11/18**

- ◆ 10:00 a.m. – **BIBLE STUDY** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 12:00 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House
- ◆ 6:00 p.m. – **W.C.S.F. BOARD MEETING** in Fireside Room South

**Wednesday, 12/12/18**

- ◆ 8:30 a.m. – **W.C.S.F. THRIFT SHOP WORK DAY** in Watt House
- ◆ 12:00 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House
- ◆ 4:30 p.m. – **HEAVENLY HANDBELL REHEARSAL** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. – **CHILD CARE** in Rec Room
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **CHILD CARE** in Nursery
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. – **4C (Grades K-5)** in Fireside Room North
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **BIBLE STUDY** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **PACK #990** in Watt House, Fireside Room North, Classroom 2,4,6 & Zieske Hall
- ◆ 6:45 p.m. – **CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL** in Choir Room

**Thursday, 12/13/18**

- ◆ 8:30 a.m. – **W.C.S.F. THRIFT SHOP OPEN** in Watt House
- ◆ 5:45 p.m. – **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 7:00 p.m. – **CARILLON HANDBELL REHEARSAL** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 7:00 p.m. – **MISSIONS** in Fireside Room North
- ◆ 7:30 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House

**Friday, 12/14/18**

- ◆ 1:00 p.m. – **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP** in Zieske Hall
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House

**Saturday, 12/15/18**

- ◆ 8:00 a.m. – **BOY SCOUT TROOP 99 OUTING** off site
- ◆ 10:00 a.m. – **CANTATA REHEARSAL** in Sanctuary

## *ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY*

SENIOR PASTOR	.....	Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.
ASSOCIATE PASTOR	.....	Rev. Lynne Kammeraad
ASSOCIATE PASTOR	.....	Rev. Kerri Sandusky
CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR	.....	Jill Tabata
10:45 CHOIR DIRECTOR	.....	Amy Burns
BELLMASTER	.....	Marilyn Chandler
ORGANIST/PIANIST	.....	Kathy Drake
LITURGIST	.....	Sarah Pearson
USHERS	8:00 a.m. ....	Rick & Lee Miller, Larry & Lori Hartsook
	9:15 a.m. ....	Jim & Lorene Greer, Charlotte Montanus, Lou Tronzo
	10:45 a.m. ....	Joan Smith, Phil Easley, George Merriman, Cynthia Bush
WELCOME BOOTH	.....	Lily Early, W.C.S.F.
ACOLYTES	.....	Sophia Pearson, Vivian Nixon
INTERIM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR	.....	Kristin McNamara
NURSERY	8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. ....	Stephanie Horacek, Amanda Clough



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*The Ministers of this Church are its members*

**Assisting them are:**

**Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.,** Senior Pastor

**Rev. Dr. Lynne Kammeraad,** Associate Pastor

**Rev. Kerri Sandusky,** Associate Pastor

**Rev. Judson Souers,** Pastor Emeritus