



November 28, 2016

Dear friends in Christ,
Greetings to you in this season of Advent!

hope: hōp/ 1. a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.

We find reason for hope all around us: Wonders of creation, the miracle of new birth, the marvel of children, dreams for the future, love and friendship, generosity and care, anticipation of joy and happiness in our lives. Where does the hope of our faith take us?

As we journey together towards Christmas, let us prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ's birth. Let us look for practical ways to observe the holiness of this season. During this time we are invited to consider the excitement of what God will do in our lives as we go forward, both individually and as a community. As we reflect on the child in the manger very soon - this child born to bring justice and peace, mercy and love; let our hope in that Christ-child continue to transform our goals and very purpose for living. Let our hope in Jesus cause us to participate in absorbing His Word, strengthening our prayer, joining His mission ever more fully. With Christ at our center, indeed, there is great hope! Alleluia!

May you be blessed this Christmastide and always.

In Christ,

Rev. Joanne Webster, Rector

When the angels had left them and gone in heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. (Lk 2:15-16)



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Services

Mid-week Eucharist Service
Wednesdays in Advent 12 noon
Followed by soup lunch

Celtic Service of Healing and Light
Weds Dec 14th, 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Services
Sunday Dec 11th, 10:00 a.m.
Children's Pageant

Sunday Dec 18th, 10:00 a.m.
Lessons and Carols

Saturday Dec 24th, 4:00 p.m.
Family Service

Saturday Dec 24th, 9:00 p.m.
*Candlelight Service with
Communion*

**Sunday Dec 25th, 8:30 a.m.
& 10:00 a.m.**
*The Birth of our Lord!
Holy Communion*

YOU ARE INVITED!

Our annual children's ***St. Nicholas Party*** is on Saturday, December 10th and goes from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Supper will be served and there will be crafts and other activities -- including a visit from St. Nicholas!

Know that St. Nick doesn't like to be surprised, so he's asking all the mums and dads (and grans and gramps) who might be bringing one or more little ones to the event to RSVP in advance to Rev. Joanne & Sandra so that they, and St. Nick, can plan accordingly! Thank you!

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