



The Carillon

Advent 2022

***Welcoming all to a
faith community of
service and love.***

Dear Church,

Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Advent! Advent is here! The beginning of the church year and our journey over 4 weeks to Christmas Eve is finally here! Advent means the arrival of a notable person or event by definition, but I think we could even expand that meaning. Advent means an arrival, but to arrive you must first be on a journey and that journey has a beginning and a destination. Advent is like a road trip.

The first Sunday of Advent is when we decorate the church and the Christmas tree at Saron-1st. It is like we are preparing for our journey– like packing the car– hey don't forget your coat and shoes or that shiny ribbon! So, the church is dressed and prepared for the journey. And we begin with the expectation of our drive toward our destination...Christmas. The birth of Immanuel/Emmanuel. The messiah is finally journeying to us and coming to earth.

The tradition of an Advent wreath when we see what "advent" means and expand our ideas of it makes more sense. We light a candle weekly in church as a sign of hope and waiting, and yet also a light guiding us on our trip to Bethlehem. It is like the headlights of our car when traveling on a road trip, or a stop along the way marking we are only a quarter or half of the way there.

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The map we are following (or google map on our phones) on our Advent road trip to Christmas are the texts from the Bible which inspire and are written into our hymns/carols. Carols like "O Come O Come Emmanuel" reference the imagery of the Old Testament biblical texts pointing us to the messiah. One of the most influential pieces of scripture in pointing us to Jesus is Isaiah 9:2-7:

*2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.*

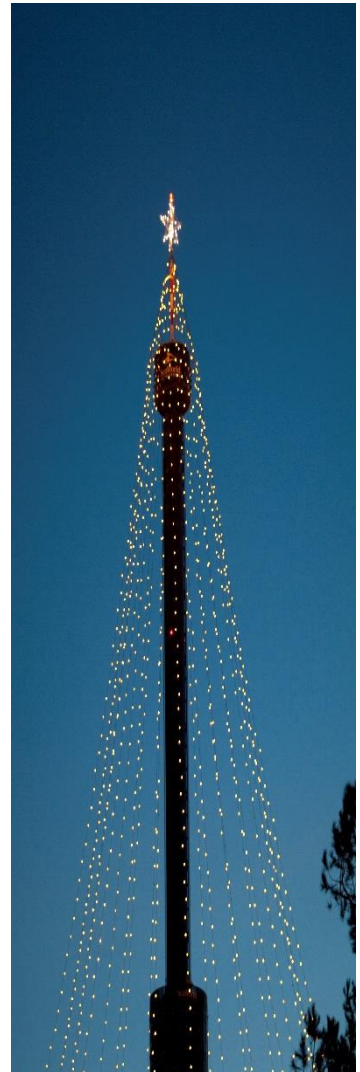
*3 You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.*

*4 For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

*5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.*

*6 For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*7 His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
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This passage for millennia has influenced our carols, art, writings, and more for all humankind. It was the map given to the prophet Isaiah hundreds of years before Christ. It is a map guiding us on our road trip to Bethlehem. And it not only guides us but inspired the carol "O Come O Come Emmanuel" that we sing a verse of during the lighting of the Advent wreath in worship. So pause and think for a moment about this road trip...we have prepared (dressed up the tree), we have a map guiding us (scripture and music), and we safely light the way with our car headlights (i.e. Advent wreath or light). Are you prepared for our Advent journey? Are you ready to jump in the car with us and get going on this wonderful journey to Christmas? You are invited. Come and join in and center your heart and mind on the true meaning of Christmas. Come there is always room for you.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle



Advent and Christmas Happenings

Christmas Decorating Party and Fellowship

Sunday, November 27th, after worship at 11am

Come to the first Sunday of Advent for worship at 10am and stay and help us to decorate the entire church! The tree will already be up in the sanctuary ready to decorate, we will be putting out all the banners, the nativities, and other things throughout the fellowship hall. This is a really fun time for all ages! We will also have fellowship time after worship.

Advent Bible Study: I Wonder as I Wander in Advent

Wednesdays (November 30-December 21), 11:30am-12:30pm

What is the time we call Advent? How does it connect to our own life yearly? Where in the Old Testament does it point in hope and expectation for the coming of Jesus? What do phrases like "branch of Jesse" or "Immanuel, Prince of Peace" mean? Come and learn the biblical and historical background of our Advent texts and the hope that is grounded in them. Come and expand your understanding of this yearly time we countdown to Christmas and wander through the wonder that is Advent.

Martha Circle Potluck and Ornament Exchange

Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 12pm in the Anderson Fellowship Hall
Bring an ornament for the exchange and a potluck dish.



Community Christmas Meal - Christmas Around the World

Tuesday, December 20th, 5pm-7pm

Come for a free community meal for all in our area. We will serve all the food till it runs out! This is to celebrate and share in a meal of all the different ways we can celebrate Christmas. We are planning for 100 meals to be served at this event. For those who want to help with making this meal happen—we need you! We will need at least 6 kitchen helpers to serve and do dishes, and plenty of cooks to bring the food in. Please sign up via the church office or on the bulletin board downstairs. We are asking for people to sign up to bring the following: 12 casseroles (your choice of your favorite main casserole for the holiday season)

3 5lb bags of salad mix

5 bottles of salad dressing

9 sets of a dozen rolls

9 dozen cookies or brownies

3 gallons of juice

3 gallons of milk

Holiday Dinner after worship on December 11th

Church members are invited to join the Holiday Dinner this year on December 11th, following worship service. We need hosts for each of the tables and can accommodate approximately 60 people for this meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office as soon as possible so planning can get underway. The mains and warm sides are provided. We ask for people to bring salads and desserts to share at this event that has happened for decades. Contact the office with questions.



Advent and Christmas Worship Information

Worship on Sundays in Advent (November 27-December 18th)

10am in the Sanctuary

We will be having traditional Sunday worship services with some special music here and there and the weekly lighting of the Advent Wreath. Join us as we journey toward Bethlehem.

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Wednesday, December 21st at 5:30pm

Please join us for a peaceful service of remembrance, comfort, and hope for those who struggle during this Christmas season. We gather on the 21st which is the longest night of the year to remember our loved ones who have passed and lift up our struggles to God. Join us for calming music, prayer, and a message of hope. The church choir will be singing some special music during this service. It will be in-person and streaming online on our Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES (December 24th)

This year we will be having 2 Christmas Eve Services at 3pm and 5pm. There will be fellowship time in between the services from 4-4:50PM of cookies and cider. The worship services are 2 different ones this year so please read below for specifics.

3pm Joy to the Worship Christmas Eve Service

This Christmas Eve service is a traditional family friendly service for all ages where we will sing upbeat Christmas Carols, hear the reading of the Christmas Story from Luke, have some fun prayers, special music, a creative children's message, communion for all, and a short message of hope. Please join us for this fun and uplifting Christmas Eve service.

5pm Christmas Candlelight Worship Service

This Christmas Eve service is a traditional candlelight service that will have carols, special music, communion, a sermon, prayers, and have the tradition of lighting individual candles to the hymn Silent Night. Please join us for this fun and calm Christmas Eve Service.

Christmas Day Pajama Worship Service ONLINE ONLY

This will be ONLINE at 10am on Christmas Day, December 25th. You can access it anytime afterward!

Stay in the comfort and coziness of your pajamas and join us for this special Christmas Day Service. Pastor Michelle is pulling together a beautiful service with lots of special music, readings, and fun with people from around the country participating. This is a beautiful opportunity for people who participate out of our state in worship to also be part of it!





Gospel Garden

After harvesting over 600 pounds of food for the Hoquiam Food Bank, we have wrapped up for the season. We planted ½ bed of garlic for our “winter crop” as a first this year. There will be a meeting in February to plan for summer 2023 in our beautiful Gospel Garden!

Union Gospel Mission Dinner

December 19th – Team 2

If you are interested in joining the team(s), please contact the office.

Harbor Bounty

In partnership with Librairie Gourmand, our next cooking class and meals for folks who need a little extra help with food costs will be happening in January 2023. We will publish information and sign-up sheets before the event in early January. Contact the office with questions or if you want to volunteer or even participate.



Get A Life

(Al-Anon Family Group)

holds hybrid meetings at The Rose Center (210 K Street, Hoquiam) twice a week. Their meetings are open to everyone.

Mondays at 6pm-7pm

Wednesdays at 7pm-8pm

Socks & Hygiene Goods Drive

We are always collecting for our neighbors. Specific needs are new socks & gloves, hygiene items, and hand & toe warmers. Hygiene items include soap, shampoo, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sunscreen/sunblock, lip balm, & masks We also collect pet food (we split up bags into baggies, feel free to donate a large bag).

Protein bars, granola bars, instant coffee and hot chocolate are always welcome. Please bring any donations to the office during office hours. If you can't make it into the office, please call us.

Thank you for your generous hearts!



Ministries

Coffee Hour

You are invited to join us for our weekly Coffee Fellowship gathering each Wednesday at 10am in the Fireside Room at Saron.

Care and Community Team

Please watch the Rose Blast for information on the next team meeting. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Pastor Michelle or the office.

Martha Circle

The next meeting of Martha Circle will be at 12pm on December 1st. Your hostesses will be Linda Borth & Donna Pelan.

Bible Study

After Coffee Fellowship on Wednesdays (November 30-December 21), from 11:30am-12:30pm. Join us for education and fellowship as we explore **I Wonder as I Wander in Advent.**

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held in the choir room of Saron every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Join in to make some joyful noise!

L[^]3+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The next meeting is Thursday, December 15th, at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room at Saron. We will be celebrating the holidays with a gift-book exchange and food.

Bring books to trade if you would like. Hope to see you there!

Quilting

There will be no Quilting during the month of November or December. The ladies will be back in January. Any questions, please call JoAnn Ray at 360-532-6746.

PRAYER PAGE

An Advent Prayer

The Advent story
of hope and mystery,
anticipation,
preparation,
a kingdom
of this world and the next,
and a king
appearing when we least expect.
Heaven touching earth,
the footsteps of the divine
walking dusty roads
as once they did in Eden,
and a people,
searching for a Saviour,
and walking past
the stable.
Open eyes and hearts,
that this might be
an Advent of hope to the world.
Amen.

A Christmas Prayer

You gave your all to the world
in the bleakness of that stable.
Love was born that day
Pure love
Undiluted
Poured out for all
who call on Your name
Such Grace
Undeserved
deserves a response
in the life that we lead.
Forgive our ingratitude
for all you have done,
draw us to your Word,
give us a new song to sing,
that will resonate throughout this world.
And begin with us today. Amen

Praise for the Ordinariness of Christmas - By Caryl Micklem

God of Goodness,
We give you praise for the ordinariness of
Christmas -
that the day comes the same as any other day.
We give you praise that there is no sign in the
heavens, and no bright star but the light of
your presence in the ordinary birth of the child.
We give you praise that unobtrusively you are
in the center of human affairs, involved in the
struggle of life, and sharing human experience.
We give you praise that out of compassion you
take our part, and open to us a new way of life.
We pray that this day we shall be able to see
its true glory. Amen.



An Irish Christmas Blessing

God grant you lightness in your step,
a smile on every face you meet,
Loved ones gathered at your hearth,
and at your door, good friends to greet
A holy hymn upon your lips,
a window candle burning bright,
And may the Good Lord bless your
Heart and come to dwell there
Christmas night.

Please keep the following in your prayers...

*The family of Reverend Sandra Kreis, Judy Brady,
Pastor Sonja Selboe, Marge Douglas, Jane Bacon, Nathan,
Jeannette Bruun, Ruth Hamilton, Shirley Ward,
Sophie Nicholson, Beverly Carson, Marge Salstrom,
Taylor Julian, Stephanie, Marie Ask, Barbara Bevans,
Arbie Irwin, Lois Carroll, Cam Reeves, Diana Petrich,
Iver Matheson, Mic Patton, Myles Robinson,
Stephanie Anderson, Melissa Murray, Leona Bishop,
Barbara Roberts, Melissa Murray, Pastor Linda Milks, Josh,
Marianne Larson, Kiyari, Lisa Chappell, Chari Allen,
Rose Hirschler, Ona Karnath, Jennifer Shelly, Brad,
Young Lee, Val Rhodes, Marge Dahlstrom, Pastor Alan Carlson*

*We also pray for those who are victims of war and violence,
teachers and students,
healthcare workers,
first responders,
police officers,
fire fighters,
oppressed & vulnerable persons,
and persons affected by COVID.*

*For all of those who we speak now or for whom we think of in
our hearts and minds*

NOVEMBER @ Saron

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 1 ADVENT 10a Worship w/Sunday School 11a Christmas Decorating Party & Fellowship	28	29 9a-11a @TRC	30 10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Advent Bible Study 6:30p Choir Practice			

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				1 12p Martha Circle Potluck (Linda B & Donna)	2	3
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25 CHRISTMAS DAY Services online	26 KWANZAA BEGINS Office Closed → <i>1/2/23</i>	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

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Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will be January 15, 2023, after worship service.

Assisting Minister Schedule

Thank you so very much to Linda Borth for taking on the job of filling in the blanks of our Assisting Minister board. If you get a call from her, please remember that the jobs are not difficult, and anyone can be trained. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please consider assisting your congregation and Pastor in this important ministry.



Birthday Celebrations

The first Sunday of each month's fellowship coffee hour will be dedicated to celebrating the birthdays of that month.

DECEMBER

- 1st Jody Wayman
- 3rd Bailey Cavander
- 4th Shirley Ward
- 4th Jeanne Johnson
- 4th Becky Root
- 8th Will Olsen
- 9th Troy George
- 11th Mary Morris
- 13th Kramer Klein
- 17th Pat Morgan
- 17th Ron Bacon
- 20th Karla Johnson
- 24th Tony Enzler
- 25th Joshua Gaddis
- 28th Richard Easton
- 28th Atticus Julian-Guzman
- 29th Paula Boerner
- 29th Sharal Patton
- 30th Eric Shofner
- 31st Kristi Earley
- 31st Seth Gaddis

Martha Circle Holiday Bazaar

The annual Holiday Bazaar that was held on November 12th was a complete success and so much fun!

We thank all of our vendors!

Diva de Beau

Scentsy

Michael Wang's Alaskan Creations

Martha Circle Treasures

Vagabond & Happenstance

Teri's Jewelry

Dixie Thompson's Norwegian Goods

Pieceful Discoverers Quilt Guild

Sharal Whitecliff Patton's Baked Goods & Turkey Basket

Martha Circle Baked Goods & all the bakers

Haldis Totland's soup for lunch

*All of our wonderful cooks, bakers,
servers and clean-up crew.*

Help a Hoquiam High Schooler

Our goal is to help our at-risk youth have some Christmas joy by working with the school district liaison and handing out gift cards.

Please buy a gift card from one of the recommendations on the ornament below, write the amount on it, and return it to the Saron-1st office by December 9th. We will also accept cash/checks with donations for this purpose and we can purchase the cards.



Regional Opportunities

Listening with the Spirit

Listening with the Spirit is a formation preparation for people who have been in spiritual direction and wish to become a spiritual director. The Priory Spirituality Center offers a two-year program on Zoom: Year 1 has 24 sessions which begin on 9-20-23 and end on 4-17-24. Year 2 has 24 sessions which begin on 9-10-24 and end on 4-30-25. The cost for the two years is \$4,300. Interviews begin in January 2023 with the staff: Dr. Mary Pandiani, Sister Monika Ellis and Sister Lucy Wynkoop. If you would like more information read the overview:

https://stplacid.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Overview.LWS_.2023-25.pdf

and then contact Sister Lucy Wynkoop for the application interview. Call 360-438-2595 or email lucywynkoop@gmail.com for further information.

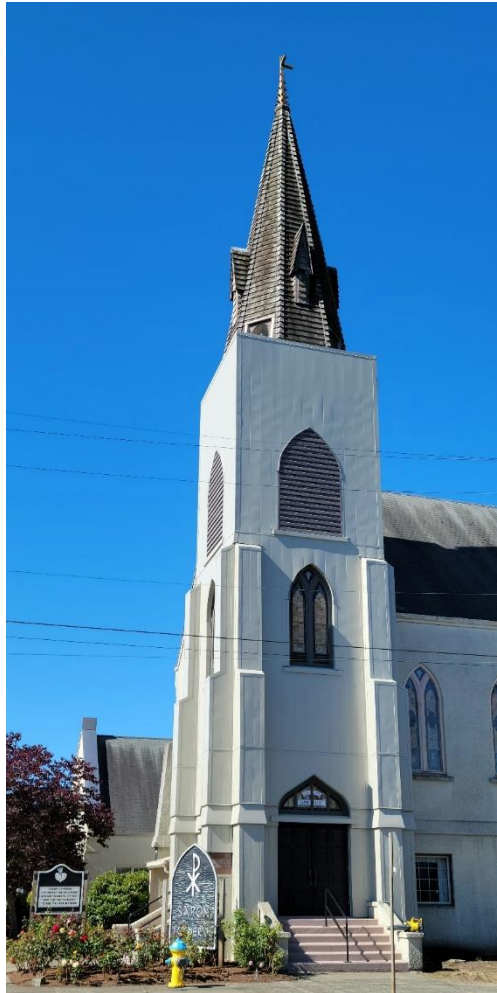


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The Priory Spirituality Center
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<https://stplacid.org/spirituality-center/retreats/>

Save Saron Capital Campaign

The Steeple is complete, and we are looking forward to managing the rest of the water intrusion damage once we are sure there are no more leaks. The Save Saron campaign will resume, and we are still accepting donations for this incredibly worthy cause. See the back pages for ways to donate.



Supporting Saron-1st

Donate directly via PayPal

Visit our website sarongraysharbor.org and click the donate button or follow the link below.

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=HJLL4ZTG68TD6



Goods for Sale

Gospel Garden Herbs, Joyce's Jams & Jellies, Sharal's Scrubbies, Rick's Pepper Jelly & Rick's Relish are available to purchase to benefit Save Saron.

John Rhodes' Book

Our very own John Rhodes, Author, has graciously set out some of his books for sale in Anderson Hall and has pledged 15% of the sales made here at Saron will go towards the Save Saron fund. Contact the office if you are interested.

Amazon Smile

We are set up with the Amazon Smile program! If you are going to shop on Amazon, sign in to [here](#) to allow a percentage to go towards your favorite charity - Saron-1st!



SERRV International

Thank you for supporting Saron-1st this spring by shopping fair trade at SERRV International!

Shop from

<https://www.serrv.org/?a=saronfirst>

and we'll earn 20% for our nonprofit. We think you'll love this great deal and the beautiful products SERRV has to offer. All proceeds benefit Save Saron fund.

Thrivent

Thrivent, a Lutheran-founded, not-for-profit financial services organization, has programs in place to assist with special congregation projects or help you designate funds. If you have a Thrivent account and you'd like to consider gifting to your church through their programs, contact your Thrivent representative.

Property Notes

Property Committee

Property Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 7th @ 6pm

Property Issues?

There is a Property Maintenance binder and a corresponding clipboard on the literature table in Moller Hall. The clipboard will contain forms that you can fill out with maintenance requests. We are asking you to put as much detail as you can about your request on the form as well as your name, phone number and date requested. The forms will be reviewed, and it will be noted when the work has been worked on or completed. We are going to work on having the form available online in the Carillon and Rose Blast with a link to fill it out and send it back electronically. We are hoping this will make a better trail for maintenance needed and completed, from here out. Also, for those that are looking for something to do and want to help at the church, you will be able to look in the book and see if there is a task that you would be willing to take on, complete the task and sign and date the form. This will hopefully make things easier for everyone moving forward.

The Rose Center

We are proudly hosting Al-Anon meetings, safe visitation space, some catering/baking, celebrations of life, and lots of music. Our retreat space is coming together with beds, desks and even some artwork.

Our wish list for the items we need can be viewed and purchased from this link: <https://a.co/3BLKTVD>

Please feel free to share this link.

Contact the office with questions.

If you or your group needs a space, contact Teri in the office.

Office Hours

Mon, Wed & Thu - 9a-1p
Servant Tuesdays - 9a-12p
(contact office for details
on Tuesdays)

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