

December 3, 2021

Dear Friends,

Waiting

This first week of Advent we are reminded of young Mary's words to the mighty angel Gabriel when told she would conceive and give birth to the Son of the Most High, to be called Jesus. Mary responded, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

See her open hands. Hear her trusting heart. This is a posture of waiting. A hopeful posture, expecting the goodness of God. A peaceful posture, surrendered to the "unforced rhythms of grace." (For this beautiful phrase in context, see Matthew 11:28-30 in The Message paraphrase.)

Sundays Worship Gatherings: In-Person Registration (9 a.m. or 11 a.m.) or Livestream Link (11 a.m.)

This second Sunday of Advent, we will hear Pastor Nate's testimony as we light the candle of peace. Based on Luke 3:1-6, I will speak on making way for the Lord.

Please [contact the church office](#) for how to register for the services.
Complete building entrance screening [here](#) before your arrival.
Here are our [current guidelines](#) for gathering in-person.

Or [Join the 11 a.m. Livestreamed service online here.](#)

When you click on the link above this will launch the SWC Livestream homepage. From there you may need to click the "Videos" tab to access this Sunday's Livestream.

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

Prayer Gatherings

The prayer team will reconvene in the new year facilitated by Pastor Abe. Meanwhile we pray as individuals, in our small groups, as we gather on Sundays and in our worship and prayer gatherings the third Tuesday of the month.

To guide your daily readings and prayers this season, you may want to use [this Advent devotional](#) from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, or [this one](#) from Biola University.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

With love and prayers,
Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)