

The week of December 25, 2022

Announcements

Hybrid Worship on Sunday, Dec 25, 2022: This Sunday we celebrate the rare blessing of Christmas on a Sunday. Rev David will lead the service. To join the ZOOM Meeting on Sunday, ***CLICK HERE***.

Note: We are heading into a weekend of uncertain weather. Please continue to check your email inbox for updates as the weather situation develops.

Office News: Rev. David will be away Jan 1 to 23 taking some well-deserved vacation time after Christmas. Zoe will be away over Christmas, so the Church Office will be closed from Dec 22 to Jan 3. There will be Friday Announcements this week, but none for the week after Christmas (Fri, Dec 30).

Christmas at Trinity: Mark your calendars!

Saturday, Dec 24th at 8:30 pm: **Christmas Eve Family Worship**

Saturday, Dec 24th at 11:30 pm: **Christmas Eve Contemplative Candlelight Communion**

Sunday, Dec 25th at 10:30 am: **Christmas Day Worship**

Sunday, Jan 1st at 10:30am: **New Year's Day Worship (online only)**

Sunday, Jan 1: We will **not** have a live, in-person service on New Year's Day. An email invite will go out as usual, with a link to join the ZOOM service of **Crossroads United Church (Delta) at 10:30 am (our usual time)**. People can join via the link or by phone, using the Meeting ID provided.

A Date for 2023: On Jan 29th **Choral Connections Choir** will be presenting a concert at Trinity as a fundraiser for them **and Trinity**. So please reserve the date and more details coming in the New Year.

Moderator's Christmas Message: In her Christmas video message, UCC Moderator the Right Rev Carmen Lansdowne reminds us that when so much seems uncertain, there is One who came to show us that all the ends of the earth should see the salvation of God. ***CLICK HERE*** to watch.

"To Share and Not Surrender" – Online Study Group: A study of Indigenous Treaty rights and the book, "To Share Not Surrender" with James Bay United Church, every second Thursday starting January 5, 2023. 7 - 8:30 pm, **online**. Details and registration ***CLICK HERE***.

Gifts with Vision: Christmas Giving can be about doing more than giving gifts: it can be about giving gifts that help change the world. In the spirit of "doing something more," check out the Gifts with Vision catalogue, ***CLICK HERE***.

First United Affordable Housing Petition: Our low-income neighbours are at highest risk, but affordable housing is a crisis for all in our city. Take action and be a part of standing for change today. Get involved

by signing the petition by December 31st. First United will send us an update as soon as they can. ***CLICK HERE*** to sign the petition today.

First United Advent, a Video: Watch the Advent Awakening LOVE video: "What is the truth about the LOVE that is at First United? How does it show up?" ***CLICK HERE***.

Ecumenical Advent Meditations: Meditation for December 19: "The Cost of Discipleship". ***CLICK HERE*** to watch this fourth offering.

Trinity + Worship: Missed the In-Person Sunday Gathering? Here is the Sunday service, ***CLICK HERE***, streamed on our YouTube Channel this past Sunday, Dec 18.

Help Support Ukrainian Refugees: The unjust war in the Ukraine continues. The winter will be hard and you can help! All gifts go directly to support Ukrainian refugees through our Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance. ***CLICK HERE***.

Kapa'a United Church of Christ: Our twinned church newsletter for December, ***CLICK HERE***.

Trinity Prayer Circle: We have two prayer circles set up to receive and act on your prayer requests. Please refer prayer requests to Linda Lund (778-883-3064/linda.lund60@gmail.com).

Prayers of the People: Dec 25 to 31, 2022

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches this week, we pray for Japan, North Korea, and South Korea. ***CLICK HERE*** to find out more about this part of the world and the ecumenical prayer cycle.

PMRC Prayers: In our own Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada, on this Christmas Day, we pray for the birth of Christ in the world and in our lives; may this birth continue to make a difference

Healing Pathways: We are offering distance healing whenever convenient for both practitioner and receiver. Contact Linda Lund (778-883-3064/linda.lund60@gmail.com). We may not connect "Hand to Hand," we must deepen our practice of connecting "Heart to Heart".