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IN CAMBRIDGE**

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Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts



WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

*Grounded in God
Growing in Community
Acting in Love*

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at www.firstchurchcambridge.org.

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*Please take the time to fill out one of the pew cards
and place it in the offering basket during the service.*

Name tags are available at both the front and back entrances of the sanctuary.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles, and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is located through that door and down the hallway (up four stairs to the door on the right). Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Hastings Room, just across the hall from that same door, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Cathy Garnett

SUNG RESPONSE *(The choir will sing first and the congregation will respond.)*

T. Smith/
P. Sykes

Pre - pare us to go where you lead us, O God.

Shine your light a - long the way.

SILENCE

ADVENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray for healing, pardon, and peace.

**All: In your presence, God, and in each other's company,
 We confess that our lives and the life of the world
 are cast in shadow by what we do and by what we fail to do.
 But we know a light shines in the darkness
 And the darkness does not overcome it.
 Pardon our deliberate faults.
 Heal our weaknesses and fears.
 Give us strength to grow in the love we lack.
 Illumine our souls with the first glimmers
 Of the Coming Light of Christ, our Comfort and Redeemer. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

REFLECTION

Dan Smith

THE UNPAGEANT

NARRATION

READING

Isaiah 11:1-2 & 6-9

Kate Layzer

(Children bring wolf & lamb to the creche.)

NARRATION

ANTHEM

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

(Hymns of Truth and Light #123)

(3 year-olds dance as angels around the empty creche.)

NARRATION

READING

Luke 2:1-5

Karin Case

*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Mary & Joseph approach the crèche during the anthem.)

*Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

NARRATION

READING

Luke 2: 6-7

Denson Staples

FAMILY CHOIR ANTHEM

The Friendly Beasts

arr. Marshall Barron

(Hymns of Truth and Light #143)

(Baby is brought forward by the Star.)

(Donkey, cow, sheep, and doves accompany the carol.)

NARRATION

READING

Luke 2:8-14

Karen McArthur

*HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

(Angels approach the crèche during the hymn.)

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Glo - - - - ria in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ria in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song.
Glo - - - - ria in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ria in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Glo - - - - ria in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ria in excelsis Deo!*

NARRATION

READING

Luke 2:15-20

*HYMN

The First Nowell

(Shepherds & sheep approach the crèche during the hymn.)

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

NARRATION

READING

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

*HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

(Magi approach the crèche during the hymn.)

*We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

NARRATION/INVITATION TO OFFERING

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Now Christians All, Rejoice

(Villagers approach the crèche)

*Now Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born to day*

*Now Christians all, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

*CONCLUDING PRAYER

*HYMN

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

*BENEDICTION

*GREETING OF PEACE

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Cathy Garnett, *First Church Member*

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Erik Stauffer, *Joseph*

George Hildebidle, *Baby Jesus*

Christina Hildebidle, *Star of Bethlehem*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- * For the families, friends and others impacted by the recent fire in East Cambridge.
- * For our divided nation following the recent elections, and for the electoral college who meet this week. We fervently pray that God's wisdom, love, and justice may be made known to us and to our nation in the coming days. We pray especially for those who are feeling vulnerable, afraid or alone. May God's presence bring patience, strength and a renewed commitment to Christ's way of inclusive love.
- * For the residents of Aleppo, Syria, where recent bombing has destroyed the city, for the loss of life, and for all impacted by the Syrian refugee crisis.
- * For our country in the wake of heightened tension, increased violence, and aggression, and for our church as we seek bold and faithful responses to a culture of racism, homophobia, transphobia, Islamophobia, and other forms of hatred and fear. All those forced to flee their home countries due to war and terrorism; and we pray for clarity in responding to immigration crises around the world.
- * For people struggling with grief, illness, addiction or mental health concerns, job-related transitions, marital or relationship troubles, or loneliness.

IN THIS SPACE we share personal, congregational, national, and global prayer requests. If you would like us to include a prayer request, please contact Dan Smith, Karin Case, or Kirsten Manville by Wednesday morning, or fill out a prayer request card found in your pew.

Portions of the **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin are omitted in the online version to protect the privacy of those mentioned. To find out who we are praying for this week, please contact the church offices at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or by calling 617-547-2724.

A SPACE BETWEEN

We have introduced a place for healing prayers. A space between is...

A space between us and God,

A space between us and each other,

A space between the world as it is and the world as it should be,

A space for silence and centering

A space for prayer and meditation

The table and chairs under the dome at the front of the sanctuary are intended for prayer. Please feel free to use this space at any point during the week when the sanctuary is unoccupied to pray whatever might be on your heart: prayers for yourself, prayers for another, prayers for the world. If you wish, write down a concern, prayer, or prayer request. Take it with you or leave it in the basket. Prayers will be collected regularly and lifted up by members of our First Church community.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

FIRST CHURCH UN-PAGEANT Today during Morning Worship The Un-Pageant is a creative and fun tradition at First Church! During Morning Worship on the fourth Sunday of Advent, we tell the Christmas story together as a congregation by donning costumes and accessories (think halos and wooly sheep ears) that transform us into angels, shepherds, sheep, wise folks, and villagers of Bethlehem. We sing the well-loved carols and gather close around the Baby Jesus to experience once again that miraculous love and light and hope and peace. Because it's unrehearsed, expect a few surprises and expect joyful hearts!

SHELTER CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST Today, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. in Sage Hall Join the Shelter Committee by partaking in a festive breakfast with some of our Shelter guests. Visit some of the Shelter and share some conversation with the guests. The Shelter Committee will provide the basic food (ham, eggs, browned potatoes, bagels, etc as well as other treats). We welcome any and all First Church members to attend and support the Shelter. **Other ways to support the Shelter during the Holiday season:**

- Guests receive a \$50 gift card and thermal socks. Guests use the cards for themselves and their family. Donations of \$5 to \$50 for these gift cards can be made on the FCC website "Give" tab. Under **Directed Gifts**, the 4th choice is *First Church Shelter Gift*.
- Cooked sides & desserts for Christmas and New Years can be shared by calling the Shelter at 617-661-1873.

WATCH FOR THE LIGHT: THE PRACTICE OF SOLITUDE AND SILENCE Today at 10:00 a.m. Hastings Room Drawing on the wisdom of the early Desert Fathers and Mothers, Karin Case will lead an exploration of how to cultivate a posture of responsive, open attentiveness to God through practices of solitude and silence. In these darkening days, come find the light within.

FAMILY CHOIR REHEARSAL Today at 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary First Church's Family Choir is singing during today's UnPageant. This is the final rehearsal to learn a simple Christmas piece that we'll share as part of our family-friendly morning worship. All ages and levels of singing experience are welcome; if you're part of the First Church "family," you can be part of the Family Choir!

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL - LOOKING FOR RINGERS Today at 10:00 a.m., Lindsay Chapel

The Bell Choir rehearses from 10-10:50 a.m. in the Chapel many Sunday mornings throughout the year. Adults and children aged 10 and up are welcome to drop in and try it out anytime; we welcome new ringers of all ages! We have a lot of laughs and keep improving, one piece at a time. No prior musical experience necessary; music is marked carefully to ensure each ringer's success. Please text or call Susie Longfield for more information: 617-967-8888. We will be rehearsing in December and play "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" in church on Sunday, January 8. Please join us!

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND POTLUCK Today at 12:15 p.m., in Margaret Jewett Hall. Friends of Fellowship invite you to join us for the Christmas Party and Potluck immediately following worship and the UnPageant. We will provide turkey, ham, green salad, gravy, and cranberry sauce. The congregation is invited to bring a side dish (last name beginning with A-P) or a dessert (Q-Z), together with a list of ingredients so that those with food allergies can make safe choices. We particularly welcome contributions that accommodate one or more of the following dietary needs and preferences: gluten-free, nut-free, vegetarian, vegan, and child-friendly

OUR WHOLE LIVES Today at Old South Church in Copley Square, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Our 7th and 8th graders continue with OWL at Old South Church today. They will be on a two week break over the holidays.

WINTER SOLACE SERVICE Today at 5:30 p.m., in Lindsay Chapel Christmas is not always experienced as a joyful time for people facing loss, difficulties, or grief. Sometimes it is a season that is a reminder of pain and darkness rather than celebration. The Winter Solace Service is an evening worship experience to recognize and lift up the challenges we face in this time of holidays. A collection of Scripture readings, hymns, prayers, and times for silence will guide us through reflection, as we remember, mourn, and light candles for what makes this time of year difficult. Held near the winter solstice, themes of darkness and light will be incorporated into prayer and music as a way to seek God's comfort in our dark places. Questions? Contact Jen Bloesch, jen@firstchurchcambridge.org.

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Tonight at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary Join us for these contemplative and spiritually transporting candle-lit experiences of choral literature, ancient and contemporary chant, and instrumental music. There is no spoken word, no sermon— just the opportunity to experience the Divine through music, being still, and silent meditation. Tonight: Treble voices, an instrumentalist and a dancer! Vox Equalis sings music for Advent in a program entitled "Drop Down Ye Heavens." Vox Equalis: Ruth Berry, Kristina Frances, Martha Heddon, Pauline Lim, Cory McLean. With special guests: Ben Schwendener, Keyboards and Percussion Elodi Rose, Dancer. N..B. This is the last Night Song of 2016. Night Song will resume on January 8th at 7 PM. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season from all of the musicians of Night Song!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH NIGHT SONG We're looking for a sacristan to manage the use of icons and candles at Night Song, work with incense, act as a greeter/usher and possibly help in other ways during Night Song. Contact Daryl (617/312-8328 or daylbichel@aol.com) to discuss it. Thank you.

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS

THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM? Are you thinking about a baptism for your child? Or are you thinking about being baptized yourself? During the morning service on **Sunday, January 8**, we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism for all those who desire to receive it. If you have baptism in mind for yourself or your child, and have not already spoken with one of the ministers or scheduled a date, please contact Karin Case or Dan Smith to discuss the possibility of participating in this (or a future) baptism Sunday.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS UPDATE Planning and pre-construction prep are well underway for our capital campaign renovation project! Our building team, led by Don Johnson, has completed the bidding process for a general contractor. Our "GC" will be announced soon. By January, we should have a construction sequence and schedule to share such that we can prepare ourselves and our valued tenants for the project that is expected to run from early June to early October. Many thanks to our building team and especially to Don Johnson! Meanwhile, our capital campaign has now raised **\$1,761,281.10** in pledges! IF you have not already pledged, please do so now! If you have not paid your 2016 portion, please do so by year end. What a year it has been! Thank you First Church for all of your hard work, commitment and generosity **for such a time as this** and thanks be to God for the gift of faith in our shared future!

STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGING UPDATE Thank you to all who have pledged their share for 2017. We are at 77% of our goal. If you haven't yet pledged, please pick up a blue pledge card from the table in the back of the sanctuary, or pledge online at www.firstchurchcambridge.org.

CENTERING MEDITATION Every Monday night, 6 - 7:00 p.m. in The Well (Room 22) Are you looking for a place to settle in for some quiet reflection in the midst of a hectic week? Interested in exploring a variety of meditation practices or deepening your current practice? Whether you're experienced or simply curious, all are welcome. For more information, contact Hilary Hopkins, hopkinsjh@verizon.net, or Karin Case, karincase@firstchurchcambridge.org. *There will be no Centering Meditation on Mondays, December 26 and January 2, due to the observance of the holidays.*

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

COME CELEBRATE EPIPHANY! Friday, January 6, 6:00 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall Epiphany ("manifestation") is a Christian feast so ancient that it predates Christmas. It celebrates God's self-revelation in Jesus. It is a season of light shining in darkness, a time when the wise leave their books to seek a child, wine brims from clay water jars, and the voice of God rings in our ears: "You are my beloved, my child, my delight!" This year's dinner will be potluck through and through. You are invited to bring a main dish casserole (names beginning with A-H), a salad or side dish (names beginning with I-M), dessert (N-R), or drinks (S-Z). After our feast and a brief gathering ritual in the Chapel, we will set off together on a candlelight journey through the darkness, until we arrive at the Sanctuary and circle it with light. Under the dome in the chancel we will renew our own baptismal promises, ending with a joyful "sprinkling" of all present. This event is for all ages, so gather up friends, neighbors, kids, and come share the light! *All are invited to bundle up and join us on Epiphany, promptly at 5:45 p.m., on the church lawn, as we renew our witness against gun violence. We will offer a reading of names, before we remove 2016 flags and share a brief prayer for peace in our city and nation.*

FAMILY NIGHTS IN EPIPHANY Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, January 3, 17, 31 and February 14, Sage Hall Families with young children are warmly invited to our biweekly pasta-and-potluck suppers in Sage Hall, our indoor playspace. We gather to share a meal and share a bit of our lives as the kids play and the parents try for a bit of grown-up conversation. Our Family Nights in Epiphany will remain informal and “un-programmed,” but look forward to a Lenten series of Family Nights in March and April, when we will meet weekly for five sessions, with an adult program component in the Well.

“LORD, PREPARE ME” - EXPLORING SANCTUARY AT FIRST CHURCH Sunday, January 8, 15 and 22, 10:00 a.m., Hastings Room Join members of the Mission and Social Justice team for an important conversation about how First Church can participate in the growing Sanctuary Movement. How can we be ready to offer, or assist other congregations, in offering sanctuary to those at risk of deportation or who are otherwise feeling unsafe in our current political reality. And, how can we find a sense of spiritual sanctuary for ourselves in the midst of political turmoil and upheaval? As part of these sessions, Tony Alkhoury, a friend of First Church and current Harvard Divinity School student from Syria, will share his powerful story.

MEN’S BREAKFASTS First Saturdays of each month, 8:00 a.m., Hastings Room The dates for our Saturday morning breakfasts for the first half of 2016 are: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3. Join us for a hearty breakfast and even heartier conversations about topics that connect our faith to our lives and our world. Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us regularly. The breakfasts are in the Hastings Room, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. One-time visitors, friends, and newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Contact David Torrey, davidtorrey@comast.net. If you'd like to sign up for the Men's Breakfast e-mail list to receive monthly reminders, contact Kirsten Manville, parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org.

OPIOID ADDICTION AND PREVENTION FORUM Sunday, January 8th at 12:30 pm, Hastings Room Opiate deaths across the nation continue to soar. In Massachusetts, five people die from Opiate OD each and every day. Currently, there is insufficient access to treatment for those seeking an exit from addiction and public health and addiction experts are calling for 1) increase access to treatment services, and on an emergency basis-increased availability to "harm reduction." Join us Sunday January 8, 12:30 as Sarah Casey, from Victory Programs, provides an introduction to the current crisis and the efforts that are being pursued to address it. Training and provision of Narcan will be part of the program for those interested. Being knowledgeable about when and how to administer Narcan helps make it possible for YOU to be more immediately and effectively involved in the efforts to address the current public health epidemic.

SERVICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

DONATE TO HELP THOSE IMPACTED BY THE FIRE IN EAST CAMBRIDGE If you would like to donate funds to aid people who lost their homes in the devastating East Cambridge fire a few weeks ago, please make out a check to First Church and write “Cambridge Fire” on the memo line. Karen McArthur will collect them along with the offering, and make a one-time donation of the total funds raised.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY FILM NIGHT FOR THE GREATER CAMBRIDGE HOMELESS AND THEIR FILM FAN FRIENDS Friday, December 23, 7 - 9 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall This is a joint collaboration of The Harvard Film Archive with The First Church Shelter, featuring a 16mm projection of

the brilliant and hilarious *Sullivan Travels* (1941), preceded by a magic show in the library as well as vintage cartoons. Doors open at 6, the feature starts at 7 p.m. and wraps up by 9 p.m. Snacks and Drinks provided. Please come celebrate with us. Admission is free though the proverbial hat will be passed. Questions contact: Steve Brown or Jim Stewart, (617) 661-1873, sosbrown@gmail.com.

FRIDAY CAFÉ HOLIDAY CHEER Help us make our Friday Café Holiday Celebration on December 23 a joyful one by helping out with food, treats, or decorations... or best of all, the gift of yourself!

- **Cook something delicious**—Make a dish or a dessert for our holiday meal. Go to <https://mealtrain.com/md5513> to sign up.

- **Deck the Halls**—We would love some help decorating the room on Friday, Dec. 23! If you can come at 11:00 a.m. that day and make the room twinkle, please let Kate Layzer know (klayzer@gmail.com). Creative ideas for decorating the round tables are especially welcome.

- **Sign up for a shift**—We will need lots of runners, servers, gift-distributors, and hosts to make the day go smoothly. Click the signup button to participate.

- **Tickle the ivories**—We need someone to accompany our carol sing on Dec. 23 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Let us know if you have piano skills and an hour to donate!

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE POTLUCK DINNERS You are invited into someone's home for dinner, connection, and honest and heartfelt conversation on racism and anti-racism. Building the Beloved Community [aka BBC] is in the process of organizing potluck dinners in January and February for the purpose of engaging the wider First Church Community. We will focus on our experiences of racism, and how we understand white privilege. Members of the BBC will facilitate the discussions, using in part, the recently produced resource 'White Privilege - Let's Talk '. National UCC leaders, including John Dornhauer, General Minister, President and Traci Blackmon, Interim Minister for Social Justice were among the authors. To check out this source, go to <http://privilege.uccpages.org>. Sign up for the dinners will start on 12/18 during coffee hour on the Margaret Jewett Hall bulletin board and continue in early January. The dates for the dinners include 1/14/17, 1/21/17, 1/27/17, 1/28/17, and 2/3/17. Dinners are in the homes of BBC and other First Church members, and all opinions are welcome in the discussion. If you have questions, please speak to Linda Ziebell or Dave Kidder, or email lindaziebell@comcast.net or david.e.kidder@gmail.com.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR WAS A SUCCESS Thank you dear friends for your wonderful support of the Alternative Christmas Fair. It was a record year - over \$14,000 was raised! Your generosity is deeply meaningful to so many around the world.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
10:00 a.m. Advent Study, Hastings Room
10:15 a.m. Family Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, First Church Multigenerational Un-Pageant
12:15 p.m. All-Church Christmas Party and Potluck, MJH
5:30 p.m. Winter Solace Service, Lindsay Chapel (refreshments to follow)
7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary

Monday, December 19

- 6:00 p.m. Centering Meditation, the Well
7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Hastings Room

Tuesday, December 20

- 6:00 p.m. Gifts Discernment/Nominating, Tower Room

Wednesday, December 21

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's Office

Thursday, December 22

- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

Friday, December 23

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café, MJH

Saturday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vespers Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship and Communion, Sanctuary

Monday, December 26

First Church Office and Building Closed in Observance of Christmas Day

Looking Ahead

Friday, January 6

- 6:00 p.m. Epiphany Potluck and Worship Service, Margaret Jewett Hall

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