

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



3rd Sunday of Advent
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9:30 am



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God’s love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Ask an usher about hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Children may commune with elements or receive a blessing depending on parent/guardian preference. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Bulletin Key

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation
Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant
 † – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude and Welcome

In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God's mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and Sacrament. It may be seen as a return to the gift of Baptism through repentance.

† Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
We confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
We confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near. **Amen.**

† **Gathering Hymn: Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn**
(ELW 242) v. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.
- 2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.
- 4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

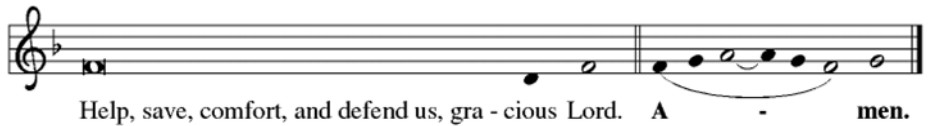
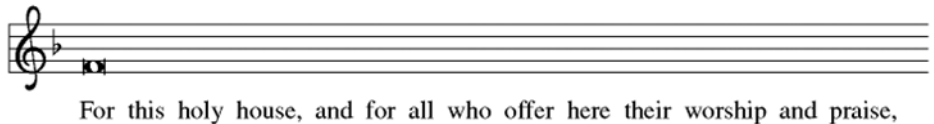
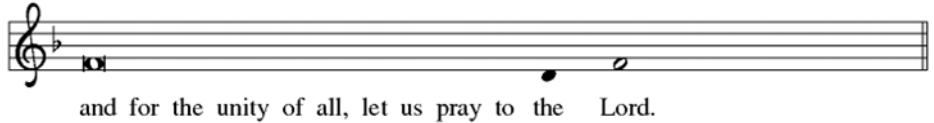
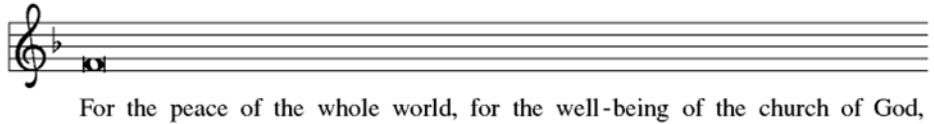
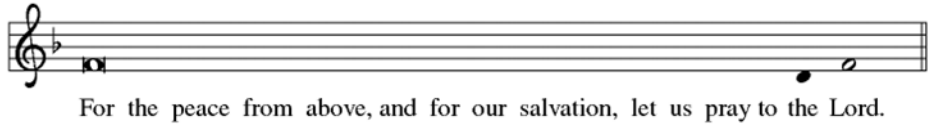
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*The assembly and
presiding minister
greet one
another.
(scripture
reference:
2 Corinthians)*

† **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

† Kyrie



The Prayer of the Day highlights themes in the scripture we will hear.

† Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

To put this reading into context:

Despite being in prison, Paul is upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace.

Hear now the reading.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6



² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has
become | my salvation.

³ **With joy you | will draw water
from the wells | of salvation.**

⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call | on
God's name;

make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim
that this name | is exalted.

⁵ **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done | gloriously;
let this be known in | all the earth.**

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

We welcome the gospel by singing the Gospel Acclamation. We rise, if able, in anticipation of Christ being revealed to us through the Living Word of the Gospel.

† **Gospel Acclamation: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus- ELW 254**

1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.

Before and after the reading of the Gospel, we give thanks and praise to Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us through the Gospel reading.

† **Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-18** **Biblical Storytelling by Jim Kulma**

To put this reading into context:

John the Baptizer heralds the mighty one's coming. John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Itureaea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What, then, should we do?” ¹¹ In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³ He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

† Advent Wreath Hymn: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah,
ELW 240 (v. 1, 2, & 3)

1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

- 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.
- 3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954 Text © 1984 Fortress Press, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our Sunday School teachers for a "Learn and Grow in Faith" class during the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for Reflection.

Thinking theologically is a spiritual practice. You're invited to reflect on the following question:

Think of a time when the "chaff" of your life has broken up and fallen away, and the "kernels" of those things you cherish (priorities, persons, values, etc.) have been gathered together.

The Hymn of the Day is the assembly's response to the sermon—making the sermon event a mutual faith conversation.

† Hymn of the Day: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (ELW 244) v. 1, 2, 3

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.

The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.

3 The saints, who here in patience
their cross and sufferings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

*As the church,
we pray for
those in our
community and
around the
world. The
prayers are also
responsive,
emphasizing
our own
participation.*

*Each petition
addresses a
different topic,
often in the
same pattern:*

*+ The Church
+ Creation
+ Nations and
leaders
+ Those in need
+ This faith
community
+ The great
cloud of*

† Prayers of the Church


As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence. *A brief silence.*

God who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that bear fruit. Raise up leaders who proclaim the good news. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who creates, you hold in balance diverse ecosystems. Encourage efforts to protect lands from devastation. Care for animals and people in the path of destructive fires, storms, and other disasters. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. We pray especially for those experiencing violence around the world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Haiti, India, Syria, and Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick. Show your compassion and remember your people in love. We especially pray for Helen, Fred, Mildred, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Bruce, Frank, Sara, Donna, Madeline, Kate, Ann, Susan,

<p><i>witnesses/those now resting with God</i></p>	<p>Sally, Ruth, Rich, Mindy, Kristina, Jeanette, Khams and his community in Manipur... and all those we name aloud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.</p> <p>God who abides, you dwell among the people of this congregation. Deepen our relationships with one another, and make us aware of the diverse talents and gifts present here. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.</p> <p>God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, we recognize Christ's peace in each other and share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, & your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil keep making an impact by giving today using the QR code or at https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran</p> <p><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.</i></p> 
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: O Come O Come Emmanuel- ELW 257 v. 1</p> <p>1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.</p> <p><i>Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.</i></p>

† Offering Prayer

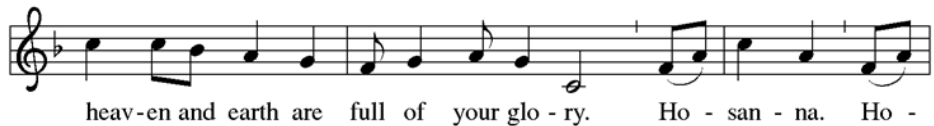
Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving



† Preface

† Sanctus



† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.</p>
	<p>Communion</p> <p><i>Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.</i></p> <p><i>Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.</i></p> <p><i>When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."</i></p> <p><i>Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail.</i></p> <p><i>Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.</i></p>
	<p>Communion Hymn: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness- ELW 843</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace. 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word; praise the One who drove out demons

with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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Communion Hymn: In Thee is Gladness (ELW 867)

- 1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,
thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely has built securely
and stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;
naught can us sever: Alleluia!
- 2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,
not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
he can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of his glory
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices
in him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
love him and praise him and still shall raise him
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

	<p>† Post-Communion Table Blessing</p> <p>Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Sending</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† Blessing</p> <p>God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever. Amen.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: He Came Down (ELW 253)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore. 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore. 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore. 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore. <p>Text: Cameroon traditional</p>
<p><i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed, & ready to serve. Worship has ended, & our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. Thanks be to God.</p>

Postlude

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All are invited to join us for special fellowship coffee hour provided by George Andrews in honor of his mother's 100th birthday and welcoming Good Soil's new members.

Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Kim Wylie & Larry Jacobson	Livestream: Isaac Krankowski
Reader: Ellen Young	Acolyte: Edith Young
Counters: Kim Wylie & Ellen Young	Altar Care: Evan Paine
Online Usher: Dave Blocksom	Communion Bread: Darlene Wahl
Cantor: William Eversole	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Dec 15, 2024

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Fred Ayers, Mildred Baehr, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Bruce Crosby, Frank Dunaway, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Madeline Kelly, Kate Labuda, Ann Layman, Susan Omerod, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Mindy S., Kristina Seeley, Jeanette Weidlich, Khams Zotal & his people in Manipur, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Haiti, India, Syria, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the Glory of God for peace to all who are gathered here in God's name.



Help make 2025 ministry dreams a reality! Submit your Intent Card for 2025- Join the 44 households who have submitted their intents for our Generosity Emphasis, "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"! Scan the QR code to the left to access the digital intent form.

Coffee Hour Fellowship- We need volunteer hosts to set-up, brew, & clean-up the coffee/tea service &/or bring snacks/baked goods. The Coffee Hour volunteer sign-up is on the bulletin board by the lounge. Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) with questions.



Summer 2026 Pastoral Renewal/Congregational Renewal: We are in the early stages of crafting a renewal experience (sabbatical) in summer 2026 for Pastor Marissa and the congregation. The experience is designed to be a time of intentional renewal for *both* the pastor and congregation. The Renewal Planning Team needs your input! Please fill out this 5-question survey using the

QR code to the left. More information about this opportunity will be shared at the 12/8/24 congregation meeting.

Introducing PushPay- Good Soil has transitioned to a new contribution & accounting software called PushPay, replacing Vanco. If you had an account through Vanco, you've received an email to set up an account on PushPay & migrate your recurring offering if you have one. Scan the QR code to the right or in the *Offering* section of the bulletin to visit our new PushPay giving page!



Advent Devotionals- If you're looking for an Advent devotional (Advent began 12/1), check out options from Kate Bowler using this URL:

<https://katebowler.com/advent/> or the QR code to the left.

Holiday Schedule- Advent is here! Below is a schedule of this season's events!

12/15 - Live Nativity, Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran, 5-7pm

12/21 - Longest Night service, 7pm, Bay United Methodist

12/22 - Children's Christmas Pageant, Good Soil, 9:30am

12/24 - Candlelight Christmas Eve, Good Soil, 6:30pm

Christmas and the Children's Pageant are Coming! Good Soil's Children's Christmas Pageant is set for December 22nd during worship. Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled as follows -- don't worry if kids can't make all sessions.

- 12/15 (Sanctuary) following worship (approximately 10:30 a.m. to Noon)
- Saturday 12/21 (start time 11 am)

Socks "Plus" Giving Tree for Trials for Hope! Please join in decorating our Advent Giving Tree with gifts of comfort and joy for those served by Trials for Hope.

Sunday 12/8 thru Sunday 12/29 in the upstairs coffee kitchen across from the Lounge. SUGGESTED GIFTS: Warm Socks - USB Charging Blocks - Multi-charging Power Cords - Hats-Gloves-Individual Packets of Starkist Tuna Creations and/or Spam Single Classics. *Ongoing items requested by Trials for Hope (e.g., Diapers size 6, canned meats, personal hygiene products, etc.) can be placed in the box beneath the tree.*

MOW Volunteer Coordinator Opening- West Shore Meals On Wheels is looking for an enthusiastic person to support volunteer coordination efforts. The Coordinator is responsible for various related tasks that assist with the effective and efficient operation of the Rocky River-Lakewood Kitchen. This position interacts with Unit and Executive Board Members, recipients, volunteers, donors, staff and vendors. The Coordinator is also responsible for managing data, scheduling volunteers, assisting with fundraisers, and attending all Unit Board meetings. MOW's current Coordinator will provide training. This paid position averages 16-24 hours per week. For more information please email executiveboard@westshoremow.org.

MOW looking for Drivers- West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels is in search of drivers to deliver meals to our recipients, especially Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please contact 440-333-6298 or rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org for further info.

Flower Sign-Up- Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? You can sign up with the flower list on the bulletin board in the hallway or online using this QR code. Please note: The physical flower list on the bulletin board has first priority. Best efforts will be made to ensure the digital calendar reflects the physical one, but if you happen to digitally sign-up for a date that is already taken on the physical sheet, you will be contacted to reschedule. Each vase costs \$20. You may also bring your own flowers instead of buying them through Good Soil, but please do still sign up.



Newsletter- Want to keep up with news at Good Soil or share the e-news with friends? Sign up or share our newsletter using the QR code or URL to the right: <https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp>



SUNDAY SCHOOL- Weekly Sunday faith formation for kids includes Learn & Grow and Experience & Grow opportunities during Sunday services. Additionally, kids will participate in special activities during planned monthly congregational events after worship. (Event updates will be announced, ongoing.) Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) with questions OR to join the weekly rotation of Learn & Grow teachers/helpers.

Learn & Grow time during the worship service: Coloring, crafts, Bible stories, sharing, light snack, etc., in the classrooms on the first floor during the sermon & reflection time for adults in the sanctuary. For children in Preschool/Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Experience & Grow time participating in the worship service: Participating in the worship experience, including sermon & reflection time. Access to special materials on the "Experience & Grow" stand in the Playground. For Grade 5 through Confirmation.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Dec 15	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am
Sun, Dec 15	Children's Pageant Rehearsal	10:30 am
Sun, Dec 15	Live Nativity @ Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran	5-7 pm
Sat, Dec 21	Children's Pageant Rehearsal	11:00 am
Sat, Dec 21	Longest Night Service @ Bay United Methodist	7:00 pm
Sun, Dec 22	In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>Children's Christmas Pageant during worship</i>	9:30 am
Tue, Dec 24	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Christmas Eve	6:30 pm
Sun, Dec 29	In-Person & Livestream Worship	9:30 am

