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* Worship music is led by our praise team, The Lord's Crew.

Pre-Service Music by the Lord's Crew

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

The Advent Wreath—Victoria Gandy, Sarah Burgeson & Sadie Barber

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Opening Praise Joy To The World

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6—7 In Unison

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on earth. In His teaching the islands will put their hope.”

Praise *What Child Is This?*
O, Come All Ye Faithful
O Holy Night

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings
 Offertory *A With Gladness of Men of Old*

We Share In God's Peace - *please be seated when you hear the music.*

Joys and Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

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Holy Communion Liturgy (on screen)
 Communion Song *Angels We Have Heard on High*

✠ Benediction *The Lord Bless Thee* Pastor David

Recessional *Sing To The King*

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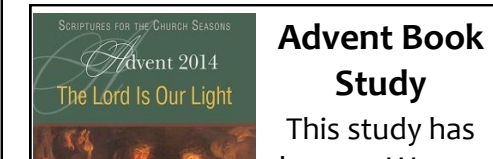
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Organ Prelude Prelude on "Morning Star" (H. Balcome)

Choral Introit

† **Hymn No. 216** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Prayer of Confession

Pastor David

* Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

All: Holy God, there is no stopping us now. There is so much to do before Christmas and we are on the move. We are making our lists and checking them twice. We hear "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and pray we'll have twice as many. We are looking for boughs of holly and dreaming of a white Christmas. We see sugar plums, red-nosed reindeer, twinkling lights and mistletoe in every store window.

Holy God, this season can be such a jumble and rush. Through it all, in it all and in spite of it all, restore the sense of whom we are waiting for. Let us get ready our hearts as well as our homes to receive the Savior of the world. Amen.

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Children's Moment Patti Melsheimer
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Choral Anthem Chancel Choir

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayers & Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Giving & Receiving of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Be Comforted, My People (L. Smith)

✠ Doxology

Prayer For Illumination Patti Melsheimer

One: Please join me in our Prayer for Illumination:

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, come, to quicken our minds and open our hearts that we might receive your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Encourage or convict, comfort or confront as you know we need. Feed us and teach us, empowering us to respond in obedient faithfulness. Amen.

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✠ Affirmation of Faith

We believe that you created the earth and all that is in it. Humanity was perfect, full of life.

We believe that You gave us free will, and we chose to sin. Humanity was no longer perfect, deserving death.

We believe that You sent your Son, Jesus, who was without sin, to save us. It was the only way.

We believe that He came as a baby, born of a virgin. He was fully God and fully human, one of us.

We believe that He died, having never sinned, and therefore able to take all of our sins upon Himself.

We believe that He ascended into heaven and will one day return again. We will be made perfect. We will live and reign with Him forever.

This we believe.

✠ Hymn No. 206 I Want to Walk As A Child of Light

✠ Benediction and Choral Response

Postlude Postlude In Ancient Style (G. Blake)

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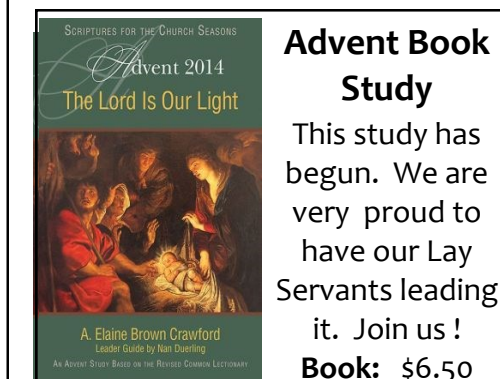
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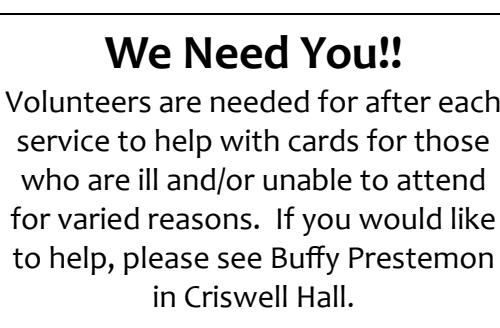
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Joys and Concern with Thanksgiving and Prayer—14 December 2014

Lift Up Those In Recent Need of Prayer:

- Health and healing for those who are ill, battling depression, isolation and the loss of loved ones.
- The People's Kitchen needs a serving space that is permanent.
- That we all would reach out to our community; show the love of Christ.
- Those who are fighting cancer and other diseases; for the many deal with chronic pain.
- Susan Coho's cousin—Paul is still in need of prayer. He is up to 50% and improving but not fully recovered.
- Victoria Gandy's son Wil—continues to struggle with Wegener's Granuloma, and will have to have spinal surgery.
- Prayer for Tina Moore and family with the passing of Helen last Sunday.
- Leonard Mansell is in ICU with a blood infection and mass in his head.
- Tom Egan had another treatment.
- Calvin Thompson's friend—Robyn will have a lumpectomy; for Calvin.
- The Johnson girls as they seek to learn about Christ in this season.
- Ron Miller had colon cancer surgery.

Praise the Lord Whose Love Never Fails!

- A warm welcome to our visiting friends. Welcome home to those who we have not seen for a while. It is good to see you!

Continued Prayer: Fenton McClure, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, Mike Douglas, Richard & Adam Gainer, Wil Ogden, the Gandys, Rick Ventura, the Harveys, Lisa Graham, the Mark Moore Family, Cristy Van Hook, Ellie Asprion, Juji Boyle, Tom Egan, Guy Oates and Jim Duffin.

Those In Care Facilities/Shut-ins: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Wayne Frisby, Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Madge Young, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, the Bucktons, Sadie Krovious, Jerry Smith, Glen Hughes, Doug Craig, & Doris Leddy.

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

Remember in Prayer: Our pastor and his family; church family and friends; those with the unspoken prayer; the ministries of this church; our church leaders; those serving God around the world; the hungry, displaced, sick and/or impoverished; the many who are suffering after natural or man-made disasters and for the workers who minister to them; for God's peace & justice for the world; our nation; current leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military & their families; the Middle East & Syria; the unrest in the nation.

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North District Weekly Prayer Covenant

- Clergy who are on leave.
- The Cal-Pac Conference Staff

Global Mission Focus for the Week

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- Dec. 15: Wesley Community Centers of Savannah, Savannah, GA
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- Dec. 17: Mercy Ships Restoration of Hope: Providing specialized surgeries on a hospital ship, West Africa
- Dec. 18: Haiti: FONDAMA and Aga Missions: Revitalization of Haiti agriculture
- Dec. 19: China; Global Health Action: Left-behind Children Project.
- Dec. 20: Ghana: Opportunity International: Empowering women and children in Ghana through microfinance