

# Events & Announcements



## Cocoa & Carols!

*Tonight! December 18th, 6pm, Sanctuary*

Join us this evening for an informal carol sing for everyone! We'll have hot cocoa ready. Bring your song requests and Christmas spirit!



## Christmas Eve at Faith Church

*Invite a neighbor to join us for one of our 3 Christmas Eve services:*

5:30 pm, featuring our Children's Pageant

7:30 pm, featuring Special Music

11:00 pm, featuring our Choir

*Communion and Candle-lighting will be offered at all services (electronic candles at 5:30 pm).*



## Christmas Eve Offering:

### Help Build Hope & Circle of Indigenous Ministries

This year's Christmas Eve offering will go to our Help Build Hope project and the Circle of Indigenous Ministries of the Greater Northwest UMC. Go to [faithunited.org/advent-christmas](http://faithunited.org/advent-christmas) for more info!



## Christmas Day Online Worship Service

*Sunday, December 25th, 10:30 am, online only!*

Let's worship together from home on Christmas Day! Join us online for a special service with music and message. The service will be broadcast at 10:30 am at [facebook.com/faithchurchwa](https://facebook.com/faithchurchwa). Join then or watch later!

**No in-person worship on Christmas Day.**



## Stump the Pastor! New Year's Day Worship

*Sunday, January 1st, 2023, 10:30 am & online*

Got a burning question? Ask away! **On Jan. 1, we'll have one worship service at 10:30 am**, and Pastor Ric will attempt to answer your questions. Nothing is off-limits (but stuff about religion, God, Bible, etc. would be appreciated!). Email questions to [ric@faithunited.org](mailto:ric@faithunited.org)



## December 18th, 2022

*To be a beacon of Christ's love, hope, and grace  
for the community.  
You are welcome here.*

## We Gather as Community

Prelude	Emily Cowgill
Welcome & Introduction	Pastor Ric Shewell
*Call to Worship from Psalm 121	John King
Advent Candle Lighting	
*Opening Prayer	John King
*Angels We Have Heard on High (UMH #238)	

Please join us in singing anytime the words are on the screens

Today's Music Team: Choir, Dan McLachlan, Greg Rolette,  
Brian Bauman, Robert Brawn, and Emily Cowgill

\* Indicates to stand in body or spirit

## We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination	Pastor Ric Shewell
1st Reading, Isaiah 7:10-16 (NIV)	Helen Carmarce
Choir Anthem: <i>Love Came Down at Christmas (Rosetti/Scott)</i>	
2nd Reading, Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)	Helen Carmarce
Children's Time (during 2nd service) <i>After Children's Time, children in 5th grade and younger are invited to a lesson and activity with Abby in the choir room, returning at offering.</i>	Abby Kleinknecht
Welcoming New Members	Pastor Ric Shewell
"The Holy Chosen Family" <i>After the message, there will be a moment to reflect and pray.</i>	Pastor Ric Shewell

## We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People	Pastor Ric Shewell
The Lord's Prayer	
Introduction to Offering	John King
<i>Christmas Medley</i>	Robert Brawn, guitar
* <i>Doxology (UMH #94)</i>	Music Team
*Prayer of Thanksgiving	John King
Invitation to Communion	Pastor Ric Shewell
The Great Thanksgiving Prayer	
Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament <i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (UMH #218)</i>	Pastor Ric Shewell Music Team

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## We Bring the Word to Daily Life

Announcements	Pastor Ric Shewell
*Benediction	Pastor Ric Shewell
* <i>Take to the World (Webb/Tate)</i>	Music Team

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## Message Notes:

"Joseph, her husband-to-be, was a \_\_\_\_\_ man..."

*dichainos* = righteous, "covenant keeper," law keeper

Deut. 22:13-24: punishment for promiscuous brides...

Deut. 24:1-2: the divorce option...

Joseph goes beyond the law, beyond ethics, Joseph acts on

\_\_\_\_\_.

*Love like this comes from an Outside Source.*

Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

What kind of father was Joseph?

"Pray like this: Our Father..."

"Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate..."

"He prayed, 'Abba, Father'..."

Continue the Conversation:

- How might God be calling you to love in extravagant and sacrificial ways?
- Who needs grace that they do not deserve?
- Who do you need to invite/include this Christmas?