



DECEMBER 2017 AT ST. PHILIP

JAZZ FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, 3 December 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER

ADVENT II Worship Services
8:00 am & 9:00 am
and at 11:15, our Service of
LESSON & CAROLS

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER

Christmas LUNCH - 12 Noon

SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER

Christmas PAGEANT - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER

ADVENT III Worship Services
8:00, 9:00, 11:15

SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER

ADVENT IV 10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Service 5:00 pm
CHRISTMAS EVE Service 8:00 pm

MONDAY, 25 DECEMBER

Christmas morning service 10:30 am

SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER

Worship Services: 8:00, 9:00 & 11:15

NEW YEAR'S EVE

TAIZE: 9:00 pm

Church Office closed December 23 to January 1

December 7, last Thursday Eucharist and book study till January 11, 2018

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The season of Advent includes the four weeks leading up to Christmas and begins TODAY, Sunday, December 3.

Instead of the **Gloria** we will be singing a **Trisagion** at the start of our Advent Eucharist services, and during the Children's Time we will light the candles on our **Advent Wreath**.

Like the changes we make during Lent (the period before Easter), these changes emphasize the reflective nature of this period. As the *Light of the World* is born anew, our joy resounds and we take up our 'Gloria' refrain again at Christmas.

Advent I ~ HOPE

Reader 1: God spoke to the prophets about a vision of hope.

He spoke to Mary and Joseph about a child who would bring new life and hope to the world.

Reader 2: Today we remember the hope that Jesus brings to us.

Candle lighter lights first candle.

All sing: Light one candle for hope
One bright candle for hope
He brings hope to every heart
He comes, he comes.

In the venerable tradition of "Why should Satan get all the good tunes" from the song writing collaboration of Conway and Page, and with apologies to Coats and Gillespie (1934):

Jesus Christ is Always The Way

It's time to love God, it's time to be kind
It's time to shine light, I'm telling you why
Jesus Christ is always the way.

He's opening hearts and making them true
Gonna seek out the pure child in you
Jesus Christ is always the way.

He sees what's good and true in us
And seeks to find the love

He sends into the world below
The gift from up above – so.

It's time to love God, it's time to be kind
It's time to shine light, I'm telling you why
Jesus Christ is always the way.
Jesus Christ is always the way.

Conway & Page, December 2017

Love With Us Stairwell Gallery Installation: The Christmas story is one of love coming to us in everyday circumstances, in a form we might not expect or one we take for granted.

The idea for this community art project is for us to share an object that represents our experience of God's love in our everyday lives, perhaps something that we have treasured, or something we may have thought ordinary.

One of the ways to think about it is like offering back to God a little gift in time for Christmas. Jaqueline will be sharing ideas to inspire us on our St. Philip Group page.

By the act of curation (gathering objects with intent, design and narrative) we will install a display that turns those everyday objects into an art display about love being with us.

Over the next few weeks, look around your homes, through your journals, photo albums and gardens, on your walks, or shopping trips and listen to what might be "speaking" to you. You might already have an idea, or an idea might emerge about an object that you had never even considered being precious, or you might even want to make something.

Size is limited to 15" by 15", but if you have a large thing in mind considering sharing a representation of it such as a photo or drawing. Have them ready and **bring them by December 17** so we can install in time for Christmas Eve!

Deadline for Annual Reports: In preparation for our Annual Meeting we publish a record of our year together. All staff, volunteer and ministry coordinators and mission representatives should write a report and give it to Alice Jourmel in the church office (emails especially welcome) by **January 8, 2018**.



Sing We Now of Christmas

*A Festival of
Carols & Scripture
for Choir
and Congregation*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH at 11:15 am



'Just the Joy'

St. Philip Christmas Pageant

4:00 PM - Saturday, December 16, 2017

We've distilled it down to 'Just the Joy': It's the no practices, no rehearsals, no try-outs, low stress, low commitment, havin' a hoot, holy re-telling of the Christmas story. Just show up and be part of the fun.

Children are encouraged to join the Nativity scene on the stage.

Everyone is welcome to watch and to sing Carols.

Plan to arrive a few minutes early to get a costume.

Doors open at 3:30 PM.