



A Little Something



December 08, 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

Hymns & Songs

Angels We Have Heard on High
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-6
Matthew 1:18-25

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12/03	Bill Kendrick
12/04	Steve Simpkins
12/09	Brenda Grotzke
12/13	Allison Murphy
12/14	Tom Collins
12/15	Jody Thompson
12/25	Lavinia Guntle
12/29	Elaine Bessey
12/30	Mary Jo Jamsgard
12/30	Donna Tyler

Food Cupboard Needs & News

December

Food Cupboard Challenge
Nothing

Take a break this month and
we'll challenge you again in
January.

Thank you for all you have
given!

FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS:

Warm Jackets

(Men's, Women's & Kid's)

Please check your closets for any
jackets you might be able to
donate!!

Christmas Eve Service

December 24
2:00 pm

The Church will be
CLOSED

December 24
December 25
December 31
January 1

Concert Schedule

The Bay Area Concert Band will
be performing two concert at
1st Pres in December:

Thursday, Dec. 5 @ 7:30 pm

&

Sunday, Dec. 8 @ 2:00 pm

Adult Sunday school
will NOT meet in
December.

Youth Church will meet
Dec. 1, 8 & 15

December 26
No Tai Chi or Bible
Study

December Music Rehearsals

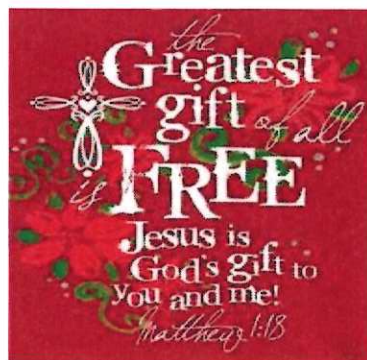
Choir
December 4, 11, & 18

OTGS Band
December 11 & 18

December Youth Activities

Dec. 8 - Regular Meeting @ 5 pm

December 22 - Christmas Party
@ 5 pm



Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. —Martin Luther King Jr.

Today, we light the candle of PEACE. The second candle of Advent reminds us that “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it” (John 1:5).

Have you ever experienced a blackout? You may have been caught unprepared. You couldn’t find your flashlight, or, if you did, the batteries were dead!

What could you do? Perhaps, you thought, I can find a candle and light it. So, you searched and searched. Do you know what you were doing as you searched?

You were resisting the darkness! This is what Christians are called to do. Advent, in a real sense, is a time of resistance. We don’t sit in the darkness and wring our hands, complaining about the darkness, bemoaning whatever happened to cause the darkness. No, we get up and light a light!

Today, people sit in darkness. This simple candle is a reminder that we care about our neighbors who suffer and that we stand in solidarity with them, resisting the dark forces of this world, and praying that “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:4-7).

After lighting this candle, you might recite the prayer attributed to Saint Francis:

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, harmony; Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born into eternal life.*

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord, may I be an instrument of your peace. Amen.


Daily Bible Readings
Sunday: Psalms 142-145

Monday: Psalms 146-147

Tuesday: Psalms 148-150

Wednesday: Revelation 13-15

Thursday: Revelation 16-18

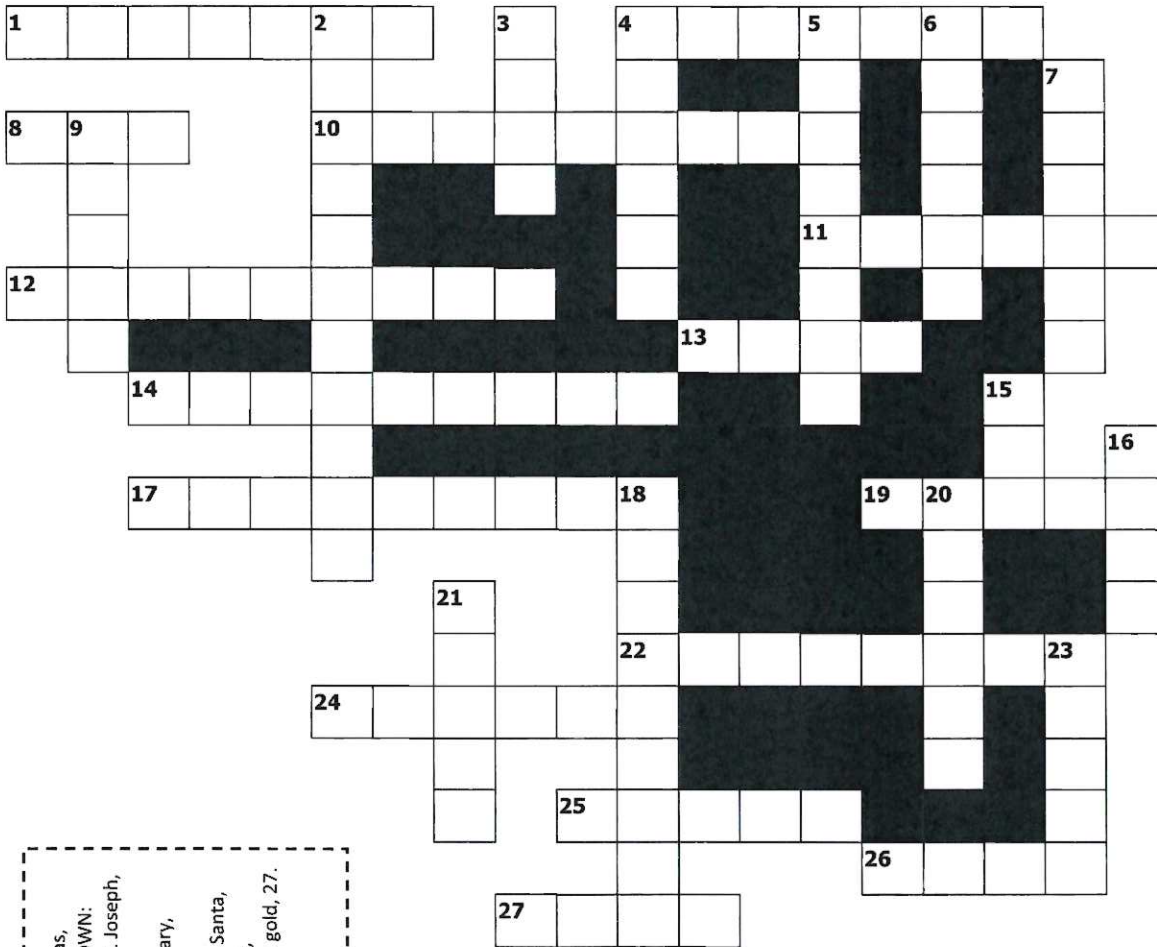
Friday: Proverbs 8-11

Saturday: Proverbs 12-14

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD


CLUES

1. Has a red nose
2. Red plants
3. A nova
4. A savior
- 4 DOWN: Crib
5. Keeper of sheep
6. Coming
7. He was a carpenter
8. 12th month (Abbr.)
9. Little helpers at North Pole
10. Enfleshed
11. *Messiah* composer
12. Of Ephrathah
13. Gabriel visited her
14. A form of holly
15. B & B
16. Wise men
17. Tree decorations
18. Patron saint of children
19. Red-suited man
20. Heavenly singers
21. Song
22. Home for Mary
23. He ordered the Slaughter of the Innocents



Answers: 1. Rudolph, 2. poinsettias, 3. star, 4. ACROSS: Messiah, 4. DOWN: manger, 5. shepherd, 6. advent, 7. Joseph, 8. Dec, 9. elves, 10. incarnate, 11. Handel, 12. Bethlehem, 13. Mary, 14. mistletoe, 15. inn, 16. magi, 17. ornaments, 18. Saint Nick, 19. Santa, 20. angels, 21. carol, 22. Nazareth, 23. Herod, 24. Christ, 25. gifts, 26. gold, 27. Luke.



24. Messiah
 25. Presents
 26. A gift of the wise men
 27. Author of the most famous account of the birth of Jesus

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DECEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship/Communion Youth Church 10:30 am	2 	3 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Bill Kendrick	4 Steve Simpkins	5 Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study 11:00 am Bay Area Concert Band @ 7:30 pm	6	7
8 Worship Youth Church 10:30 am Bay Area Concert Band @ 2:00 pm Youth Group 5 pm	9 Brenda Grotzke	10 Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Session Meeting 6:00 pm	11 Rehearsals Choir 6:00 pm OTGS Band 7:00 pm	12 Tai Chi 10:15 am Ladies Thursday Bible Study 11:00 am	13  Allison Murphy	14 Tom Collins
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22 OTG Sunday 10:30 am Friendship Potluck Youth Christmas Party @ 5pm	23	24 Church Closed Christmas Eve Service @ 2pm	25 Church Closed Christmas Lavinia Guntle	26 	27	28
29 Worship 10:30 am Elaine Bessey	30 Mary Jo Jamsgard Donna Tyler	31 Church Closed New Year's Eve				30 

Birthdays are printed in Red.