



The Sounding Joy!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 2018

2:00 pm The ABC's of Christmas
4:00 pm Children's Nativity Pageant
6:00 pm Contemporary Candlelight
8:00 pm Traditional Candlelight
10:00 pm Traditional Candlelight

2018 SMCC ADVENT CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND *Sundays, December 9 & 16*

Underwrite the cost of decorating the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Advent and Christmas.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT: *December 9*

CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA, 9:00 am *Traditional Worship*, 10:30 am *Classic Worship* Celebrate the season with the annual cantata, *The Sounding Joy*, with a blending of choirs, organ, and piano. Music Director Dr. Glenn DeLange leads the chancel choir accompanied by organist Lisa Edwards and orchestra, including SMCC Ringers Handbell choir, directed by Elizabeth Kerstein.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, *December 16, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, Sanctuary*

Celebrate the third Sunday of Advent with the lighting of the Advent candle and special music by the choirs. Rev. O'Grady will preach at 9:00 am Traditional Worship. Rev. Jessica Vaughan Lower preaches at both 9:00 am Contemporary Worship and at 10:30 am Worship.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, *December 23, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, Sanctuary*

Celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent with the lighting of the Advent candle, special Christmas music by the choirs. Rev. O'Grady will preach at 9:00 am Traditional Worship with Rev. Jessica Vaughan Lower preaching at 9:00 am Contemporary Worship and 10:30 am Classic Worship.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING, *Through Sunday, December 23*

The Christmas Joy Offering supports retired pastors and church staff residing at Monte Vista Grove Homes and Westminster Gardens as well as students at Menaul School in New Mexico. Please use the Christmas Joy envelopes in the pews or indicate "Christmas Joy."

FIVE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Celebrate Jesus' birth and the glory of Christmas with the spoken word, music and carols.

The Christmas ABC's – 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Rev. Jessica Vaughan Lower leads this intergenerational, kid-friendly service for all ages, exploring the story of Christmas and singing familiar Christmas carols. Music will be led by Jenny Jones in this joyful and interactive service.

Children's Nativity Pageant – 4:00 pm, Sanctuary

Children of all ages can participate in this family-friendly service. Parents, bring your children to church by 3:40 pm for an angel or shepherd costume. Surprises await worshipers of all ages as they see and hear the re-telling of the Christmas story.

Contemporary Candlelight Service – 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Join in worship with the Virginia Road band as we light the Christ Candle, sing familiar Christmas carols, and look ahead to Christmas Day with candlelight and *Silent Night*. Rev. Jessica Vaughan Lower preaches. Childcare available.

Traditional Candlelight Services – 8:00 pm & 10:00 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy traditional music sung by the Ensemble at 8:00 pm and the Chancel Choir at 10:00 pm. In both services Rev. O'Grady preaches and the service concludes with candlelight and carols in celebration of Christmas.

Live nativity animals from 3:00 - 6:00 pm!