



First Sunday of Advent: Hope Communion

This Sunday marks the year beginning in the Christian Church, with Advent One: Hope. We will light the first candle of the Advent Wreath and hear John the Baptist's proclamation to "Prepare the Way!" Scriptures are Isaiah 58:9b-12 and Luke 3:7-16. The sermon will be called "Do the Good That Is Yours to Do."

We also celebrate in the Sacrament of Communion.

I'm sending this eblast early because I will be in Atlanta tomorrow morning through Saturday evening.

Don't forget to come tonight at 7 to our Interfaith Community Thanksgiving service. We will have wonderful music, and representatives from many faiths in our sanctuary. A welcoming reception follows.

I am so grateful for each of you, and my family shares that feeling.

With blessing and care,
Leah

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor

Coming Up at PCL

PLEDGE DEDICATION

If you did not get the chance to make your 2025 pledge, please contact Pat in the church office at secretaryleonia@gmail.com. The church will be glad to receive it!

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be at our church, tonight, Tuesday, at 7 pm with neighbors and representatives from the various Leonia faith groups. The Rev. Emmanuel Agyemfra, the new pastor of the Leonia United Methodist Church, will be our preacher! An offering will be collected for World Central Kitchen, and food will be accepted to donate to Center for Food Action. Please bring a dessert to share with our neighbors after worship.

JOIN THE CHURCH! We have a class interested in joining our church on Sunday, December 8- what joyous news! And there may be baptisms too. If you are interested in taking this step, please contact me at pastorleonia@gmail.com.



In Our Prayers...

Today we pray with thanksgiving for our many gifts. We pray for how we share them with those who do not have enough. We pray for those whose Thanksgiving table will have an empty chair: for all holding grief, loneliness, or family strife on their shoulders. We pray for the land and its bounty, and ask God's help to remind us to steward it well.

We pray for people who have upcoming tests.

We pray for the people of Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, and Syria as the war continues and lives are destroyed. We pray for a ceasefire.

We pray for this country and all vulnerable populations. God, help us to be wise in the ways we move forward, and effective in our advocacy.