



## **Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE**

This Sunday, December 8, we will mark the second Sunday of the Holy Season of Advent, lighting the candle for PEACE. Susan and Pete Shanno will light the Advent candle. The scriptures will be Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 1:26-38. The title of the sermon will be “You Have Called Me by Name.”

The Sunday School classes for children and youth will be working hard on the Christmas pageant. Any kid who wants to play music for Dec. 22, or who wants a part in the pageant but doesn't have one yet, should let me know!

In this season of preparation, there is much we are preparing for and waiting for, and much that will change. May we find God can be born in flesh, even in the waiting and in the changes.

With blessing and care,  
Leah

-Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



## Coming Up at PCL

### **Congregational Meeting Dec. 8**

Immediately after worship this Sunday, there will be a brief congregational meeting, for the purpose of electing leaders to serve in the ordained offices of Deacon and Ruling Elder. You will also choose the members of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of nominees but we will also accept nominations from the floor.

### **Hanging of the Greens**

Following the Congregational Meeting this Sunday, help to hang wreaths, string lights, and add to the beauty and cheer of our church as we prepare our welcome for the Christ child and those who will come worship him.

### **Christmas Pageant Dec. 22**

Our children and youth lead worship by telling the Christmas story in drama! The kids will also be our musicians and liturgists for the morning. Hear the holy story from the voices of the kids and be blessed by their wonder and joy.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight**

December 24 at 8 pm. Invite neighbors, family and friends to this service of lessons and carols. There will be spectacular music, and the night will end with a circle around the sanctuary, in candlelight.

### **Christmas Day Service**

This child-friendly service of warmth and joy Christmas morning at 10:30 a.m. will include a carol hymn sing, and the sacrament of Communion. And, you are encouraged to come in your Christmas pajamas!

### **Pastoral Transition**

You have heard that I will be leaving PCL to start ministry at The Riverside Church in NYC. My last Sunday with you will be Feb. 2, Lunar New Year Sunday. Elder David Voreacos, the church's Clerk of Session, will give regular updates as they emerge. At our next Session meeting, an Interim Pastor Search Committee will be selected. Currently I am working with Linda McGarry to set a schedule of supply preachers from Feb. 9 through Easter Sunday.



## In Our Prayers...

- Eulalia as her aunt is near death.
- Laura as she faces another medical challenge.
- We pray for the people of South Korea, after a week of political chaos and an upset to their democracy.
- We pray for transgender kids and their families, as yesterday the Supreme Court heard a case that may have implications for their ability to access gender affirming care. Help them to feel God's love and care as a buffer to politicians who upend their lives for political leverage.
- We pray for a ceasefire in Gaza; for a renewed ceasefire in Lebanon, and for pathways to peace in the lands where Jesus was born, traveled, preached, and healed many years ago.
- We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Leonia, as the people and their pastor spend the next 2 months in both celebration and grief and prepare for a pastoral transition.

God in your mercy, hear our prayers!