



## **Advent Sunday 4: LOVE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

This Sunday, December 22, we will mark the Fourth Sunday of the Holy Season of Advent, lighting the candle for LOVE. The Lehnbeuter Family will light the Advent candles. And then you will hear the long anticipated Christmas Pageant, presented by the children and youth of the church! It is called "Don't Freak Out." We will cheat on Advent by letting a few Christmas carols slip in, and the music will be shared by our kids: Sebastian Lehnbeuter, Kai Gajilan Fowler, and Oliver Coleman-Thams.

All kids in the pageant or helping with it should come to the Dress Rehearsal this Saturday, Dec. 21 from 9 a.m.- 12 noon.

Take note of the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, and please encourage family, friends, and neighbors to come and worship.

With comfort and joy,  
Leah  
Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor



**Coming Up at PCL**

### **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 Pageant Rehearsal Dec. 21** All children and youth who have roles in the Christmas Pageant should come to a rehearsal Saturday, Dec. 21, from 9:00 a.m. till noon (we may dismiss earlier if actors come well prepared). There will be a snack served.

### **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. An Interim Pastor Search Committee has formed, with Elders Ellen Lazzaro, Cory Lehnbeuter, Tom Topousis, and Joe VanDeWeert from Session and at-large members Tara Coleman, Vicky Li, and Mineko Yajima.



### **In Our Prayers...**

- Laura Collins who had an epidural yesterday to help with back pain, and for her mom who is in the hospital.
- For all those who are facing the holiday season with grief, loss, or complicated families. May the love of Christ (who was born into a complicated family) sit with them, even when joy is not easily accessible.
- We pray for the families of Abundant Life School in Madison, WI, following a mass shooting there. God, have mercy on mourning families, and send help to those injured in the hospital.

Protect children, teens, and school staff everywhere from the reach of gun violence.

- We pray for Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, and Sudan. We pray for the people of Gaza, for a ceasefire, and for the West Bank including Bethlehem as they face another Christmas under increasing violation of rights. We pray for a future where there can be restoration and peace for all in the Holy Land.
- We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Leonia, as the people and their pastor spend the next 7 weeks in both celebration and grief and prepare for a pastoral transition.