



Resurrection Review

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 8

4:30 pm Intro to Yoga Align

5:30 pm Yoga Align 2

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am Worship

10:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Blue Christmas

Monday, December 12

6:00 pm Vestry Mtg

Tuesday, December 13

11:00 am Fiber Arts

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 pm Plaid Tidings

(Civic Theater)

Thursday, December 15

**TREE OF SHARING
PRESENT TURN IN**

4:30 pm Intro to Yoga Align

5:30 pm Yoga Align 2

Office hours: Mon 12-3pm, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-12pm, Thur 10-1pm

Dear friends,

We live in a troubled world. If we are old and grey, we may figure that we are soon going to leave it for a better world. But if we have children and grandchildren, we might give thought to the fact that they will have to live in the world we leave behind. What kind of world do we want them to live in?

My students at Gonzaga are at the beginning of their journey in this troubled world. They come with new energy and a whole life ahead of them, and un-jaded expectation. They are preparing to take on the troubles of our world with imagination and learning, and they are filled with hope that they can do the impossible. Hope has been the basic attitude of all great human breakthroughs. We humans are a unique and incredible species – able to face impossible tasks and have the colossal nerve to think we can accomplish them. And indeed we have! Who ever thought human being could set foot on the moon!

The greatest challenges before us now are, however, not scientific and technological. They will involve science and technology. But the greatest challenges are matters of the human spirit: Given our capacity to use science and technology for good or for evil, what will it be? That is not a scientific question. It is a spiritual question.

The older Eucharistic prayers were composed 500 years ago when the chief question on the minds of Christians was, What do I need to do to go to heaven when I die? The Eucharistic prayers rehearse the story of Jesus as the story of God sending his Son to die so that we may be forgiven and go to heaven.

The story in the Bible is far richer than that. It begins in Genesis with creating a species of animal with both the freedom and intelligence to be God's partners in developing this good and beautiful and incredibly complex and mysterious world God created. God set us in a garden to tend and care for it. But when tempted by the Serpent to misuse our freedom, we chose to be independent of God's will for us and for God's world. The result has been abuse of nature and of each other on a scale for which only our imagination is the limit.

Next week I will share the second part of this meditation.

Advent Blessings,
Fr. Adam

*Third Sunday of
Advent*



Blue Christmas

Unfortunately the holidays are not a happy time for everyone. For those whom the holidays are not joyful, for those who are lonely, in mourning, feeling alienated, and cast apart from family celebrations, or those feeling depression or sadness we hope that our Blue Christmas service provides you with a place of comfort and hope. So please join us for our Blue Christmas worship service on December 11, 2016 at 3:00 pm, with cookie & coffee service to follow.

Treasurer's Corner

The pledges for 2017 are coming in nicely. As of last Sunday, 12/04/16, we have received 47 pledges for a total of \$115,349. This is 68% of the amount needed to balance the budget, so we still have a ways to go. Some pledges are slightly larger than last year and that is going a long way toward meeting our goal but we still need the pledges that have not yet been received.

We need each and every one of these pledges, and hopefully by this this next Sunday. There is a lot of budget that is still un-funded, so we are still in the wild guessing mode as to the finances for 2017.

As I said last week, we have made great financial progress at Resurrection in the last two years due to your continued generosity. We are now financially stable and can make better decisions going forward into the future. Thank you for your continued support to keep this progress going.

~ Chuck Schmitz -Treasurer

The next Vestry Meeting will be held on December 12th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.



Cookie Request

As you are creating those wonderful Christmas cookies, candy and breads, please consider setting aside a plate of goodies for the Christmas Eve celebration following both services Christmas Eve.

The past years have been absolutely wonderful and delicious. Bring your goodies to the church kitchen marked Christmas Eve either on the 18th or on the 24th.

Thank you
Ann

Tree of Sharing

Thank you to all the family who have taken a tag from our tree of sharing this year. Your gifts and generosity help families at a local school who are having a difficult time this season.

Please remember that all tags and gifts need to be returned to the church (wrapped) no later than December 15th, in order to leave time for delivery. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Yajko.



Order Your Poinsettias Today



We are now taking orders for holiday poinsettias. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Parish Hall.

Poinsettias will be \$10 each. **Last day to order is December 18th.** Please make sure to put your name and a dedication as you would like it printed on the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day inserts. If you put your check in the offering plate, please make sure to add "Poinsettia" in the memo field. If you are paying with cash, please make sure to write "Poinsettia" the envelope.

“Advent Light”

All over the U.S. those who found themselves on opposite sides of the political divide are now wondering how we can sit across the table and "talk turkey." Use Advent as an opportunity to de-escalate and renew our bonds as we practice listening with compassion. Come join a guided time of prayer and discussion as we invite the light of Christ into all of our perspectives. If you have articles you would like to share with the group please bring them. **Prayer and Potluck starts Wed., Nov. 30th at 6 in the Parish Hall.** We will continue Dec. 7th, and a festive gathering on Wed. Dec. 21st. On Dec. 14 we will be supporting Plaid Christmas for Hearth Homes.



Awesome Sunday Market

The awesome news is that the 2016 Sunday Market raised over \$2100. How wonderful! Thank you to the parishioners who donated jam, white elephant items, pepper jelly, garden preserves, baked goods, holiday decorations, handmade crafts, honey, mustard, lemon curd, and gifts of money. You are all so generous, as well as talented. It seemed that everyone had fun, almost like a fair, which makes the work well worthwhile. Thank you to all of you who so generously bought the market offerings.

In January, the women, and men, who were directly involved will meet to choose a project, or two, to fund. If you have a project to suggest, please give it to Martha Sherwin, senior warden. Thank you again Lynn and Pam

Hearth Homes Presents

Come join Hearth Homes on December 14th for an evening of Wine, Hors D'Oeuvres, a Silent Auction, and a special presentation of Plaid Tidings at the Spokane Civic Theater (1020 N Howard St.) Doors open at 6:00pm and the play begins at 7:30. All proceeds go towards housing homeless women and their children. Tickets may be purchased at www.hearth-homes.org/events or Call 509-926-6492 (or talk to Jerry & Nola Combs)

Assisting with Worship December 11

SubDeacon:
8am:
10am: John Richardson

LEM: 8am: Scott Oakshott
10am: Jimmie Coy

Lectors:
8am: Maxine Schmitz
10am: Deborah Chan

Acolytes: Lenore Hartwig
Lila Hartwig

Altar Guild: Linda Bordwell
Joan Gurule

Ushers: Craig Crago
Barb Crago

Counters: Arlene Lee
DeAnn Waterman

Cleaners Schedule

Dec 1—Dec 15

A Martha Sherwin
Roger Barenz

B Scott Oakshott
Dave Newton

Dec 16—Dec 31

A Catherine Yajko
Kelly Heck

B Jeremy Armstrong
Dave Newton



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(especially monetary) to:

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Lessons for December 11

FIRST LESSON: (Isaiah 35:1-10) The prophet envisions a time of abundance and healing for Israel.

PSALM: (Psalm 146:4-9) A hymn of praise to the Lord, who forms the world and rules in justice, who heals and cares for the needy.

SECOND LESSON: (James 5:7-10) An exhortation to patient expectation in preparation for the coming of the Lord.

GOSPEL: (Matthew 11:2-11) Jesus responds to a question from John the Baptist about his mission and then describes John's ministry.



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