



# Resurrection Review

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## Calendar of Events

### 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

### Sunday, December 18

8:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Worship

### Tuesday, December 20

11:00 am Fiber Arts

### Wednesday, December 21

6:00 pm Advent Potluck  
Reflections

### Thursday, December 22

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,

Below is the second part of last week's reflection. As we continue our Advent journey together one of my dearest hopes is that we can have some good discussions and continue to learn and grow together.

In response God first called Israel to be a Holy Nation who would know God's will and be a catalyst in restoring the human species to partnership with God in caring for God's world. God gave Israel the Torah to guide them and the prophets to call them back to faithful living when they went astray. God's work in Israel came to a climax in Jesus, the man of Nazareth. A New Adam, he did not succumb to the temptation of Satan. He announced the breaking in of the restored Kingdom of God upon the earth. He brought healing on a scale not known since Adam and Eve chose Satan over God. He healed bodies. He healed spirits. He feed the poor. He raised the dead. He reconciled enemies. He calmed the destructive forces of nature. And in Mark's brief story of his temptation (Mark 1:13), he is pictured as at long last a peace with the wild beasts God created as companions for Adam (Genesis 2:18-20). He died because caring for the poor and loving enemies and healing nature requires us to change our abusive and exploitive ways. In our perversity we prefer to trust that we can survive our destructive ways. Better to get rid of Jesus than try to trust his way of living in God's world.

That is not how the story ends, of course. The Creator did not allow disobedient and destructive humans to defeat the transformation of the earth he began in Israel and in Jesus, Israel's Messiah. God raised Jesus from the dead so that his Holy Spirit could empower and guide his followers. He also promised to those who trust in God's ways that he will raise them from the dead to enjoy forever his healed Creation.

This is the story the newer Eucharistic prayers retell, however briefly. It is not the story of how to get to heaven, but of God's long and patient work in Israel and in Jesus of returning us to our calling to care for God's good creation and all God's creatures, and of his promise to resurrect us from the dead to enjoy his transformed creation. It is the story of how in raising Jesus from the dead, God gave those who desire to follow and serve him the gift of his empowering and guiding Holy Spirit. That is us, his Church! Our faith is that his way is God's way and we trust him to guide and empower us as we seek to turn from our destructive ways to being God's partners in caring for God's incredible creation. Our sacred and joyful calling "is to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all."

*Fourth Sunday of  
Advent*

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The Bible's full story is the story for us to live if we are to bequeath to our children and grandchildren a world in which they can be joyful. It is a story that calls us to repent, to change our ways, to stop squandering our children's portion of their inheritance from God. It is the story of God's coming to earth to rule as God now rules in God's heaven.

Are we a Christian nation? Not if we continue to plunder God's good earth. We, Jesus' Church, need to recover the full story of the Bible, to commit ourselves to living it and trusting the Resurrected Jesus to guide and strengthen us. This is our calling from God and our gift to a world that has gone astray. It is our gift to our children and grandchildren.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### 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

### Worship Servers

Pat Munts is currently working on server schedules for the months of Jan, Feb, and Mar. Please make sure to send her your availability so she can make any necessary adjustments.



### Community Garden

The Community Garden group continues to amaze us every year with their bountiful harvests. This year the garden managed to take 1,226 lbs of fresh vegetables to the Food Bank. In addition, from Jan -Dec of 2016, our congregation managed to collect 1,069 lbs in canned donations, pet food and paper products for the food bank. That brings our running total from 2012-2016 to over 6.98 tons of food, donated to the food bank. Nice job Resurrection!

**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](http://www.hearth-homes.org/events) or Call 509-926-6492 (or talk to Jerry & Nola Combs)

**“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. We will continue with a festive gathering on Wed. Dec. 21st. On Dec. 14 we will be supporting Plaid Christmas for Hearth Homes.



The House of Charity had a Norovirus outbreak that resulted in the need to rent a large tent, porta potties, washing stations, and cots to separate the ill from the well clients. Most of the staff also became ill and additional staff from other agencies had to be called into service along with many community volunteers. The staff and volunteers did a marvelous job of caring for the ill, as well as controlling the outbreak. Each person was treated with concern, respect, and dignity. However this effort has cost a great deal - approximately \$30,000.00. The House of Charity is endeavoring to provide a warm sleeping place for both men and women during these cold months. They were already struggling financially before the outbreak. Consequently the Vestry has decided to give the Christmas collection to the House of Charity. Two plates will be offered at the Christmas services. If you wish your donation to go to the support of the church you will place it one basket, if you wish your donation to go to the House of Charity then you will place it a another basket. As always thank you for your generosity.

<b>Assisting with Worship December 18</b>	
<b>SubDeacon:</b>	
8am:	John Sahr
10am:	Linda Bordwell
<b>LEM:</b>	
8am:	Scott Oakshott
10am:	Pat Munts
<b>Lectors:</b>	
8am:	Roger Barenz
10am:	Craig Crago
<b>Acolytes:</b> Brooke Geffrey-Bowler Grace Salsbury	
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Barb Crago Diana Heimerdinger	
<b>Ushers:</b> Nils Wagenhals Pam Wagenhals	
<b>Counters:</b> Karen Gertson Merry Young	

**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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**Finance** Chuck Schmitz

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## Lessons for December 18

**FIRST LESSON:** (Isaiah 7:10-16) The prophet Isaiah insists that King Ahaz of Judah will receive a sign from God, whether he wants it or not, the sign of a young woman bearing a son to be called Emmanuel.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18) A lament and a plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that he will turn away his anger and restore his people.

**SECOND LESSON:** (Romans 1:1-7) Paul greets the new disciples in Rome and summarizes the gospel message.

**GOSPEL:** (Matthew 1:18-25) The story of the birth of Jesus.



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