



# Resurrection Review

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## Calendar of Events

### Thursday, December 14

4:30 pm Yogalign Lvl 1  
5:45 pm Yogalign Lvl 2  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts Mtg  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

### Friday, December 15

9:00 am Prayers &  
Squares

### Sunday, December 17

8:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Worship

### Tuesday, December 19

11:00 am Fiber Arts

### Wednesday, December 20

1:00 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, December 21

4:30 pm Yogalign Lvl 1  
5:45 pm Yogalign Lvl 2  
6:00 pm Girl Scouts Mtg  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

*Third Sunday of  
Advent*

Office hours: Mon 11-2pm, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-12pm, Thur 10-1pm

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we open to Mark's bold proclamation: "**The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" Thus, with the most concise of summaries as possible, Mark offers his gospel as news so urgent that we *have* to hear it: Jesus is the one we have all been waiting for. And his entry into the world is only the beginning! Notice Mark wastes no time lingering with a refugee baby born in a manger, as do Matthew and Luke. There are no rarified heights that the prologue of John provides, taking us to the Word that existed before time.

This week we continue to meet the both great and humble messenger John the Baptist. Obviously, John missed the fact that fashions had changed. He walks around the dessert dressed suspiciously like the prophet Elijah. He looks like a prophet, eats like a prophet, and sounds like a prophet. John is a breathless messenger, eager to make an unexpected announcement. He is as demanding as my cat, Chico, who recently pounced on and then dumped a huge (once beautiful) plant in the living room *just* to get my attention. John wants nothing more than to get us prepared to meet this Messiah.

One author pointed out that we must be careful not to underestimate the impact of the "good news" for the first century. They could use good news as they struggled to survive in the years during or just after the Jewish War with Rome (ca. 66-70 CE) (**Feasting on the Word**, Year B, Vol. 1, David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Ed., p. 44). And indeed, is our own world any less precarious?

And what about you this day, this week, this period of your life. How about your neighbors? Couldn't all of use some good news this coming week as well?

You will find more good news in the next few pages of the Resurrection Review. A big thanks to the many, many parishioners who have made this last year, and particularly these last few months a joyous season of hope. And while I'm at it, let me thank each and every one of **you** for your generous pledges and contributions that enable us to anticipate yet another purposeful and joyous year, full of hope and good news. As they say, Jesus is the reason for the season.

Advent Blessings,  
Rev. Linda

### Why do you feel blessed?



*For all the support I have received from Cleo, Diana, Lynn, Sharon, Nola and Rev. Linda as I recuperate from surgery.*

*THANKS! Barbara W.*



### Tree of Sharing

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> you may notice that Santa's elves have been busy setting up our Tree of Sharing. If you haven't had the joy of participating in this event, here's a little info. Each year we partner with a local school to help bring a little more joy and less stress to families in need. If you want to participate, simply take a tag from the tree and **bring the item back, wrapped and with the tag attached by December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

### Thirteen Months in 2017?

*Our exciting goals for next year depend on a balanced budget. Many thanks if you have a bit more to offer as this year ends! Your Rector*

### Christmas Pageant

Do you have a child or grandchild or know some little person who might enjoy being a part of the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at the Family service at 7 pm? Please bring them to the service at 6:30pm, downstairs so we can get them ready.



### Calling all cookies and goodies!

Following each Christmas Eve service, we have a coffee/cookie social. If you can help us, by providing some yummy treats, please let Ann Newton know 928-8540. If you would like to help organizing this event, we also welcome that help as well.



### Christmas Worship



Dec 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm Family Service  
9:00 pm Evening Service

Dec 25<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am Morning Service



### Order Your Poinsettias Today



We have now begun taking orders for holiday poinsettia. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the Parish Hall. Poinsettias will be \$12 each. 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. **Payment must be received before Poinsettias are ordered on December 18th.**

### Advent Wreath Make & Take

Thank you to Ann Newton for organizing our Advent Wreath Make And Take this year. Also, thank you to everyone who helped during this event following each of the services.



### Sunday Market - December 3<sup>rd</sup>



The Sunday Market was a big success in many ways. First, we raised \$1800 by selling delicious jams, relishes, pickles, lovely quilts, white elephant treasures, holiday decor, mustard, lemon curd, honey, and lots of wonderful stuff. Second, we had FUN! It was a great way to get to know each other better and enjoy the fellowship, warmth and generosity of fellow parishioners. Third, since the 1958 350 pound garage door on the office building broke again, we are able to buy a new garage door for the building. Good timing. So praise God for this opportunity to serve his church and praise God for the many gifts you were willing to share to make the event such a success.

### Bible Study

Our final Bible Study for the year will take place on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. We will resume Bible Study next year on January 17<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Office.



### Yogalign Classes



Intro to Yogalign is designed for those new to the Yogalign method of exercise. Yogalign uses safe and painless body positions and breathing techniques to achieve optimal alignment and increase strength, flexibility, and joy.

Yogalign Level 2 is designed for those familiar with the Yogalign principles of optimal alignment and breathing, using Yogalign techniques. Modifications are always offered to fit any fitness level. This event is free, but donations are welcomed. Please contact Lynn 939-5740 if you have any questions!

### Assisting with Worship December 17

- SubDeacon:**  
8am:  
10am: John Richardson
- LEM:**  
8am: Pat Munts  
10am: Carol Allen
- Lectors:**  
8am: Crystal Palmer  
10am: Roger Barenz
- Acolytes:** Brooke & Tristan  
Geffrey Bowler
- Altar Guild:** Barb Crago  
Diana Heimerding
- Ushers:** Dave Newton  
Tom Sernka
- Counters:** Karen Gertson  
Merry Young

### Assisting with Worship December 24

- SubDeacon:**  
Linda Bordwell
- LEM:**  
Scott Oakshott  
Jeremy Armstrong
- Lectors:**  
Ronda Dolan  
Barb Crago
- Acolytes:** Darrin Mitchell
- Altar Guild:** Arlene Lee  
Meloni Armstrong
- Ushers:** 7PM: Tom Sernka  
Dave Newton  
9 PM: Tim Lape  
Scott Oakshott
- Counters:** Dave Newton  
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**Lessons for December 17**

**FIRST LESSON:** (Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11) Promises of hope are made to God's people.

**PSALM:** (Psalm 126) A psalm of joy and hope sung to the Lord who restores the fortunes of his people.

**SECOND LESSON:** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24) As he concludes his letter to the church in Thessalonica, Paul exhorts the new converts to live joyfully and prayerfully in readiness for the Lord's coming.

**GOSPEL:** (John 1:6-8, 19-28) The fourth evangelist firmly characterizes the mission of John the Baptist: he is the forerunner and witness to the Christ.



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