



# A Letter From Jim

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Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

To all God's beloved, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent when we light the pink "Peace" candle at the beginning of worship. We remember that Christ came as the Prince of Peace, and that in the Sermon on the Mount he said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5.9). I give thanks for those who, in Christ-like humility, seek reconciliation with their brothers and sisters

This Sunday is a special time in the life of our congregation. Each year our Sanctuary Choir presents "Sounds of Christmas" to help prepare us for the joy of Christmas; this year is no exception. Please join us at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of the Savior through song. Pre-service music will begin at 6:45. A nursery will be provided, and you are invited to attend a reception following the concert.

Which Christmas Eve service are you attending? Remember that we are holding services at 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Our 5 p.m. service is a family service, with the re-enactment of the Nativity Story. All services will have the traditional candle lighting service, with communion served at the 9 p.m. service. All Christmas Eve services will be held in the sanctuary.

Finally, remember to print your name as you would like it to appear on your nametag this Sunday when you register your presence at the beginning of our worship services. We are seeking to be a more hospitable congregation. Our nametags will allow us to greet one another by name, and help our visitors and new members learn who we are. Thank you for your willingness to do this so that others will feel the love of Christ. Remember, scripture tells us that by being hospitable some people have entertained angels without knowing it! (Hebrews 13.2)

Almighty God, we give thanks for the Prince of Peace, and for your call for us to be peacemakers. Give us patience as we continue on the journey to Bethlehem; may we not run ahead to the manger, but continue to travel with you in your time. May we find meaning in the journey, knowing that you will bring it to a glorious conclusion. For we ask all this in Christ's name, and for the sake of his kingdom. Amen.

God Bless,