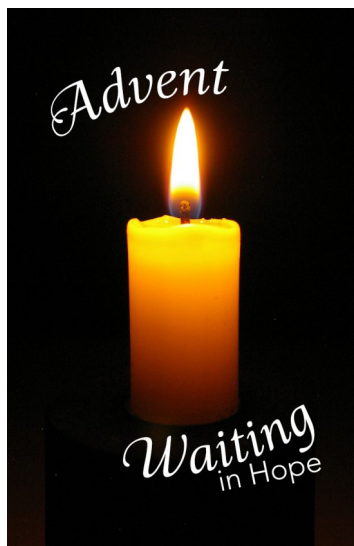


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As we enter into the season of Advent, just like everything else right now, we are mindful of the difference this year. As with any undesired change, it is easy to dwell on the losses of this season (of which there are many). And even though it is healthy to grieve what has been left behind, I would also challenge us all to become consciously aware of the opportunity this pandemic presents, as there is not likely to be a Christmas like this ever again.

I, for one, am thankful that God has given us a chance to reevaluate the purpose of Christmas which has

become so busy and commercialized over the decades. This year, if we choose, we can just focus on Christ and, as a result, we can put new traditions into practice that have the potential to change Christmas going forward for ourselves and for our children.

Advent, the weeks leading up to the celebration of the birth of Christ, was, in its original intent, not about celebration, as much as it was about anticipation. In the church calendar Advent is similar to Lent. It is a time of reflection and repentance; a time where we sit at the feet of dark and dreary times and try to learn from them--when we pay attention to what is missing and give voice to the void through lamentation and longing.

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Christmas Eve Services

10 am - Cafe-Style Christmas In-Person

4 pm - Children's Christmas Drama Online

7 & 9 pm - Traditional Worship Online

Live Nativity &
Open House (In-Person)

5:30 -8:30 pm

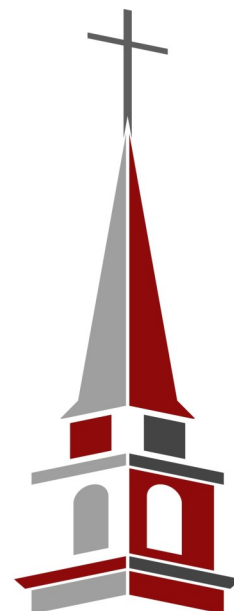
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Red Brick Kids Worship
Sunday 9 am
Sunday Worship
9:30 and 11:00 am
Café Service 9:45 am
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December 6:	Christmas Lessons& Carols
December 13:	Family Outdoor Movie Night
December 20:	Blue Christmas
December 24:	Christmas Eve Services

Our Vision: Loving Everyone to LIFE with Everything we Have.

Our Mission: Through authentic community, we seek to EXPERIENCE Jesus, JOURNEY into Deeper Faith, STRENGTHEN the Church, and TRANSFORM our World.

Values:

1. We are a good home.
2. We are intergenerational.
3. We inspire engagement.

CHURCH NEWS

Session Highlights - November 18, 2020

The Session welcomed the Deacons -elect class of 2023 to the November 18 Zoom meeting. They had received training from Rev. Alex Wirth. The Deacons were interviewed and enthusiastically welcomed to service.

Most of the meeting was devoted to discussing the report of the Virtual Church Working Group. At the conclusion of the discussion the Session committed to maintain an online worship presence once normal operations resume, and directed the working Group to propose plans and a budget for staffing and supporting the project. The Session closed the meeting with prayers of thanksgiving.

John Spafford
Clerk

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Dreary darkness and struggle are not usually what come to mind when we think of December (at least at this point in history) but, nevertheless, those are the feelings that hung over the world pre-Christ, and in many ways those are the feelings that hang over us right now. And it is only in the recognition of our struggle with this world, with our bodies, with our family and community that we can truly understand the significance of the Messiah taking up residence in our world. **As without Christ, there is no hope, no peace, no joy, and no love.**

As you will discover by reading our newsletter this month, Advent and Christmas are still very much alive at PLCPC. We are offering a number of both in-person and online gatherings all with the intent of helping us connect with God's presence in the present. In addition to the church offerings, though, I also encourage you to remember Advent differently in your home this year. **Take time to set up a sacred space* and join in dialogue and prayer with your neighbors, family, and friends as we anticipate together the coming of Christ into our world.**

Prayers as we wait,
Pastor Karla

*See *Creating a Sacred Advent Space at Home* on page 10.

Blood Donors Receive FREE Meal at The Broken Yolk!

The San Diego Blood Bank has teamed up with The Broken Yolk to offer a free meal to anyone who donates blood before December 13. The meal voucher (up to \$14 value) is good at all Broken Yolk locations.

In addition to the free meal, all donors are automatically tested for COVID-19 antibodies. If your blood has the antibodies, your plasma can be given to COVID-19 patients to aid in their recovery.

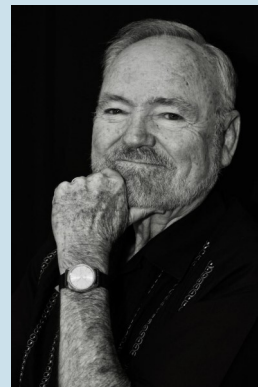
Please note: As this is NOT a diagnostic test, it will not detect active COVID-19 infections or recent exposure. For all COVID-19 blood donation restrictions related to symptoms and exposure, visit www.sandiegobloodbank.org/COVID19.

The Liberty Station Donation Center is located 2445 Truxton Road, #205 by Panera Bread. They are open Sundays thru Thursdays 9am to 5pm.

Appointments are still required to donate blood. Visit www.sandiegobloodbank.org/donate or call (619) 400-8251.

Advent Reflections with Em Cummins "In the Days of Herod the King" Daily Audio Recordings November 29 through December 24

Em Cummins—church elder, retired SDSU professor, and chorister—will be sharing an Advent meditation from his booklet, *In the Days of Herod the King*, each day throughout Advent. You can access the daily teaching – read aloud by Em himself – by calling **619-223-1633 Ext. 214**. Each day's reading will be available until 11:00 p.m., when the next day's reflection will be recorded.



Deepen your understanding of Advent through the exploration of the infancy narratives from Matthew and Luke that enhance our appreciation of this holy season.

ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday Scripture Group—Sundays 10:45 am A new series begins during Advent, Dr. Ken Bailey's *A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus*. All are invited to join us.

Contact: Bob Simoneau, grs55@cox.net for Zoom information.

Monday Morning Men—Monday mornings 7-8:30 am for virtual coffee via Zoom. Different guest speakers each week.

Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

Women's Bible Study—Tuesday at 9:15am. Pastor Karla is leading a study on the book of Deuteronomy. December 8 will be our last meeting for 2020.

Contact: Clara Blenis, clblenis@sdccd.edu

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)—2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 pm via Zoom. Topics for this month: **Dec. 1:** Book Club: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee and **Dec. 8:** Keepsake Craft for Christmas Gifts

Contact: Julia Roller, mops@pointlomachurch.org

Continuing The Conversation (CTC)—No Zoom Meeting in December, next Zoom Meeting January 26. CTC thanks the church family for their support in 2020 and wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a 2021 free of COVID, racism and hate.

Contact: Gordy Lutes, gklutes@gmail.com.

Journeymen— Wednesdays, 7 am All men are invited to join this group of guys who chat about life and discuss relative topics all

while digging into what Scripture says about them.

Contact: Evan Gratz, evan@pointlomachurch.org

Men@Work— Wednesdays 8:30 AM Any men wishing to participate with M@W are welcome to join us. In December we are assembling donated bikes for the Military Outreach Ministry (MOM) and we may add more Christmas preparation tasks. At present we meet via ZOOM each Wednesday morning at 8:30 for a time of camaraderie and Bible study under the leadership of Em Cummins.

Contact: Don Griffith, 619-432-2682 or don.griffith69@gmail.com

Wednesday Men's Bible Study—5pm, via Zoom. Fellowship and study time. We continue meetings virtually through Zoom as we study the Book of Hebrews. All are welcome
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6192231623>

Contact: Jerry Heidt, gheidt@ghhco.com

Moms Small Group—1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:45 pm. Led by Pastor Karla, we continue a study on the book of John.

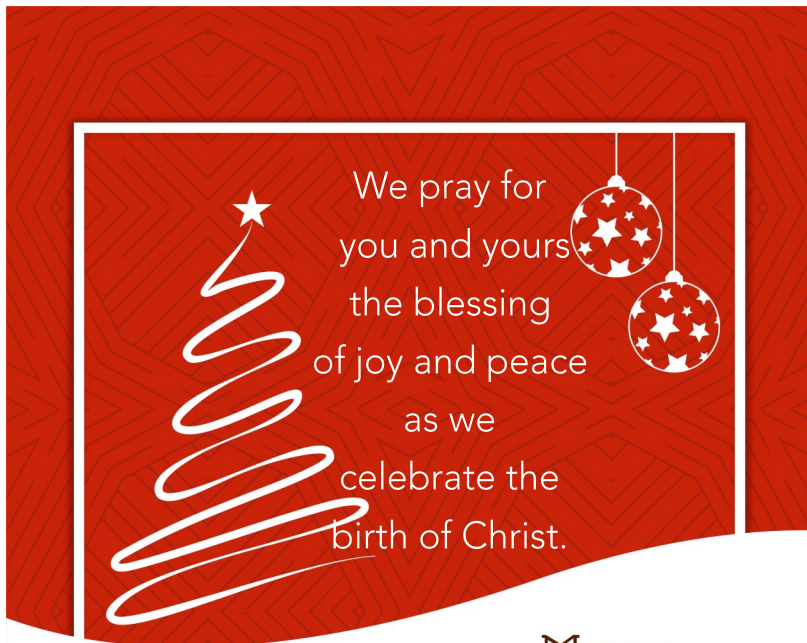
Contact: Pastor Karla, karla@pointlomachurch.org

Centering Prayer—Thursdays weekly, via Zoom.

Contact: Pastor Alex, alex@pointlomachurch.org

Prayer Quilt Ministry— 1st Saturday, 9am-3pm, Family Life Center.

Contact: Karen Vandenberg, ktvandenberg@aol.com.



Merry
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Today in the town of David a Savior
has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord.**

Luke 2:11

The Jericho Drummers completed their season this week with a videotaped performance that can be viewed during the *Service of Lessons and Carols* online on December 6 at 5 pm and on Christmas Eve during the 4 pm Children's Drama Service online.



Brick Youth Meets on Campus on the Outdoor Turf!*

We are meeting on campus on Monday nights for fun, faith and fellowship. We continue our new series, **Love to the Tenth**, examining the Ten Commandments with a new perspective. Junior high (6th—8th grade) meets from 6-7:30 pm. High School meets from 7:30-9 pm. We play games, have Bible study and wrap-up with small group discussions. All youth are invited to join us!

Brick Youth Open Door On Wednesdays from 3-5 pm*

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Open Door on Wednesdays from 3-5pm, It's a time to simply "hang out" together in the Youth Center. There is no set program or agenda, and kids can come and go as they please. Bring a little money as we usually head over to the donut shop for some goodies! Wednesday, December 16 will be our last meeting for 2020.

* **Masks must be worn and RO must have a current waiver on file to attend.**

Adult Volunteers Wanted!!

Brick Youth continues to meet on Monday nights. Most of our youth, grades 6- 12 are participating in distance learning which has resulted in a more than normal amount of screen time as they attempt to learn and keep themselves on track. We are thrilled to provide in-person meetings on Monday nights to provide an outlet for connection with peers albeit social distanced and with masks. As the group continues to grow, we are faced with the need for more adult volunteers to help lead and guide these youth as we keep them safe during in-person meetings. If you are interested in leading small group discussions and/or building one-on-one relationships with the youth, please reach out to RO Smith at ro@pointlomachurch.org.

BRICK MONDAYS

Junior High // Mondays 6-7:30 pm
High School // Mondays 7:30-9 pm
in the new Turf Area

**December meeting dates:
December 7&14**

BRICK THURSDAYS

High School // 7:30-9:00 pm
in the former Three Tree Courtyard
December meeting dates:

December 3, 10 & 17

For more information, email
ro@pointlomachurch.org



Gifts to the Manger

When you join us on Christmas Eve for our Open House and Living Nativity, please remember to bring a jar of peanut butter for our Mission Partners. This humble item can make a big difference for a person in need. There will be a collection box on the Plaza.



Nicole Hage, Director | preschool@pointlomachurch.org 619-223-3327 | www.redbrickpreschool.org

Thank you for purchasing your beautiful poinsettias from the Preschool! We raised a little over \$3,000. This triples what we normally make. We will use this money towards a new playground for the preschool.

December 8 and 10 we celebrate Gifts to the Manger, a time for the preschoolers to bring in needed items for babies to be donated to San Diego Military Outreach Ministry.

Instead of an in-person Christmas program due to Covid-19; we will make a video of all the classes individually and put together a video for the families. We will also have crafts and activities for the classrooms to participate in to make it a special day.

Registration for next school year is right around the corner! If you are interested in getting more information, please visit our website at www.redbrickpreschool.com and schedule a tour. You can add your child to our waiting list on our website. We will be mailing out registration information letters soon. There will be half day and extended day options available in the fall.



& TODDLER LEARNING CENTER



Sunday Programs


Join us every Sunday online at 9 am for the Red Brick Kids Worship Service. Simply visit pointlomachurch.org and click on the Worship graphic.

Children's Ministry Blog

We are sharing boredom busters, inspiring videos, activities and more! Check it out today by visiting pointlomachurch.org. Click on the Ministries tab, then scroll to Children and click on the Children's Ministry Blog link on the right.



Family Movie Night Under the Stars
Join us on the turf area next to the Sanctuary
Sunday, December 13
The Grinch at 5 pm, followed by Elf at 6:30 pm
Bring your own chairs/blankets, and snacks
as we enjoy a double feature!



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) In our MOPS group, which is for any mom with kids school age or younger, we support and encourage each other and learn from inspiring speakers. We would love to have you at our Zoom meetings, every Tuesday at 7 pm. To join us, please register at mops.org/join and use the code ZBV9 to be placed in our group or email Julia Roller at mops@pointlomachurch.org for more information

November meeting include:

- Dec. 1:** Book Club: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee
- Dec. 8:** Keepsake Craft for Christmas Gifts

Christmas in a Box



Advent is a time of holy expectation, of waiting, of preparation for the coming of the Christ child. In fact, the word advent literally means coming.

In the busyness of the Christmas season, Advent serves as a wonderful reminder to slow down and meditate on who Christ is and what He has done. Many of our holiday traditions will be celebrated in new ways this year including here at PLCPC. Since we won't be able to gather in person to teach your children about Advent we are pleased to offer the families of our community "Christmas in a Box" which will be delivered to doorsteps all around Point Loma during the first week of December. These boxes of joy will include a colorful 36-page activity book geared towards kids ages 3-11. It will be chock full of simple activities, stories, rhymes, art projects, a prayer calendar, and fun hands-on devotionals that will bring families together in their homes to celebrate the coming of Christmas. Quantities are limited.

To make sure your family is on our delivery list please email karen@pointlomachurch.org by December 8. Merry Christmas from Children's Ministries!

Celebrating our Bible Memory Grads!

After 6 months of waiting our 2020 Bible Memory graduates finally received their beautiful brand new Bibles printed with their name on the cover. Instead of the usual spring reception and presentations held on the church campus students were visited at their homes starting in November by Judy Pritchett and Karen Connor who delivered their Bibles along with other keepsakes.

Congratulations students! We are so proud of you and can't wait to deliver the last few well-deserved Bibles.



The year 2020 will live on in our memories for generations to come. The global pandemic has pushed most of us to adapt, adjust and re:imagine so many aspects of our daily lives. Our Mission Partners have continued to serve clients in dire circumstances, while requests for their services have expanded. They have scrambled to adjust operating budgets to meet the tremendous needs.

We hope you will be inspired by the broad spectrum of ways in which our mission partners are caring for people in need. Our PLCPC Mission of ***Loving Everyone to LIFE with Everything We Have*** is central to our ministry partner selections. We encourage you to consider giving in honor or memory of someone you love, while at the same time providing much needed support to ministry partners.

Your Mission Beyond Committee has carefully researched each mission partner listed below. You can therefore give confidently to any of these organizations. This listing is intended to make it easy for you to give online directly to the organization(s) of your choice – or you can give to PLCPC and designate your gift to Mission Beyond.

Alternative
Alternative Giving Guide
Visit pointlomachurch.org/mission-beyond
to learn how you can support our
Mission Partners with a year-end gift.



GENESIS DIEZ

Genesis Diez is a ministry started in 1998 by our own Greg and Pattie Amstutz that creates learning experiences for orphaned and migrant children in Baja California, Mexico. The Beautiful Gate Orphanage provides healing opportunities for abandoned special needs children. PLCPC youth and intergenerational groups travel each year to help partner in the programs of Rancho Genesis. **Give through Genesis International Orphanage Foundation:** P.O. Box 6458, Chula Vista, CA 91909-6458 **or online:** <https://donate.genesisdiez.org>

HAITI OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The mission of Haiti Outreach Ministries and Pastor Leon Dorleans is to continue their ongoing ministry of educating children and providing a medical clinic in the most impoverished areas of Port-au-Prince. They are currently building the Barye Fe Secondary School so that children from their 3 existing elementary schools can continue their Christian-based excellent education. **Give by mail to:** 105 Bideford Place, Cary, NC 27513 **or online:** <https://www.haitiom.org>

INDONESIA MISSIONARY – FARSIJANA ADENEY-RISAKOTTA

The Adeney-Risakottas have served as missionaries in Indonesia for 27 years, called and sent by PCUSA World Mission at the request of mission partners in Indonesia and the Indonesian Presbyterian Church. Their work is evangelistic: sharing the love of Christ in the largest Muslim country in the world and bringing good news in the name of Christ to the poor. They are also actively involved in bringing reconciliation between Christians and Muslims, and empowering villagers to overcome poverty. **Give through Presbyterian Church USA Directed Mission Support:** P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264 **or online:** <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/drs-bernard-and-farsijana-adeney-risakotta/>

INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK OF SAN DIEGO

This is a seasonal emergency shelter program that takes in men, women and families with children. Donations supporting the Interfaith Shelter Network of San Diego are efficiently used and go toward the portable beds, partitions, and other elements of the transitional shelter as well as case management services that assist people in looking for employment and long-term housing. **Give by mail:** 3530 Camino del Rio North, Suite 301, San Diego, CA 92108 **or online at:** <http://interfaithshelter.org/donate-now/>

LOAVES & FISHES

Also known as the Ocean Beach Emergency Food Bank, Loaves & Fishes Ministry has been serving the Ocean Beach and Point Loma community since 1977. Supported by 15 Peninsula-area churches who donate food and provide volunteers, Loaves & Fishes serves an average of 2,500 hungry people each year. **Give by mail:** 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., San Diego, CA 92107 **or online:** <https://www.sdloavesfishes.org/how-to-donate/>

NEW DAY URBAN MINISTRIES

Located in downtown San Diego, New Day restores lives in a Christ-centered environment, by providing basic life necessities such as food, clothing and blankets to those unable to help themselves. They empower those who are earnestly seeking a better life through services geared toward getting people back to stable employment. New Day serves the homeless, urban poor, veterans and those recently released from prison. **Give by mail:** 2459 Market St., San Diego, CA 92102 **or online:** <https://newdayurbanministries.org>

OCEAN BEACH COMMUNITY DINNERS

Ocean Beach Community Dinners is a collaboration of local church volunteers who take turns planning, cooking, and serving a hot meal weekly to more than 100 hungry people at the Episcopal Center of San Diego on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. **Give online:** <http://pointlomachurch.org/give/> **Or write a check to PLCPC with “OB Community Dinners” in the memo.**

THE OUTREACH FOUNDATION (TWO REGIONS/MISSIONARIES TO SUPPORT)

LEBANON / SYRIA – TOGETHER FOR THE FAMILY: Izdihar and the Rev. Dr. Riad Kassis are Christian leaders who started Together For The Family (TFF) in 2010. With the outbreak of war in Syria in 2011, TFF began supporting the needs of thousands of refugees pouring across from Syria into Lebanon. Izdihar visits refugee tents tirelessly, identifying gaps for children and young mothers. TFF provides necessities to the newborn babies with medicine, diapers and baby food. They also support a program to teach sewing to young Syrian girls and women, so that they can work and support their families.

IRAN – Rev. Dr. Sasan Tavassoli MISSIONARY: Rev. Dr. Sasan Tavassoli serves as a Presbyterian missionary among Iranians in Iran and with Iranians in diaspora. He has devoted his life to carrying out his ministry in three overlapping circles of work. The first is ministry with Iranian Christians, both inside and outside of Iran. The second is a satellite teaching ministry focused on Iranian believers. The third is ministry with non-Iranian Christians who wish to engage in effective witness among Muslims.

Give to either or both of these Missionaries by mail: The Outreach Foundation, 381 Riverside Drive, Suite 110, Franklin, TN 37064 **or online:** www.theoutreachfoundation.org (Please select “other” in the pull-down menu, then insert name of intended recipient online.)

PENINSULA SHEPHERD CENTER

This coalition of churches and service organizations provides transportation, life enrichment, and supportive services for seniors living in the Peninsula communities to allow them to live independently in their homes for as long as possible. **Give by mail:** 1475 Catalina Blvd., San Diego, CA 92107 **or online:** <https://www.sdpsc.org>

PLANT WITH PURPOSE

Plant with Purpose is a Christian, non-profit organization that reverses deforestation and poverty in the world by transforming the lives of the rural poor. Plant With Purpose works to empower farmers through community development, discipleship, innovative agro-forestry techniques and providing access to savings & credit. PLCPC mission funds support Plant With Purpose in the Cana region of Dominican Republic. **Give by mail:** 4747 Morena Blvd., Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92117 **or online:** www.plantwithpurpose.org

PRESBYTERIAN GIFTS (Presbyterian Church USA)

Explore a wide variety of gifts that provide real and positive impact around the world, including aid for refugees, access to clean water and helping to end hunger. **Give online:** <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/gifts/all>

SAN DIEGO MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRIES (SD MOM)

SD MOM is a nondenominational organization whose mission it is to enhance the quality of life for all military junior enlisted families living in San Diego County by assisting with basic needs and providing special events such as the MOM Toy Store at Christmas time. **Give by mail:** P.O. Box 3030, La Mesa, CA 91944-3030 **or online:** www.sandiegomom.org

UPLIFT

Urban People Living in Faith and Trust (UPLIFT) provides educational, spiritual, and social support services to San Diego’s inner-city communities through three programs: Kids at Heart – Tutoring for K-12 students; Swimming Upstream – Mentoring for 7-12 year-old girls; Triple Cross Homeless Outreach – Supporting the homeless and ex-offenders seeking to reintegrate with the world of work. **Give by mail:** 2691 “B” Street, San Diego, CA 92102 **or online:** www.upliftsandiego.org

URBAN YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

Urban Youth Collaborative (UYC) is a coalition of 60 church partners that support student-led faith clubs at close to 100 public middle and high school campuses in San Diego County, including Correia and Point Loma High School. **Give by mail:** P.O. Box 124708, San Diego, CA 92112 **or online:** <https://www.uyc.org/donate.html>

Advent 2020

We believe that this year, more than ever fellowship and focus on the babe in the Manger is so important to feeling a sense of hope and belonging. We hope and pray that you will make an effort to participate in the many different Advent celebrations we are hosting. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us.



Advent Quiet Day
 November 29, 11:30 am- 4:30 pm
 On Campus - Turf Area
 Join us for a pause as we reflect on the gift of Christmas
pointlomachurch.org/register



CHRISTMAS LESSONS, CAROLS & SING-ALONG
 December 6 @ 5 pm
 Online @pointlomachurch.org



Blue Christmas
 A service of remembrance
 December 20, 4:30 pm
 Outdoor Turf Area
 * bring your own chair



Outdoor Movie Night
 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 December 13
 Movies shown in the outdoor turf area
 Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets

Christmas Eve

Our doors will be open on Christmas Eve for you to come and listen to live music, experience a living Nativity and bring Gifts to the Manger. *This year we are asking for donations of peanut butter for our Mission Partners.*

10:00 am
Café Style Christmas
 in-person on the outdoor turf area

4:00 pm
Children's Christmas Drama Online

5:30-8:30 pm
Sanctuary and Plaza Living Nativity & Music*

Sanctuary will be open for reflection with music and living nativity on the plaza.

7:00 - 9:00 pm
Traditional Christmas Eve Service Online

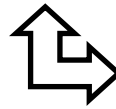




While we cannot have any large group gatherings indoors, we do still have plenty of activities and events taking place on our campus. Baptisms in the Sanctuary, kids learning music and art, community groups like Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra and more have found creative ways to safely meet around our campus each week.



Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra has created these really cool individual pods for their musicians to stay safe while rehearsing on campus.



Thank you for joining us for our first-ever Drive-In Worship! It was awesome!



Creating a Sacred Advent Space at Home

A sacred space is an area set apart for a holy purpose where you can place symbols that help you and your family sense and express that God is present in your lives. Our inability to gather in our communal sacred space, the Sanctuary, doesn't mean you can't create the same feel at home during this Advent season. If you have children in the home, it is also a great way to engage in conversation about the real meaning of Christmas. Here are some suggestions for how to do that:

1. Choose a corner of a room and decorate a small table with symbols of Advent (purple cloth signifies repentant waiting, a nativity with an empty creche, an Advent wreath and candles). If you want to make your own Advent wreath, there are lots of DIY tutorials online that also explain the meaning of the colors.

2. Include on that table a bible and, during this season, try not to use that space except for the purposes of prayer or holy conversation.

3. On the Sundays in Advent, engage in readings and dialogue using a guide. There are lots of resources online but here is a suggestion: <https://leslieannjones.com/blog/2015/11/18/a-simple-advent-wreath-devotional-for-families-free-printable>

4. Each morning or evening re-lite the candle that pertains to the week (hope, peace, joy, love) and pray that God would deepen that gift in you.

5. On Christmas morning, add baby Jesus to the creche, light all the candles, and share with others what of your relationship with God you are most thankful for (if you are alone, write a letter and send it to someone) and then offer up prayers of gratitude to God.



- ⇒ Art and Drama and Movement Class for grades 2-6 begins again on Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 pm in January. Registration details coming soon on our website. Class size is limited.
- ⇒ New Covenant Adult Choir and Ensemble continues to meet on Thursday evenings on zoom at 7:00p.m.
- ⇒ Ringers ReJOY!ce bell choir meets on Tuesdays on campus. Contact ann@pointlomachurch.org for more information.

For more information on the children's classes or adult choir, contact alicia@pointlomachurch.org.

Did you know?

George and Violetta Somes were long-time members of the church from back in the '50s, and so were their sons, Mark and David, both of whom went to Silvergate, Dana, and Point Loma High. George even sang in the choir under the direction of J. Dayton Smith, and later on Mark also joined the choir. S. Dean McBride was the Pastor at the time, and later on Lou Vick was an associate Pastor.

Well, back in the late '50s, somehow the idea was hatched to put some big Christmas candles in all of the tall windows in the main sanctuary. George seized the opportunity and went to work. He had most of the materials already including a bunch of big heavy-duty cardboard shipping tubes, so he cut out wooden discs to put inside the ends of the tubes, son Mark stapled them in and wired up the bulb sockets [with supervision...], they painted the tubes red, and made the little white "wax drippings" at the top. The finishing touch was screwing the light bulbs that looked like flames into the top. These wonderful candles are still part of our annual Advent tradition.



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Live Events

Death

- We send our deepest condolences to Rich, Will and Lena Wright on the unexpected passing of Kathy Wright on Thursday, October 29, 2020.
- We send our deepest condolences to the family of Nancy Gibson who passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Marriage

- John Boaz, III, and Cindy Medel were married in the Chapel on October 13, 2020. Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker officiated.

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December 13—Joy: *It's a Wonderful Life*

December 20—Love: *Elf*

December 24—*A Christmas Carol*

*If you are able, watch the movies before Sunday
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