



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2024, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude 8:00 a.m. “Peace” From Fireworks Suite by G.F. Handel

Eric Dickey

10:00 a.m.

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Bell Choir

P Blessed be the living God, the Almighty One who is and who was and who is to come, the Spirit of God who is before throne, and Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth, who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us to belong in his Reign of mercy and justice.

C Amen

P To you, Lord Jesus,

C we give our allegiance, our lives, and our love.

Over the noise of all the other voices competing for our devotion, we seek to listen to your call, which claims us as part of your Beloved Community.

Over the powers of the day who resort to domination, violence, and greed to get their way, we recognize your victory from a cross over the forces of death, sin, and evil.

Over the pull of sin and selfishness in our own hearts, we turn to you to reorient us outward in love toward you and to all people, so that we might embody your goodness and point toward your new creation in all that we say and do.

P Dear ones, come into the presence of Jesus our Crucified and Risen Lord, whose strength is in serving and whose victory is self-giving love. Come as you are, forgiven, free, and beloved, children of the living God.

C Amen

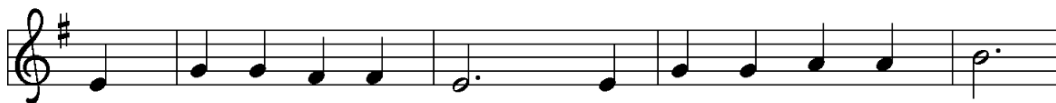
Gathering Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
High Voices VS. 3 Low Voices VS. 4

ELW 855

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P Amen.

Childrens Sermon

Anthem Choir (10:00 a.m.)

“Benedictus” Translation “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment,

and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One

and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion

and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one

that shall never be destroyed.

L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: Psalm: Psalm 93 (*Sung Responsively*)

¹The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and [|] armed
with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it can- [|] not be moved.

**²Ever since the world began, your throne has [|] been established;
you are from [|] everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted [|] up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their [|] pounding waves.

**⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers [|] of the
sea,**

mightier is the LORD who [|] dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are [|] very sure,

and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- [|] evermore.





Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel: John 18:33-38

P The Holy Gospel according to....**C** Glory to you, O Lord!

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

P The Gospel of the Lord! **C** Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Living in the Promise of Truth"

Vicar Natalie Downs

Hymn

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

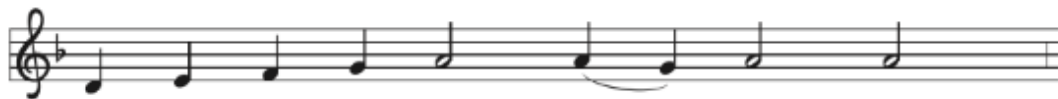
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1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism--Reception of New Member, see. p.234, front of ELW (8:00 a.m. service).

Nicene Creed (10:00 a.m. service)

Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

AM Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM Shine your light. Speak your Word of healing, mercy, and peace, we remember before you; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Luke Holtz, Susie Donnal, Ron Hetherwick, Martina Benton, Janet Dellinger, Jake Cope, Debbie Carman, Alexis, Cory Kaczor, Carolyn, Denny Masters, Nate Yokum, Tori Wignall, Alexa Ayres, Eric Lewis, Phillip Hart, Harold Shoupe Jr., Jacki Sutter, Jacquelyn Krohn....** and all those we remember in silence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

AM In your eternal presence the saints, especially Sara Snow and Bob Preston, sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

THE MEAL

All Christians are welcome to commune at our Altar. You do not have to be a member of this congregation to receive Communion. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those desiring it. A “gluten-free” host option is available upon request as well.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C And also with you!**

Share an expression of peace with your neighbor, please.

The congregation continues to stand during Tithes and Offerings if you are able.

Our Tithes and Offerings *Bring your gifts to the Altar or you may offer gifts in the tray located at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

Offertory Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

(please be seated)

“God is in This Story”

Duet Chad Ackerman
and Amanda Worthington

Offering Prayer

AM Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world,

and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

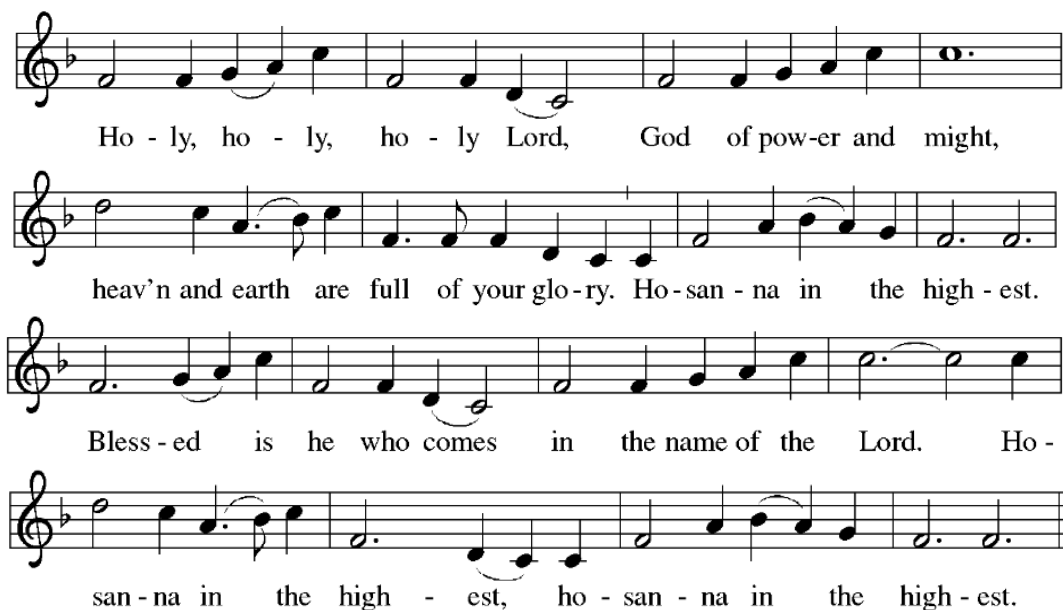
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

****The Eucharistic Prayer Continues.....**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

10:00 a.m.

“We Will Dance with Jesus”

Bell Choir

Hymn

“O Christ the Same”

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1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

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Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, **✙** bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW 660

Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

AM And next week, **C Bring a friend!**

**GIVE
THANKS**
FAMILY • FRIENDS • GRATITUDE

Making Jesus Known”

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING!! We are pleased to **WELCOME** you to worship in this season of thanksgiving! We pray that the scriptures and Sacrament richly bless you today! If you are visiting Community of Christ, we want to extend a very warm welcome to you! We would ask our visitors to complete the visitor card in the friendship pad. If there is some way, we can serve you, please let us know!

We WELCOME YOU to worship with us at one of our TWO worship services. Join us at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. in person or on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing you and as always **BRING A FRIEND!!!!**

**Altar Flowers are given by Michael & Cammie
Abraham to the Glory of God ♥**

“More Than Wishful Thinking: An Exploration of Christian Hope” Advent Adult Sunday School Series: Hope is a funny word. Sometimes we use it with bold confidence in spite of impossible odds: “Even though he was wrongfully imprisoned, he held onto hope that he would be vindicated and set free.” Sometimes we use it as a polite way of expressing doubt, like when you say, “I hope it doesn’t rain today,” while the sky darkens with threatening clouds from the west. Emily Dickinson famously said that hope was “the thing with feathers that perches in the soul—and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all...” And of course, as one hero in the Star Wars movies says about fighting against the Galactic Empire, “Rebellions are built on hope.” That’s a lot of range for one word to have to cover—and maybe it can be confusing for us as Christians to know what we are talking about when we say we are people of *hope*. This Advent season especially is one marked by both waiting and hope (which, fun fact, use the same word in Spanish!), as we hear the centuries-long hopes of prophets and exiles who waited and hoped for homecoming, for restoration, and for the arrival of the promised Anointed One (Messiah/Christ) of God. We also hear in these weeks the hope we have for God’s new creation when all things are made new. So, what does it mean for us to be people of hope, and how is it different from just “wishful thinking” or mere optimism? That’s what we want to explore in this December’s Adult Sunday School series, running on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 between services. On all of those dates except the 22nd, we’ll be in the fellowship hall, and on Dec. 22 we’ll move to the Council Room to allow the kids to have the larger space for the Birthday Party for Jesus! We *hope* you’ll join us around the table for good conversation and learning together this Advent in the Adult Class!

New Thursday Bible Study Series: “Things Seen and Unseen”

Starting this December, we’ll begin a new series in our Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, co-led between Pastor Steve and Vicar Natalie, exploring angels and other spiritual beings in the Bible, what we do (and don’t!) know about them, and what difference their existence makes in our lives. Have you ever been curious about what angels look like, or where some people get the idea of “guardian” angels

from? Don't know your "cherubim" from your "seraphim"? Wonder why the first words out of the angels' mouths in the Bible are so often, "Do not be afraid!"? Join us on Thursdays beginning in December and running into the new year as we explore Things Seen and Unseen: An Introduction to Angels in our Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Room, starting Dec. 5 after our series on Galatians concludes! We'd love to have you around the table!

Community of Christ Lutheran Church Concert Committee Presents a Benefit Organ Recital Today! November 24, 2024, 6517 Finzel Rd, Whitehouse, OH. We are thrilled to invite you to an Organ Recital featuring four talented performers on our piano and organ on Sunday, November 24, at 3:00 p.m. This benefit concert will support hurricane relief for Hurricanes Helene and Milton through Lutheran Disaster Relief, as well as contribute to our Building Fund as we work to pay down our loan for the addition that created our sanctuary, gathering space, and offices. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music featuring Eric Dickey, Jacob Henry, Kate Philabaum, and Pam Stover. We would love for you to join us and bring a friend!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark Your Calendars! Our congregation will host an *annual meeting* on **Sunday, December 8**, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will receive the proposed budget for 2025 and elect four members for the church council. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank you!



****Adopt a Resident at the Lutheran Home of Mercy!****

Thank you to those who have adopted a resident! Your thoughtful gift can make a significant difference in their lives.

****Important Details:**** Gift Submission Deadline: **Sunday, December 8th**. Please **DO NOT** wrap gifts, as they need to be inventoried. Instead, place them in one Christmas gift bag. After dropping off your gift(s), please write the date on your pink or blue paper to help us track and confirm that all resident gifts are accounted for.

Thank you for your generosity!

Join Us! For our 2nd Annual Christmas Caroling event will be on Saturday, December 14th. Please join us as we go out and spread Christmas joy to some of our shut-ins and community members. No experience required! No talent required! The words for the carols will be provided so no need to worry about not knowing the words. Start time is currently being worked out and after spreading Christmas joy we'll share in some holiday cheer with pizza and snacks at the Swagler home. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.



**Community Thanksgiving
Service**

November 24th at 7:00pm
Hope United Methodist Church
10610 Waterville St.
Whitehouse, Ohio

in partnership with
neighboring congregations
as we give thanks to God
together



****Special Note: No choirs November 27 & 28, no Bible Study November 28****

Worship Services

Available on the net

at www.commofchrist.org

OR you can use your cell phone camera to access our website with



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NORTH -END TEEN ART SHOW

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

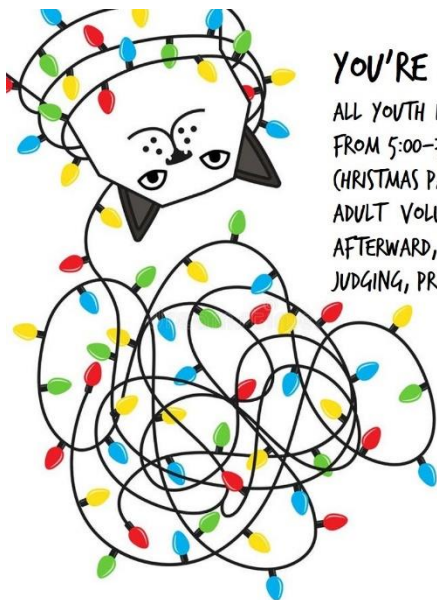
At Hope Lutheran Church, the young people and adult leaders from Salem's Teen Program will showcase their work from the past year. All proceeds from young artists' work will go to them. Adult work will go towards the program.

You can RSVP to:

PastorSalemLutheranChurch@gmail.com



Salem: The Church with a Real Heart in the Heart of the Innercity



YOU'RE INVITED... TO A **CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT!**

ALL YOUTH IN 5TH-12TH GRADES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH FROM 5:00-7:00 P.M. FOR A FUN YOUTH EVENT INCLUDING A SCAVENGER HUNT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY. WE WILL MEET AT HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT 5 P.M. AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS WILL DRIVE GROUPS AROUND FOR THE SCAVENGER HUNT. AFTERWARD, WE WILL MEET BACK AT COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR JUDGING, PRIZES, PIZZA, AND THE MAKING OF A GIANT ANDY SALAD!

What: Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Who: all youth in grades 5-12
friends are welcome!

When: Sunday, Dec. 15 5:00-7:00pm

Where: **start** at Hope United Methodist
(10610 Waterville St., Whitehouse)
end at Community of Christ Lutheran
(6517 Finzel Road, Whitehouse)

How do I sign up? Use this QR code to RSVP
by Friday, Dec. 13!



Salem Gifts for Children

This year, as in past years, Community of Christ has the opportunity to reach out and bless the children of our sister church, Salem Lutheran Church, in north Toledo. Pastor Mike from Salem provided us with a list of children's names and their gift requests. Both have been incorporated into an envelope and are displayed on the bulletin board in the Gathering place.

Here are some important dates for the project:

- See the bulletin board in the Gathering Place with Salem Angel requests.
- Select your "Angel" and enter your name and phone number on the pink or blue Angel slip on the board. Take the envelope behind the pink or blue slip with you. It has all the information you need regarding the gift request.
Please do not remove the pink or blue slips or relocate them on the board as this is our inventory method.
- Shop for your "Angel" and leave your gift under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday, December 15th, 2024**, is the last day to return your gifts. Please have them under the tree **no later than 11:30 a.m.** Ken and I will be transferring your gifts to Salem that day!

Thanks for helping to bless these children at Christmas! Shelly & Ken Hayes