

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Services, 4 & 7 pm

**Sunday December 25: Christmas Morning
Worship Service, 10am, No Sunday School**

Monday, December 26: Church office closed in observance of Christmas

**Sunday January 1:
New Year's Day Worship Service, 10am, No Sunday School**

Monday, January 2: Church office closed in observance of New Year's Day

Hi Friends,

As I write today's email, snow has been falling all morning, and from time to time the snow has turned to the click of ice pellets hitting my office window. Tomorrow is Christmas Eve and we have scheduled Candlelight Services at both 4 pm and 7 pm. The National Weather service is predicting a 70% chance of freezing rain on Christmas Eve and a 50% chance for more overnight, to greet us on Sunday morning. The safety of everyone who participates in our times of worship is of utmost importance to us, so we are keeping an eye on the weather conditions. As of today (Friday Dec 23rd), we are planning to have both of our Christmas Eve Services on Saturday and our Worship Service on Sunday at 10 am just as scheduled! *BUT please use your best judgment! If traveling in the snow is not the best choice for you, please stay home and join us for Christmas Eve or Sunday morning via our live stream on YouTube.* Here is a link <https://www.youtube.com/@PiratesoftheColumbia>

If there is a significant change and we need to cancel either Christmas Eve or Sunday Morning we will put out a Constant Contact Email, (like this one), update our Facebook page and reader board in front of the church. So, check your email or our Facebook page before you bundle up to head to the services this weekend... and do us a favor... if cancelations happen and you know someone who maybe doesn't get email or use the Facebook platform give them a call and let them know.

I am looking forward to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services and the tradition and celebration that this night of lights and carols brings to us, as we celebrate Christ is born!

Pastor Mark

Christmas Eve Services **Saturday Dec 24th 4pm & 7pm**

One of the special traditions we share at Kennewick first is gathering together in our historic sanctuary with our congregation and community friends to Celebrate Christmas Eve together! We will be having two Candlelight Worship services on Christmas Eve. The 4pm service will include a time for our kids to come forward and have a special time especially for them, and childcare is provided for those who need it at the 4pm service as well. Both services will include special music including our Bell Choir and a time of lighting candles at the end to raise high as we sing and celebrate that Christ Is Born! please feel free to invite friends to join us in the sanctuary on Christmas eve to celebrate at either 4 or 7 pm!

Christmas Day Worship Service **Sunday Dec 25th**

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday morning this year and ... yes, we will be gathering for worship on that Sunday morning at 10 am in the sanctuary. Our service will be a casual "come as you are" style service with our Youth Praise Team leading us in song. In the midst of your Christmas Day celebrations feel free to join us in a brief time of worship on Sunday Dec 25th!

9 am Celebration Service Starting Again Sunday Jan 8th

During the Season of Advent in order to join together for the special events of the season we join together for one 10 am Worship Service. *Our 9 am Celebration Service will begin again January 8th.* We are moving upstairs into the Chapel across from the Sanctuary