

Advent 2023



Everything you need to know about this year's **Advent opportunities** at Falcon Heights Church.

Our theme: SIGNS

Weekly focus: HOPE (Dec. 3), PEACE (Dec. 10), JOY (Dec. 17), LOVE (Dec. 24)

Worship opportunities

- **Lighting the Advent candle:** We'll light the Advent candle each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., sing the Advent song "When God is a Child," and hear a short reading. If you and a friend or family member would like to light the candle and do the reading one Sunday, contact the church office at office@falconheightsucc.org or 651-646-2681.
- **Christmas creche:** The children will help us set up our Christmas Creche by bringing up one or two of the figures each Sunday. We will talk about these characters and why they were there when Jesus was born.
- **Christmas poinsettias for the chancel:** Pick up an order form in the bulletin or the front entrance; return your order **by Dec. 3** at church or by mail.

Giving opportunities

- **Gifts for older adults:** Donate money or gift cards (Amazon, Visa, Target or Kohl's) for Lyngblomsten's staff to purchase a gift for each resident. Make your check out to Lyngblomsten Foundation and mark it Spirit of Giving; leave your gift in the plaid box in the church foyer. Deadline is **Dec. 6**.
- **Mitten, hat and scarf tree:** Donate new mittens, hats and scarves for kids in Interfaith Action's Department of Indian Work programs. Place gifts on the tree in the church lobby by Sunday, **Dec. 17**. There will be a special Blessing of the Mittens, Hats and Scarves in worship that day.
- **Cheerios for hungry kids:** Donate boxes of toasted oat cereal for the Every Meal program.

The arts

- **Choral Advent service Dec. 10:** The Chancel Choir will present Schubert's Mass in G during 10:30 a.m. worship, featuring an 11-piece orchestra and soloists from area universities.
- **Christmas Pageant Dec. 17:** Our all-ages Christmas Pageant, "HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?", will be presented during 10:30 a.m. worship. Rehearsals have begun. Contact Margot Olsen for more information, margotolsen@gmail.com or 651-208-1244.

Christmas Eve

- **Fourth Sunday of Advent service, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 24,** with lighting of the Advent candle.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** for all ages, 5 p.m. Dec. 24