



News & Notes

December 8, 2024

Richmond Presbyterian Church

Deep with God, Wide with the World

Be sure to check out our webpage at www.richpres.com for more information about worship services or online programs and how we can share in your faith journey.

Educational Ministries

The **Nursery Room** is open with toys, books, and activity sheets. Please feel free to use the room if you are worshipping with infants and toddlers.

There will be **Faith Formation** for children and teens after "Time with Young Christians" in Room #2.



Get ready for a festive evening! Children and families will enjoy **Christmas caroling** and a **progressive dinner** on **Dec. 13, 2024**. We will gather at the **church parking lot** at **6PM**. For more information, please contact Nehemia.



Preparations for our **Christmas Pageant** have begun! Nehemia will be reaching out to those of you who are a good fit for the roles needed in the cast. Please be ready to participate!



Empty Manger – The Outreach Committee will again be filling a gift bag for each of the homeless people who receive our Monday meal. For anyone wishing to purchase an item for the Empty Manger, we would appreciate warm winter socks, inexpensive dollar-store gloves, Men's Med or Large boxer-style underwear, wrapped chocolates or candies, and homemade cookies.



Advent 2024 Schedule at RPC:

Cantata - December 15 @ 10:00 AM

Pageant - December 22 @ 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Service - December 24 @ 7:00 PM

Christmas Day Service - December 25 @ 10:00 AM



Music Ministries

Join us on Sunday, **December 15** at **10:00 AM** for a beautiful, gospel-flavored **cantata**, "Love," reflecting on the angelic message of peace proclaimed the night Jesus was born. The cantata, featuring the original composition "Love Is Born", opens with its stirring theme, revisits it briefly in the second movement, and concludes in a powerful gospel style, delivering an emotion-filled climax. Along the way, the Christmas story unfolds through scriptural narration and cherished carols set in diverse styles, from jazz and gospel to the lively rhythms of calypso. We are blessed to have *Zabrina N* on piano, *Jim G* as our narrator and *Dr. Jannie Burdeti* directing the choir for this memorable celebration of Christ's birth.

Invite friends and family to this joyful morning of music, worship, and reflection. We look forward to sharing this time with you!



Bible Study – Join us for our last Bible study of the year this **Wednesday** at **11 AM** or **7 PM**. Our topic will be "Matthew 22: 15-22 - 'Render unto Caesar'".

Postlude Ponderings

1. Have you ever been lost, or trapped somewhere far from home? How did you find your way back home? 2. What will you do while you wait for Christ's peace to come into your life?

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated by Janet N in memory of her parents Arthur and Anne C.



Facilitating in today's Service

Duty Elder: Janet N

Greeters: Xuan Z, Eleanor T

Lay Reader: Karleen G

Advent Liturgy: McK & O family | **Flower Donation:** Janet N

Faith Formation: Ronda M, Meihuei | **Nursery:** Christine

M & M Hosts: Margaret S & Marie B

Counters: Christine & David W, Heather C

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