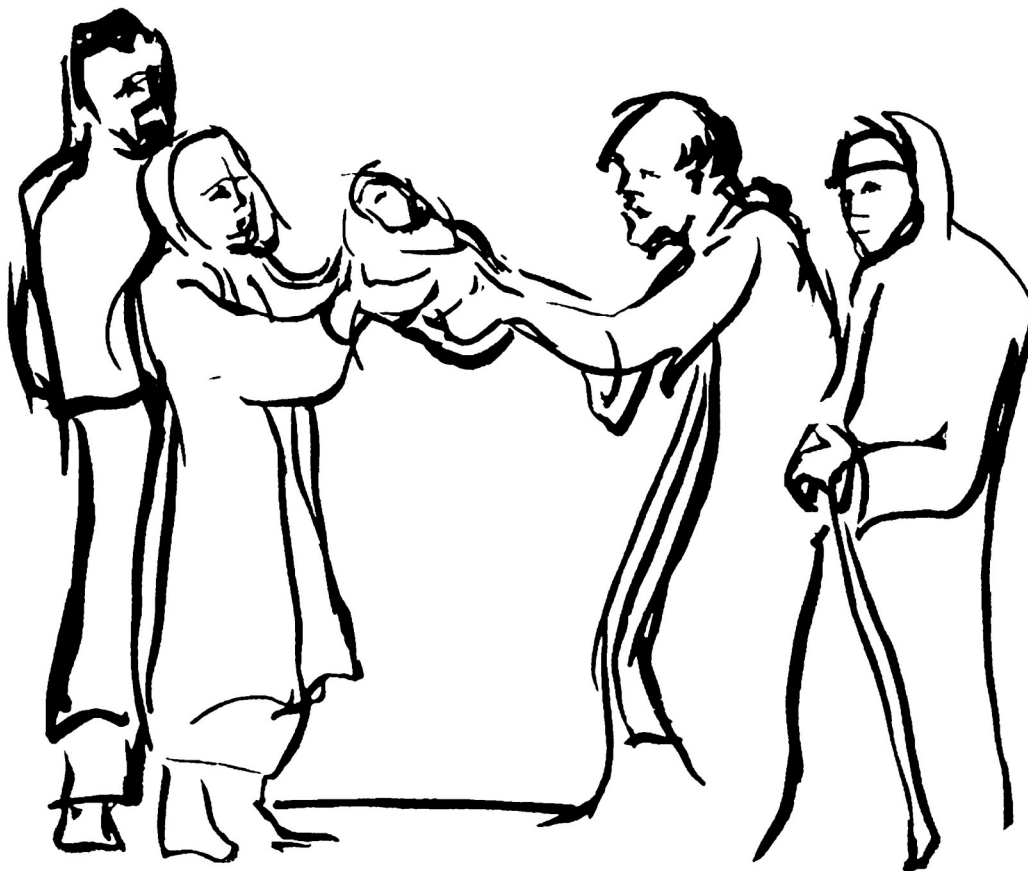


**Presentation of Our Lord  
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin  
February 2, 2025**



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# Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement

We are called to be an inclusive community, sharing God's grace through worship, service, and hospitality.

We of Peace Lutheran Church welcome all people to full participation in the life of the church regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or physical or mental disability.

*Children are welcome in any worship service at Peace Lutheran Church.*

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this week and we invite you to worship with us again soon. If you are in need of assistance of any kind, please speak with an usher.

P= Presider, A= Assisting Minister, C= Congregation

**PRELUDE** Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier '*Dearest Jesus, we are here*' BWV 731 --J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

⊕ -----GATHERING----- ⊕

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life..

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**

**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults**

**and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

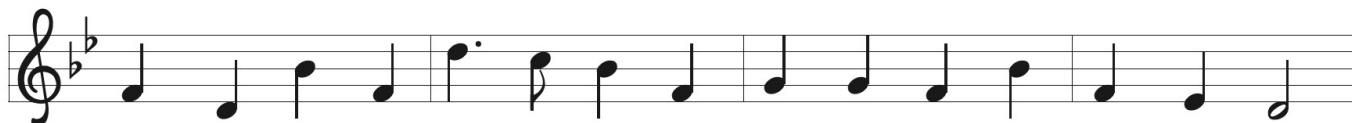
P: God proclaims these words of assurance:  
 "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
 I have called you by name. You are mine."  
 In † Christ, you are forgiven.  
 In the Spirit, you are made free.  
 Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
 live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

ELW 275

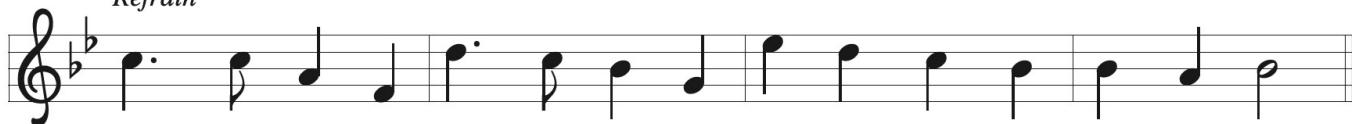


1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Malachi 3: 1-4**

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 84**

*read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>6</sup> **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup> They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> **LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>9</sup> Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your anointed.

<sup>10</sup> **For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;  
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

<sup>12</sup> **O LORD of hosts,  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

**SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 2: 14-18**

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.102

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*GOSPEL

Luke 2: 22-40

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

ELW 490



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard on the way;  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.\*  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: God of grace,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

Saints of Peace:

**Axel Edwin** Frederickson, **Halprin** Kendrick, **Richard** Knodle,  
**Christine Marie** Hansen

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*In-Building: Please share signs of peace in whatever way you are comfortable and is respectful of your neighbor's comfort level.*

*Online: You may share signs of peace in the chat .*

⊕ -----MEAL----- ⊕

## OFFERING

*Gifts for the work and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church can be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the Church Office or sent through on-line giving on our website.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Love Divine*

--James Biery

## \*OFFERTORY

*Doxology*

(Old 100th)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye



hea - v'nly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: God of grace,  
C: **your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.  
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 God thanks and praise!**

**\*PREFACE**

P: ...And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW p. 108

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



## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father in Heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive  
those who sin against us  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga a nosotros tu Reino,  
hágase tu voluntad  
en la Tierra como en el Cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también  
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación,  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder,  
y tuya la Gloria,  
ahora y siempre. Amén.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's table for communion, regardless of age or church membership. Come forward up the center aisle, taking an empty cup from the tray at the front. Follow the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. The Bread Minister will hand you a piece of bread (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask the bread minister). There are two Wine Ministers. The first pouring chalice offers wine and the second chalice is grape juice.*

*If you choose not to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing from the Bread Minister. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you would prefer a blessing.*

*If you have difficulty coming to the front, please notify an usher and communion will gladly be brought to you.*

### \*LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 112



**\*BLESSING FROM THE TABLE****\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

A: Nourishing God,  
 C: **at this table you have refreshed us  
 with holy gifts of food and drink.  
 Strengthen us for service,  
 and send us out to embody your good news  
 of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
 In the name of Christ we pray,  
 Amen.**

⊕ -----SENDING----- ⊕

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy  
 Anoint you with compassion, And send you in love.  
 C: **Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

ELW 545



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

*--arr. Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)*

Peace values music highly, so some may choose to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude.

Others may choose to leave quietly at that time.

All are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

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**Worship Assistants - TODAY**

*Assisting Minister:* Monica Hillmer

*Lector:* Jane Propsom

*Greeter:*

*Communion Server:* Lennae Bentley

*Ushers:* Marv & Penny Smith

*Technology (3):* Mary Luckie, Kathie Rich,  
Lisa Bates

*Altar Care:* Hilikka Byrd

*Bulletins:* Deb Sarabia, Barb Patton

**Ministers and Staff**

The Congregation Members of Peace Lutheran Church  
Rev. Hannah DiPasquale, Pastor  
Sandy Johnson, Office Administrator (office@peacelutheranlc.com)  
Jieun Newland, Music Minister  
Tommy Grimes, Custodian

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - FEBRUARY 2

If you have **Prayer Requests to be included in the Prayers of the Day**, please write them before the service on the Prayer Request sheet found on the stand in the narthex.

**The Flower Chart for 2025 is posted** on the Kiosk in the Narthex. Sign up to donate for coming Sundays. The cost is \$45.

**Interested in helping with home and hospital visits?** There will be an orientation **TODAY, February 2**, at 10:30 AM after worship for anyone who wants to take on a more active role as a church home visitor. Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Pastoral Care Committee should also plan to attend. This meeting is for any Peace people who would like to learning about visiting our homebound and other in-need church members, as a way to train, equip, organize, and coordinate our visits and care efforts.

**The Pastoral Care Committee invites members to provide family contact information.** The form was enclosed in the February newsletter and copies are available on the Kiosk in the Narthex. A complete explanation and instructions are on the form.

**THE "NOURISH OUR FUTURE" CAMPAIGN TO END CHILD HUNGER** is sponsored by Bread for the World and an informational Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 4**, 7:00 PM EST (5:00 PM local time). <http://grco.de/nourishourfuture> (will take you to the registration page), *Nourish Our Future* is the theme for this year's Bread for the World letter writing campaign, which will be held the beginning of May 2025. Lynette Schurdevin will hold an informational meeting in person in the near future to discuss the letter writing campaign and this year's theme.

**The Deacon Call Committee** has completed our interviews, reference checks, and will be presenting our recommendation for deacon at the next church council meeting. We are excited to receive the council approval, and, prior to the church members vote, we will have a meet and greet with church members and the candidate.

Committee: Lynette Schurdevin, Kathie Rich, Carol Eggers, Julie Phillips, Mark Lusk, Clark Alves



**PEACE SOLAR INITIATIVE:** The Green Team, with the support of the Peace Church Council, Finance Committee, and Property Committee, has been studying the possibility of installing solar panels on the church roof. If you want to learn more about this initiative and have any questions, please come to the **Informational Session** on **Feb 9th** after worship. Detailed Informational Packets and Pledge Cards for the cause are located in the Narthex. "All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being." - John 1:3

**There will be a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, February 16**, after worship to vote to approve the purchase of solar panels for the church (see above). Please review the informational packets available for more information including cost breakdown.

**CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD:** Do you yearn for a deeper relationship with God? Are there things you'd like to say to Jesus but are not sure how? Take time from your busy life to cultivate a spiritual practice you can carry with you throughout the year. Peace will hold a pre-Lenten prayer retreat on **Saturday, March 1**, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (the retreat begins at 9 a.m.). Please sign up in the narthex by February 23. Light morning snacks and lunch will be provided. \$10 donation suggested on the day of the retreat but not required. Practice the presence of God.

**Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains serves refugee families and is in need of support from volunteers.** There are many opportunities to volunteer, whether it be an in person role like grocery shopping with a new arrival, or a behind the scenes role like cooking a hot meal for a newcomer. If you are interested in volunteering in anyway, or have questions about volunteer opportunities, please contact Linda Lardner at [linda.lardner@lfsrm.org](mailto:linda.lardner@lfsrm.org) or 575-323-1818.

OVER -->

 **Green Team Tip**  Try using a handkerchief instead of a Kleenex.. Americans average 50 lb. per person annually on Kleenex.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** See the open slots in the box below and for following weeks the sign-up sheet is on the podium in the narthex. Anyone is welcome to sign up to help! If you need training, see the bulletin board as you enter the Fellowship Hall, or ask Pr. Hannah.

| <b><u>Worship Assistants - February 9</u></b> |  |
|---|--|
| <i>Assisting Minister:</i>                    | Diana Diemer                               |
| <i>Lector:</i>                                | Jeanne Brown                               |
| <i>Greeters:</i>                              | _____                                      |
| <i>Communion Server:</i>                      | _____                                      |
| <i>Ushers:</i>                                | _____, _____                               |
| <i>Technology:</i>                            | Karen Harvey, Betty Lindsey<br>Kathie Rich |
| <i>Altar Care:</i>                            | Hilkka Byrd                                |
| <i>Bulletins:</i>                             | Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia                   |

| <b><u>SCHEDULE - February 2-9</u></b> |                                  |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sun., Feb. 2                          | 9:00 a.m.                        | Sunday Worship                    |
|                                       | 10:00 a.m.                       | Coffee Hour                       |
|                                       | 10:15 a.m.                       | Home Visitors Meeting             |
| Wed., Feb. 5                          | 5:00 p.m.                        | Choir                             |
| Thurs., Feb. 6                        | 1:00 p.m.                        | Alzheimer's Women's Support Group |
|                                       | 2:30 p.m.                        | BSC Immersion Group Presentation  |
|                                       | 4:00 p.m.                        | Bells                             |
|                                       | 4:00 p.m.                        | Ana's Place Afterschool Program   |
| Fri., Feb. 7                          | 4:00 p.m.                        | Ana's Place Afterschool Program   |
| Sun., Feb. 9                          | 9:00 a.m.                        | Sunday Worship                    |
|                                       | 10:00 a.m.                       | Coffee Hour                       |
|                                       | 10:15 a.m.                       | Solar Power Informational Session |
| +++++                                 |                                  |                                   |
| OA - Overeaters Anon:                 | 9:30 a.m. - Sa                   |                                   |
| AA - Downtown Group:                  | 5:30 p.m. - Su, M, Tu, Th, F, Sa |                                   |
|                                       | 7:00 p.m. - W                    |                                   |
|                                       | 8:00 p.m. - Sa                   |                                   |
| AA - Primary Purpose:                 | 7:00 p.m. - F                    |                                   |