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ALL SAINTS CHURCH PASADENA

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People of Hope

from Rector Mike Kinman

*What does your spirit need to be at peace?
What does your heart need to dance?
What do we need to be made whole again?*

It's coming.

It is Advent ... a season that literally means "to come" is a season of expectation, preparation and hope.

Advent is a season where we lean into our trust that how things are are not how they have to be.

That we have never been nor will we ever be abandoned to despair.

That our mourning can never keep us from dancing.

That we can be healed, that we can be transformed, that we can be one.

It's a peculiar thing we do each Advent ... prepare again for something that happened nearly 2000 years ago. Wait in expectation for something that is long since past.

It's a peculiar thing ... and it is what makes us beautiful and powerful as walkers with a revolutionary Jesus.

We are people of hope.

Unfounded, continually frustrated, beaten but never defeated, unpragmatic, silly, wild, sexy, against all odds, worst to first, 1980 Olympic hockey team, tank man in Tiananmen Square, crazy hope.

Empires rise and crush us. We hope.

Our narrative is co-opted by those who would use it to hate. We hope.

Cancer strikes. We hope.

We lose our jobs. We hope.

Our kids won't talk with us. We hope.

Our parents don't understand us. We hope.

Our marriages crumble. Our bones break. Our memories fade. Our candidates lose. Our justice system fails us.

And still we hope.

Dr. Seuss got it right. On Christmas morning, we are those Whos singing down in Whoville no matter what the Grinch has done during the night.

We are Linus dropping his blanket telling the story of God bending down and kissing the earth and becoming one of us.

We are Mary, teenaged, pregnant, homeless, making a cradle out of a manger and welcoming life in the most inhospitable place she has ever been.



PHOTO BY TAGGART LEE

For two thousand years, through Christianity often being the worst enemy of Christ, we have remained people of hope. Standing up for justice. Casting our lot with the powerless. Kissing the foreheads of the dying and working with other revolutionary lovers of many faiths to shine light on the bleakest places of the world.

Our hope has been shaken. It has been shaken every day.

Sometimes it feels like our hope has been taken. But because we never hope alone, the hope never dies. Because we hold each other until the hope returns. The love we bear and the love we share gives birth to new hope again and again and again.

The world needs hope right now.

We need hope right now.

We are people of hope.

It's a peculiar thing... and it is what makes us beautiful and powerful as walkers with a revolutionary Jesus. We are people of hope.

The world needs us right now. We need us right now.

So what does your spirit need to be at peace?

What does your heart need to dance?

What do we need to be made whole again?

Join hands.

Lift your voices.

Gaze in each other's eyes.

Know we are never alone.

Hear the stories.

Sing the songs.

And believe.

Hope has been battered but it is never beaten.

It's coming.

It's coming.

It's coming.

COVER PHOTO: CHRISTMAS BELLS BY KEITH HOLEMAN

Alternative Christmas Market

The Alternative Christmas Market (ACM) has been an All Saints Advent tradition for over two decades. The ACM brings together more than 20 non-profit and fair trade organizations, all of which address All Saints Peace & Justice initiatives on the local, national and international levels. The Market raises between \$25,000 to \$35,000 annually for these organizations, and our social consciousness. This year's market will be on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. in Sweetland Hall and the Guild Room. Mama's Tamales and Pupusas will be available for purchase on the lawn.

ACM Chair, Sharyn Delahousie says, "The Alternative Christmas Market reflects our core values of Joyful Spirituality and Ethical Stewardship, and captures the true spirit of Christmas, while taking us out of our usual comfort zone of people and places. It gives shoppers an opportunity to experience a different kind of Christmas shopping, one that positively impacts those who are in need."

The list of participants is a who's who of local, national and international organizations—including Homeboy Industries, Habitat for Humanity, TutuDesk and this year we welcome Al Otro Lado, a national social justice legal services serving indigent deportees, migrants, and refugees in Tijuana — you can make donations and receive unique greeting cards to give as gifts, or make purchases from a wide variety of socially conscious and fair trade items.

Get the catalog and shopping list for the Alternative Christmas Market at <https://bit.ly/2Db9UZx>, on the All Saints website at allsaints-pas.org, or on-site during the market. Merry Christmas!



PHOTOS BY KEITH HOLEMAN

Homeless Memorial Service

One of our most beautiful services is the Homeless Memorial Service, held every year on the second Tuesday of December. This year's service will be on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. The names of those who have passed will be read and remembered, candles lit for each person honored, and Eucharist offered to all who desire.

PHOTOS BY ANDY KENNELLY & KEITH HOLEMAN

First held in 2011, All Saints' Homeless Memorial was born from an idea that a parishioner Michael Menchaca gave to Juliana Serrano – to honor and acknowledge the lives of those lost on our community's streets, and to give them the dignity and respect they deserve during the coldest and darkest time of the year. The 9th annual service is brought to us by a planning committee that includes: Gloria Antall, John and Rosemary Hyde, Gerry Puhara and Rich Redman working closely with the All Saints Director of Liturgy, Melissa Hayes. All are welcome to attend. Participating in the service are our siblings experiencing homelessness, members of Pasadena's homeless-services community, and local religious leaders. This year, representatives of Union Station Homeless Services, Friends in Deed, Housing Works, and Rose City Church will participate in the liturgy. Anne Miskey, CEO of Union Station Homeless Services will be offering the homily and Rev. Sally Howard will preside. The Trouvères youth choir, Dan Cole and the 1 P.M. Ensemble will offer music. A reception immediately follows the service in Sweetland Hall that is festive and joyous. Led by Gerry Puhara, more than 50 volunteers, including many from The Women's

Community, purchase, cook and serve dinner to more than 250 guests.

Pasadena Partnership's 2019 Homeless Count, which provides a snapshot in time to quantify the size of the population experiencing homelessness at a given point during the year, identified 542 person experiencing homelessness in Pasadena. While the data reveals a decline in the number of persons experiencing homelessness (20% decrease from 2018), more needs to be done to address this social injustice. The count is critical to much needed funding for solutions by the city and service agencies.

Volunteers are needed for the 2020 count. Volunteers should be 18+ and are asked to attend an orientation to prepare for the Count on either January 13 or 14, 2020. The volunteer registration deadline is January 7, 2020. Volunteers are assigned to a team to help count and administer an electronic survey to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. To register or for more information please contact: <https://pasadenapartnership.org/volunteer-homeless-count/> or info@pasadenapartnership.org

We invite you to join us for the memorial service on the 10th, and afterwards to break bread and get to know some of your neighbors experiencing homelessness. Learn a new name or two and give the gift of recognition, conversation and friendship. Then, consider volunteering for the 2020 Homeless Count. For more information and/or to provide the name of someone you know who has lost their life on the streets contact Juliana Serrano at jserrano@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2731.



Spotlight

Virginia Classick

by Wendy Edwards

Virginia Classick had been dropping in to All Saints on Christmas Eve and for the occasional Evensong service for a few years when she thought, "I wonder what this church is like on a regular Sunday morning?" The first time she attended in the late 1980's, George Regas was preaching powerfully, and there were baptisms. Among the infants and children listed in the liturgy were two whose parents both had masculine names. Virginia admits to being quite embarrassed to think back on how she wondered if there might be a typo in the liturgy. But sure enough, those children were brought to the baptismal font by two dads. Up until then, Virginia hadn't imagined the possibility of such a thing -- a gay couple bringing their children forward publicly to receive the sacrament of baptism along with a big welcome and promise of support from the whole congregation. Virginia says witnessing that touched her beyond measure.

It wasn't long before Virginia became a General Member at All Saints, a designation that allowed her to maintain her Lutheran affiliation without being confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Besides the prophetic preaching, beauty of the liturgy, and the spectacular music, Marty Coleman's irrepressible enthusiasm in the peace and justice arena attracted her. She even arranged her work schedule to have one morning a week of volunteering with Marty.

When Virginia first moved to Los Angeles, she took a job as clinical director of the adolescent unit of a psychiatric hospital. After 15 years there she began working in the field of domestic abuse. (In 2002 she created the Domestic Abuse Hotline flyer that we now see around our campus). The depth of her commitment to social justice had translated into action. In 1993, she was having lunch with the church staff after one of her volunteer mornings, and found herself sitting next to George Regas, who she did not personally know. She took this opportunity to carry on at some length (as she remembers with some chagrin) about how she thought that All Saints should get involved in gun violence prevention. Several days later, on Hallowe'en night in Pasadena, three young boys, out for Trick or Treating, were gunned down. That event was galvanizing for All Saints. Virginia at around that time had been making presentations to physicians about gun violence prevention in collaboration with Physicians for Social Responsibility-LA, and expanded this work to include staff from the newly-founded Coalition for a Non-violent City.

After the Million Mom March in 2000 in Washington, DC, the March became a movement, merging with Brady United and forming chapters throughout the U.S. Virginia served as president of one of the first ten chapters chartered, the San Fernando Chapter, which she still serves as Co-President. She and her Co-president, a retired epidemiologist, have



PHOTO BY KEITH HOLEMAN

recently made Continuing Medical Education presentations to physicians at area hospitals, with the goal of equipping physicians to recognize patients at risk for gun violence, and finding ways in which they can intervene to help keep patients and communities safe. These presentations, first begun in the early 1990's, also had roots at All Saints. It was an All Saints member, a Family Practice physician at Kaiser-Baldwin Park, that arranged the first of these presentations, and this physician's recommendation after that presentation opened the door at other hospitals.

Today Virginia serves as Co-Chair of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. She has compiled a 20-page booklet of resources, The Gun Violence Prevention Toolkit, which was published by the Diocese and made available at this year's Convention. The All Saints Vestry Resolution on Gun Violence Prevention is cited as a model for other congregations.

Those who know Virginia know that she always has her knitting with her. Some years ago she and Lydia Lopez had a knitting group that they called "Subversive Knitters." The fruits of her labors are on display each year at the All Saints Alternative Christmas Market, where she raises money for different organizations. When someone makes a donation but does not wish to take a knitted item, she invites volunteers from Union Station Foundation to "spend" the donation by "shopping" at the table for items for the Union Station Family Center. She also knits ear warmers for the gift bags that go to each woman at The Women's Room Holiday party.

After all is said and done, Virginia and her husband, Chuck, know they will always be a part of All Saints, because they've made arrangements for what they affectionately call their double-wide niche in the Columbarium!

Stellar Rector's Forums for Advent

All Rector's Forums are at 10:15 a.m. Sundays

Translation Matters: with Wil Gafney in the Forum, Dec. 1

Womanist author, scholar and theologian the Rev. Dr. **Wil Gafney** has been scholar-in-residence at All Saints during the month of November, working on The Women's Lectionary Project. On Sunday, December 1, in the Rector's Forum, Dr. Gafney will discuss her scholarship and practice of biblical translation including her current work, A Women's Lectionary, a new woman-focused calendar of Sunday readings for liturgy and preaching, selected and translated by Dr. Gafney. **Wil will preach at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., when her new lectionary readings for Advent I will debut at All Saints Church!**



Street Symphony: with Vijay Gupta in the Forum, Dec. 8

Vijay Gupta, violinist and social justice advocate, is an esteemed performer, communicator, and citizen-artist. Gupta is a leading advocate for the role of the arts and music to heal, inspire, provoke change, and foster social connection. He is the founder and Artistic Director of Street Symphony, a non-profit organization providing musical engagement, dialogue and teaching artistry for homeless and incarcerated communities in Los Angeles. Recognized for his "dedication to bringing beauty, respite, and purpose to those all too often ignored by society while demonstrating the capacity of music to validate our shared humanity," Gupta was a 2018 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellow.

Love and Death, Hope and Resistance: with Ady Barkan and Bradley Whitford in the Forum, Dec. 22

This special Forum with **Ady Barkan** and **Bradley Whitford** will feature a discussion of this fraught and poignant moment in our nation's history and a reading from Ady's new memoir, *Eyes to the Wind*. Lawyer and progressive activist Ady Barkan is the co-founder of the Be a Hero PAC and is an organizer for the Center for Popular Democracy. Barkan, who was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) in 2016 shortly after the birth of his son, has been called "the most powerful activist in America." Three-time Emmy Award winner Brad Whitford is a prolific film and television actor, political activist and All Saints parishioner. His Emmys were for his portrayals of White House Deputy Chief of Staff Josh Lyman in *The West Wing* in 2001, for Marcy in *Transparent* in 2015, and for Commander Joseph Lawrence in *The Handmaid's Tale* in 2019. He is currently starring in NBC's *Perfect Harmony* as a church choir director.



Great Adult Ed Offerings in December

How I was Summoned to Chaplaincy and Shaped By Those I Met: with Pat Hoffman in the Guild Room



Pat Hoffman's talk, "How I was Summoned to Chaplaincy and Shaped By Those I Met," will incorporate readings from her new book. *Summoned and Shaped: Traveling Together Into Our Belovedness*, is a memoir of her call to be with the AIDS-affected community and to change church attitudes toward the LGBTQ community. Pat is a member of All Saints and a long-time social justice advocate. She is especially well-known for her years working in and writing about the farm worker movement (*Ministry of the Dispossessed: Learning from the Farm Worker Movement*, 1987). Later she championed a meaningful and spiritually compassionate response to AIDS (*AIDS & the Sleeping Church*, 1995). Her new book, *Summoned and Shaped*, is published by Wipf & Stock. **December 1, 10:15 a.m., Guild Room.**

Co-opting Jesus for the Rich: with Brian Robinson

The movement we now call Christianity underwent profound evolution in the first few centuries of its existence. This presentation will examine this evolution in the Epistle to Diognetus, a second century Christian text, and how the movement went from the radical teachings of Jesus that center the financially marginalized (poor) to a movement that secured the positions and fortunes of the wealthy. **December 15, 10:15 a.m., Sweetland Hall**



Poetry of Exile and Borders: Refugees from the Middle East and Mexico Speak: with Katie Ford

Poetry of Exile and Borders: Refugees from the Middle East and Mexico Speak, Part II: These two geographic locations share the pained, sometimes deadly, reality of citizens fleeing or being driven out of their home country. Poets chronicle the internal depths of this crisis in ways uncharted by any news report or history book. Katie Ford will share poems by refugees from Mexico, Iraq, Palestine & Syria and lead a discussion on how such poetry can deepen not just our understanding but our activism and compassion. **December 15, 10:15 a.m., Guild Room.**

Holiday Blues: with Sally Howard in the Guild Room

Holidays can be a difficult time for many people. Rather than being a time of joy, holidays can bring the blues—feelings of sadness, loneliness and loss. Join Sally Howard to learn about the holiday blues and what you can do about them. **December 22, 10:15 a.m., Guild Room.**



Your Gift of Generosity



Gifts are much on our minds these December days. Gifts given, and gifts received. The gift of kindness – given and received. The gift of time with a loved one. The gift of a beautiful sweater on Christmas morning! The gift of food to a sibling in need, and the gift of a grateful smile in return. December is a time of much beauty, anticipation, and of waiting for that extraordinary birth that changed everything.

Our attention is diverted in so many ways, yet in this time of both celebration and longing, we ask you to focus on your love of All Saints Church and the gift that it is in your life. And as the year draws to a close, think about the importance to you of this beloved community and the gifts you can make in thanksgiving and gratitude.

Please be sure that your 2019 pledge is fulfilled by December 31, and if you are able and inclined to make a special Christmas gift in honor, in memory, in celebration – please do that now. We also ask that – if you are not among the many who have already done so – you pledge your support for All Saints in 2020. It promises to be a remarkable year, and we hope you will choose to make an investment in the work and witness of this remarkable community.

Information about and assistance with making your gift is available at <https://allsaints-pas.org/donate/> or by contacting Terry Knowles, our Director of Giving & Stewardship at tknowles@allsaints-pas.org or 626-583-2736. Thank you for your generosity.



Playground Dedication, 11/9



Senior Saints to Homeboy Industries, 11/7



Transgender Day of Remembrance, 11/20



Austen Hartke 11/17

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Senior Saints December Offerings

All Saints Church has an amazing array of events and opportunities for education, fun and connection for seniors (those not of the school-age variety!) If you are looking for fellowship during this Advent season, check them out!

December Senior Saints

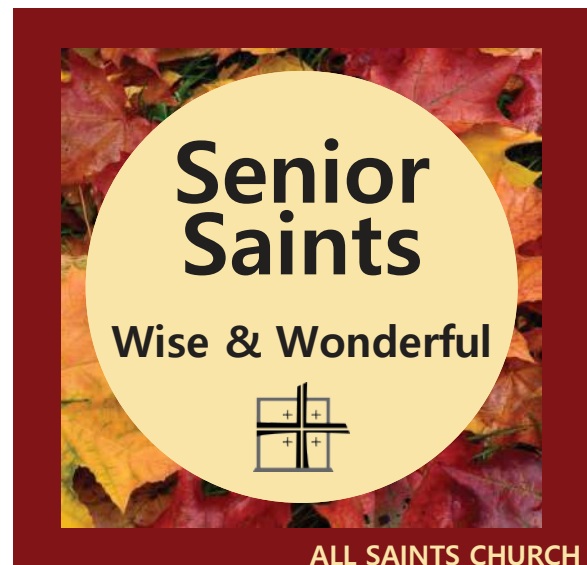
Join us on Thursday, Dec. 5, 12:30–2:00 p.m. in Sweetland Hall. Parishioner and Grammy Award winner Bill Cunliffe joins us this month to talk about music and play some jazz tunes. All older adults are invited to join us. Suggested donation of \$10 for light lunch. RSVP to Amanda Perez at 626.583.2732 or aperez@allsaints-pas.org.

Spiritual Reading Group

The reading group continues with “The Moment of Lift” by Melinda Gates on Dec. 12, 12:30 p.m. in the OCC Conference Room: facilitated by Marylouise Lau.

Senior Saints Christmas Party

Join us for tea at Four Seasons Tea Room, 75 N Baldwin Ave, Sierra Madre, Thursday, Dec. 19, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Parishioner Nat Read – dean of USC (the University of Santa Claus) – entertains with Why Santa Claus Is an Episcopalian. Tickets are \$20, a few scholarships available. RSVPs are required by Dec. 10 to Amanda Perez at 626.583.2732 or aperez@allsaints-pas.org.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey this Advent and Christmas, there is a service here for you! English or Spanish; Advent Evenings or Virgen de Guadalupe; Christmas Eve or Christmas Day ... Join us!

Advent Evening Service, Potluck and Wreath Making

Sunday, Dec. 1, 5 p.m. in the Church. **Minisingers, Mastersingers** and **Troubadours** offer music, directed by **Jenny Tisi**. **Kelly O'Phelan** offers a meditation. Immediately following the service you are invited to join an Advent potluck supper and Advent wreath making in Sweetland Hall.

Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 8, 5:00 p.m. in the Church. In the warm ambience of the candlelit church, **Coventry Choir** offers motets, carols and canticles of intense, mystical beauty. A meditation by **Mike Kinman** focuses on the meaning of the coming of the Christ in a contemporary context. The choir, directed by **Weicheng Zhao**, will perform music of Betinis, Ord, Bruckner, Archer, Memley, and Willan.

Homeless Memorial

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Each year, thousands of persons experiencing homelessness die on the streets of our nation due to illness, exposure or violence, many from the Pasadena community. These individuals die without the dignity and respect they deserve. Please join us as we honor and acknowledge their lives and membership in the human family. **Anne Miskey** preaches. A festive reception follows in Sweetland Hall.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Service

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1:00 p.m. in the Church. We celebrate *Virgen de Guadalupe*, the patron saint of the Americas. Join us for this beautiful service full of candles, roses, and joyful song steeped in the Latino religious tradition. This service is bilingual, Spanish/English. *Pan dulce* and *antojitos* will be served after the service. **Alfredo Feregrino** preaches; **Dan Cole & Ensemble** offer music. Convivio to follow with a potluck and music by the cultural band **Alebrijes**.

Pasadena Symphony Presents Holiday Candlelight Concert

Saturday, Dec. 14, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. **David**

Lockington, conductor; **Sarah Uriarte Berry**, soloist; **Los Angeles Children's Chorus**, **The Donald Brinegar Singers** and **L.A. Bronze Handbell Ensemble**. Top off the season with Pasadena's most cherished holiday tradition – Pasadena Symphony's Holiday Candlelight. Broadway star Sarah Uriarte Berry joins an array of choruses in this festive concert featuring the most popular and cherished holiday melodies. Get your tickets today at www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org/.

Advent Evening Service

Sunday, Dec. 15, 5:00 p.m. in the Church. **Trouvères**, **Youth Chamber Choir**, and **Vox Cambiata** offer music of Ešenvalds, Hella Johnson, Schubert, Ames, and Wright; directed by **Jenny Tisi**. All Saints **Youth Chamber Choir Members** offer a meditation.

Blue Christmas Service

Monday, Dec. 16, 6:00 p.m. in the Church. If you are struggling this season, join us for a unique liturgy where the light of Christ provides comfort and healing. **Mike Kinman** and **Sally Howard** preside.

Advent Evensong

Sunday, Dec. 22, 5:00 p.m. in the Church. **Canterbury Choir with chamber ensemble** and **Vox Cambiata** offer *Gloria* by Vivaldi, directed by **Weicheng Zhao**. **Susan Russell** offers a meditation. This special evensong service is a wonderful way to close the Advent season and prepare for the glory of Christmas.

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

3 p.m. Family Candlelight Service

Rector **Mike Kinman** and friends perform a non-traditional version of the Christmas story; **Troubadours**, directed by **Jenny Tisi**, offer music of Pinkzebra and Stempfen/Turner.

5:30 p.m. Festive Eucharist

Trouvères, with instrumental ensemble, offer music of Macdonald and Leontovitch, directed by **Jenny Tisi**. **Sally Howard** preaches. ASL interpretation available.

8 p.m. Festive Eucharist

Canterbury Choir and chamber orchestra offer *Mass in C Major, K 337*, by Mozart and music of Willcocks, directed by **Weicheng Zhao**. **Mike Kinman** preaches. Spanish language interpretation available.

11 p.m. Festive Eucharist

Coventry Choir and chamber orchestra offer *Coronation Mass, K 317*, by Mozart and music of Holst, directed by **Weicheng Zhao**. **Mike Kinman** preaches.

Early arrival to all services helps ensure seating. All Christmas Eve services are well attended, so please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early.

Parking for the 3 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be in the North Lot or underground at the Westin Hotel (enter from Union Street). For the 5:30, 8 & 11 p.m. services, parking will be available at the Kaiser parking structure or underground at the Westin Hotel (enter from Union Street).

Child care will be provided for all services.

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Wednesday, Dec. 25, in the Church. **Alfredo Feregrino** preaches, and **Dan Cole & Ensemble** offer music. Child care is provided. Spanish language interpretation available.

Sunday, December 29

10 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing-Along

(One Service Only on Dec. 29!) . **The Susie Glaze New Folk Ensemble** will lead us in Christmas carols followed by hot chocolate and cookies on the lawn.

New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve Service

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. in the Church. **Canterbury Choir soloists** offer music of Nordquist. **Mike Kinman** preaches. This special service is a wonderful way to prepare for the new year. Child care provided. Validated parking is available in Plaza las Fuentes.

These lovely services offer a gentle respite from the intensity of the holidays.

Calendar of events for the month. Please check our website at www.allsaints-pas.org and the weekly *This Week At All Saints* for details and contact information.

December

- 1** – Sunday, **Advent Evening Service**, 5:00 p.m., Church
Advent Potluck/Wreath Making, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- 5** – Thursday, **Senior Saints**, 12:30 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- 8** – Sunday, **Alternative Christmas Market**, 8:00 a.m., Sweetland Hall & Guild Room
Welcome Cafe, 10:15 a.m., Rector's Office
Lessons & Carols, 5:00 p.m., Church
- 10** – Tuesday, **Homeless Memorial Service**, 6:00 p.m., Church
Homeless Memorial Reception, 7:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- 12** – Thursday, **Senior Saints Spiritual Reading Group**, 12:30 p.m., OCC Conference Room
- 13** – Friday, **Not-So-Bored Game Night**, 6:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall
Fiction Fun!, 7:30 p.m., Guild Room
- 14** – Saturday, **Free Legal Clinic**, 9:00 a.m.-noon., Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena 91103
Pasadena Symphony Holiday Candlelight Concert, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m., Church
- 15** – Sunday, **Our Lady of Guadalupe Service**, 1:00 p.m., Church
- Advent Evening Service**, 5:00 p.m., Church
- 16** – Monday, **Blue Christmas Service**, 6:00 p.m., Church
- 17** – Tuesday, **Women's Community Not-a-Party**, 6:00 p.m., Off Campus
- 19** – Thursday, **Senior Saints: Creating Personal Memoirs**, 12:30 p.m., OCC Conference Room
- 22** – Sunday, **Advent Evensong**, 5:00 p.m., Church
- 24** – Tuesday, Christmas Eve, **Family Candlelight Service**, 3:00 p.m., Church
Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Festive Eucharist, Church
Christmas Eve 8 p.m. Festive Eucharist, Church
Christmas Eve 11 p.m. Festive Eucharist, Church
- 25** – Wednesday, Christmas Day, **Christmas Eucharist**, 10:30 a.m.
- 25 & 26** – Wednesday & Thursday, **Christmas Holiday**, Offices Closed
- 29** – Sunday, **Christmas Carol Sing-Along**, 10:00 a.m. (*One Service Only*), Church
- 31** – Tuesday, **New Year's Eve Service**, 7:30 p.m., Church

Adult Ed in December 10:15 a.m. Sundays

- 1** • **Translation Matters**, with Wil Gafney, Rector's Forum
- **How I was Summoned to Chaplaincy and Shaped By Those I Met**, with Pat Hoffman, Guild Room
- **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2 & OCC Conference Room
- 29** • **Greet each other on the lawn!** Adult Education will resume on January 5.
- **Holiday Blues**, with Sally Howard, Guild Room
- **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2 & OCC Conference Room
- 8** • **Addressing the Skid Row Within**, with Vijay Gupta, Rector's Forum
- **Alternative Christmas Market**, Sweetland Hall & Guild Room
- **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2 & OCC Conference Room
- 15** • **Joy Sunday**, Rector's Forum
- **Co-opting Jesus for the Rich**, with Brian Robinson, Sweetland Hall
- **Poetry of Exile and Borders: Refugees from the Middle East and Mexico Speak**, with Katie Ford, Guild Room
- **Parent Culture**, Scott Hall 2 & OCC Conference Room
- 22** • **Love and Death, Hope and Resistance**, with Ady Barkan & Bradley Whitford, Rector's Forum

Pasadena Symphony

Saturday, December 14, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m., in the Church.

David Lockington, conductor
Sarah Uriarte Berry, soloist
Los Angeles Children's Chorus
The Donald Brinegar Singers
L.A. Bronze Handbell Ensemble



Top off the season with Pasadena's most cherished holiday tradition – Pasadena Symphony's Holiday Candlelight concert! Broadway star Sarah Uriarte Berry joins an array of handbells and choruses in this festive concert featuring the most popular and cherished holiday melodies. Hear Joy to the World, So this is Christmas Hallelujah! and more of your favorites all performed by candlelight – an aural respite that is sure to summon the spirit of the season. As Pasadena's most sought-after holiday concert, Holiday Candlelight sells out quickly. Get your tickets today – www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org/.