

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

**Christmas Caroling today!**

We will meet up in Fireside Room after the 10:30 Cantata Worship Service. We will have pizza and then head out to bring cheer to Peace members who are homebound and living in assisted living. All ages are welcome!

**Christmas Eve Dinner**

Enjoy a festive dinner after the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. Whether you find yourself alone or have a large crew this holiday season, all are invited to share a soup (and more) meal in the decorated Fellowship Hall after the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. Traditionally we have had contributions of wonderful soups and chilis and Christmas cookies. If you can help provide some of these items or if you would like to help out in the kitchen get in touch with Cindy McLean ([webinthewoods@gmail.com](mailto:webinthewoods@gmail.com)) or Bri in the office. This dinner has been going on for over 25 years and it is always a pleasant gathering of old and new friends. Join us for the first time or the 20th time.

**Rev. Laurie Crelly Wants to Meet You!**

Rev. Laurie Crelly, our Peace Church Pastoral Care Chaplain, is available for visits or to meet for coffee afternoons Monday - Thursday and on Saturdays. Pastor Laurie is usually at Peace church on Wednesday evenings and services on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. To schedule a visit or reach Laurie with an urgent need please call, text or email her - 218-461-8172 or [Laurie@peaceucc.org](mailto:Laurie@peaceucc.org).

**Haji's Refugee Craft and Art Sale**

Khalil Dokhanchi, known mostly by the name "Haji", will be at Peace on Sunday, December 22 with his annual Refugee Craft and Art Sale. He buys and sells products made by refugees waiting for resettlement—some of them have lived in the camps for years. Check out his table during the 9:30 hour or during coffee hour, especially if you need Christmas gifts.

**Stepping On Up Shelter Registry**

Stepping On Up is looking for welcome basket supplies and kitchenware for their new emergency youth shelter. As the holidays are approaching, this is a great chance for our community to support the project in a hands-on way. Gifts can be purchased at Target and dropped off at Peace Church during office hours or shipped via the registry. Check out the Target Registry in the Narthex.

**Dismantling Racism Book Study**

The Dismantling Racism Team invites you to participate in a weekly Wednesday night book discussion, January 15<sup>th</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:15. We will explore the book *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future* by Robert P Jones. In order to include avid readers and "I-want-to-read-but-don't-have-time" folks, we will augment the information in most chapters with a video clip to start discussion. The book is in the church library, the Duluth public library or may be purchased for a 15% discount at Zenith Bookstore using the code PEACEBOOKS. Come to some or all of the weekly sessions. Contact Bri in the church office to let us know you're planning to come. We will send messages to you with details about weekly readings, videos and discussions.

**Weekly Calendar****Monday, December 23rd**

**8:30am CHUM Breakfast Making** in the Kitchen  
**9:00am Yoga with Robin** on Zoom

**Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve**

**4:00pm Christmas Eve Service**  
**5:30pm Christmas Eve Potluck** in the Fellowship Hall  
**9:00pm Christmas Eve Service**

**Wednesday, December 25th - Merry Christmas!**

**Office Closed**

**Thursday, December 26th**

**Office Closed**  
**8:00am Men's Breakfast** at Perkins on London Road

**Sunday, December 29th - One Service Only**

**9:30am Worship** with **Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis.**  
**10:30am Coffee Hour** in the Fellowship Hall