

**“Hope With Us”
Christmas Eve Services**

Tuesday, December 24

- 5pm Family Service Suspend This Year
8 pm Family-Friendly Lessons and Carols Service
11 pm Candlelight Communion Service

“Joy Gift Dinner”

Sunday, December 29, 5pm,
Fellowship Hall

An offering will be taken to support the PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering, which provides support to church workers and Presbyterian-related schools providing education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage

*Please bring a veggie, side dish, or dessert to share.
Ham, rolls and drinks will be provided.*

Prayer for Hope

When Shown What Is Possible

How do they do it,
the marsh marigolds
rising out of the muck,
their bright white petals
and lemon yellow centers
seemingly unmarred
by dark swampy ground?
They grow, beautiful,
not despite the muck, but
because. Because slop.
Mire. Mess. Thick mess.
Squishy boot-sucking mess.
It’s what they were made to do.
Dear heart, how about you?

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

Eucharistic Prayer

The God of Hope is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to Our Source of Hope

Let us give thanks for Holding On to Hope

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Great is the mystery of faith.

Hope has died. Hope is risen. Hope will come again.

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come,
we pray that your good will be done,
let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need,
give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
from each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days --
come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

“Christmas Cheer Coffee Hour”

TODAY, following 11am Worship

Fellowship Hall

Celebrate the season with cookies, coffee, tea, and more!

“Las Posadas”

A Traditional Latin American Celebration

with Bishop Evelio Mejivar-Ayala

Friday, December 20, 6:30pm

St. Agnes Catholic Community

Program begins at St. Agnes
followed by a short traditional procession,
live music and singing, candy for children,
sharing in the fellowship with food, and hot chocolate.

“Prepare the Way!”

Fourth Sunday of Advent Celebration

Sunday, December 22, 11am Worship

The SPC tradition of concluding the Fourth Sunday of Advent
with a musical celebration and the “Procession of the Animals”
continues this year with the help of our beloved children.