

Christmas Worship Opportunities

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is Born!*

We are keenly aware that things are different this year, and so our Christmas Worship services will also be different. The elements and formats that we've come to expect at St. Martin's will still be happening, but they will be offered in different ways.

Online Only Worship Opportunities

Christmas Eve Family Service – This will be a pre-recorded service available on the church's Facebook and YouTube pages only. Designed with kids in mind, it will follow the typical pattern of our past 4pm Christmas Eve services. Although not in-person, please include this worship service in your family gatherings this year.

Christmas Eve Festival Worship Service – This will be a pre-recorded service available on the church's Facebook and YouTube pages only. It will follow the format and content of our typical 7pm worship service format with all its celebration. Although this worship service will not be held in-person, the Chancel Choir will record an anthem, and a string quartet will add their musical accompaniment.



In-Person Worship Opportunities



11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – This will be a reflective service and will close with candlelighting. This service will also be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page.

10:00 am Christmas Day – This will be a service of carol singing with the celebration of Communion. This service will also be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page.

All worship services, whether they are in-person or online only, will include the celebration of Communion. If you would like communion supplies, please contact the church office. You may pick them up, or we can deliver them to you.

Please note that our in-person worship plans may change depending on the circumstances we may be experiencing at that time in December.

SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT HOME

Although it has become the routine for so many of us since March, consider the following extra steps to get the most out of your at-home worship experience this December:

Set aside a specific time for worship...

Being a part of the livestream helps, but when that's not possible, make the effort to set a specific time. It adds importance to the action when we schedule it.

Create a sacred space...

Light a candle. Use a colored place mat or cloth to match the liturgical color (Blue for Advent, White for Christmas) Place a cross in the center of your space. Open your Bible. If you have a hymnal, get it out.

Don't just sit there...

Stand up. When you're singing a hymn or participating in the liturgy, get out of your "pew."

Get ready & get settled...

Bring everything you "need" to the service (coffee, notebook, pencil, Bible, blanket, breakfast, etc.) Watch as a family on 1 device. Put your phones on do not disturb so you're not distracted by incoming notifications.

Participate and Reflect...

Say "Amen" when something hits the spot - better yet put it in the comments! Plan to discuss what grabbed your attention with someone else who watched it with you.

Christmas Music Moments...

Throughout the month of December there will be special musical presentations from various people involved in our music ministries. These performances will be posted on the church's Facebook and YouTube pages each week. Deacon Steve and Rick Breier will be presenting piano and organ music, the Bell Choir will ring for you, vocalists will sing for you.



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