

# From the Pastor's Desk



Saturday, November 14, 2020

---

## Church Chat

**SUNDAY, NOV. 15**

**9:30-10:15 A.M.**

Click [here](#) to join with friends on Sunday morning!

\*

## Sunday Worship

**This Sunday, November 15,  
the Sunday morning worship service  
of Montreat Presbyterian Church  
will be distributed via Constant Contact  
and made available on Facebook  
by 10:00 A.M.**

---

## Thanksgiving Day

---

At the heart of our annual midday Thanksgiving community worship service is a time for congregants to share some particular blessings for which they are grateful to God. As we care for our community by refraining from gathering in person this year, **the Congregational Care committee will host a midday Thanksgiving gathering via Zoom: Thursday, November 26, 11:00 A.M.** We'll open and close with prayer, and in between, invite participants to share some time together

and give voice to their gratitude. All are welcome! The Zoom link will be distributed by Thanksgiving morning.

---

## "Make an Advent Wreath at Home"

---

**The Worship & Music Committee invites you to join us in preparing an Advent wreath** for home use. You can click [here](#) to open, print, or download a short item called "Making an Advent Wreath at Home."

---

## Request for Two Pictures

---

In preparation for Advent and Christmas, we would like to collect two photos from our church family members.

1. We would welcome photos of individuals or households **holding a lit candle with a somewhat dark background**, if you would be willing to have your photo be part of a montage for Christmas Eve. Picture quality may vary in such circumstances; we are entirely unconcerned about that: if it has you in it, it's already high quality.

If you would like to participate, please do the following:

- take it as a **horizontal** photo
- email it with the subject line "**Candle Picture**"
- send it to Vivian at [music@montreatchurch.org](mailto:music@montreatchurch.org)

**AND...**

2. Similarly, we would love to have **photos of members of our church community showing whatever Christmastime means to you**--expressions of faith; family; your home; a dinner table; the way your home is decorated; etc. These are for more general montages throughout the season. If you would like to participate, please do the following:

- take it as a **horizontal** photo
- email it with the subject line "**Candle Picture**"
- send it to Vivian at [music@montreatchurch.org](mailto:music@montreatchurch.org)

# THANK YOU!

---

## Advent Calendar

---

ALL ARE WELCOME to all of our worship services, no matter what season or time of year! **All services listed here will be distributed via Constant Contact unless otherwise indicated.**

- Sun., Nov. 29    10:00 A.M.**    **Service for the Lord's Day - First Sunday of Advent**  
*The beginning of Advent, the season of expectant waiting for the coming of Christ. The service will include a reflection on nativity scenes, or creches. If you have one of your own, you may wish to have it near you during the service (or have the device on which you view the service near your nativity scene). We will invite people to photograph their nativity set after the service to share with the congregation later in Advent.*
- Sun., Dec. 6    10:00 A.M.**    **Service of Hope & Remembrance**  
*A communion service for everyone which acknowledges that Christmastime can bring complicated and sometimes difficult emotions.*
- Wed., Dec. 9    5:00 P.M.**    **Hymns of Christmas - A Montreat Wednesday Presentation of the Christian Education Committee**  
*John Rogers and Vivian Hare lead an online program that's part hymn sing, part Advent reflection and part Christmas party. Learn the history and reflect on the meaning of some of our most sacred Christmas music.*
- Sun., Dec. 13    10:00 A.M.**    **Service for the Lord's Day - Third Sunday of Advent**  
*Traditionally "Gaudete" Sunday, the Sunday of Advent reflecting joy--the day the pink candle is lit in the Advent wreath!*
- Sun., Dec. 16    Time TBA**    **"A Christmas Tapestry"**  
*Scenes of the scripture readings woven together to tell the story of the nativity,*

<b>Sun., Dec. 20</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	<i>presented by members of the Montreat Presbyterian Church family.</i>
		<p><b>Service of Lessons &amp; Carols</b>  <i>Humanity's need for a savior, the promise of the Messiah, and the coming of Christ in the nativity are told in scripture readings interspersed with carols, hymns, anthems, and meditations.</i></p>
<b>Thu., Dec. 24</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>	
		<p><b>Christmas Eve Service</b>  <i>The online traditional Christmas Eve service will include communion, the singing of "Silent Night" and an appropriate version of the ceremony of candlelight.</i></p>
<b>Thu., Dec. 24</b>	<b>10:00 P.M.</b>	
		<p><b>Christmas Eve Late Compline Service</b>  <i>In monastic and other worshipping communities, compline is the service for the "completion" of the liturgical day. Our late Christmas Eve service, online, will be quiet, meditative, and mainly musical, allowing any who attend a moment to rest in the beauty of the coming of Christ.</i></p>
<b>Sun., Dec. 27</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	
		<p><b>The Service for the Lord's Day - First Sunday of Christmas</b>  <i>We are not finished with Christmas yet! In fact, we're just getting started. The 12-day season that begins on December 25 continues the joyful observance of Christ's nativity and the holy mystery of his humanity and divinity.</i></p>
<b>Sun., Jan. 3</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	
		<p><b>The Service for the Lord's Day - Second Sunday of Christmas</b>  <i>On the Tenth Day of Christmas, we will celebrate holy communion, install our new session members, and observe one last Sunday of Christmas until December 2021!</i></p>
<b>Wed., Jan. 6</b>	<b>Time TBA</b>	
		<p><b>Epiphany</b>  <i>"Star Words" revisited. Details to be announced!</i></p>

---

## Contact Information

---

Rev. Keith Grogg, Pastor

Pastor@MontreatChurch.org

Vivian Hare, Director of Music

Music@MontreatChurch.org

Jane Alexander, Clerk of Session

Clerk@MontreatChurch.org

Rev. Margaret Peery,  
Volunteer Pastoral Visitor

ParishVisitor@MontreatChurch.org

Patty Smith

Office@MontreatChurch.org

**(828) 664-9212**

**MontreatChurch.org**

**P.O. Box 577, Montreat, North Carolina, 28757**

**Church Office hours: Weekdays 9:00 A.M. - Noon**

(Office closed during the pandemic until further notice;  
staff are still available.)

**304 Lookout Road, Montreat**

---

Visit our website



justeconomics

Join Our Mailing  
List