

# The Mount Weekly

## Worship Notes

### **TODAY: The Emotions of Christmas #3 Patience.**

Patience. It is the endurance and perseverance that God develops in us so that we do something for a long time. We hope, waiting for what God has promised, patiently. We live enduring hardships as discipline; we live patiently. James calls us, yes, exhorts us to live patiently like farmers. To be patient like the prophets and like Job, trusting in the mercy, kindness, and overwhelming generosity of our King. We'll look at James 5:7-11.

### **NEXT WEEK: The Emotions of Christmas #4: Confidence**

There is no fear. There is no sadness. There is no hopelessness. There is no discouragement. We'd love to say that that were true of us. That we never felt those emotions. Ah, but we have another emotion rising to the top. It's confidence. The confidence of forgiveness. The confidence of our future held in God's hands. The confidence of an eternity with Him. The confidence of help and support and mercy along the way. We will not give up. We are confident in him.

### **Christmas Worship Schedule:**

Christmas Eve: 9:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Christmas Day: 9:30 am

New Year's Eve: 9:30 am

## Next Steps

### **Free Gift**

If you are a first-time guest with us today, we have a gift for you. Please stop by the Welcome Table with your Connection Card. We'd love to share this gift with you.

## Christian Essentials

If you're new with us today or would like a refresher study of the Bible's teachings, you're invited to take this next step. Learn more about God's ways through Christian Essentials. Pastor Bourman will be teaching this course in the New Year. The time and day of the study will be determined by the participants. Ask him for more information or sign-up here:  
[bit.ly/4aqjshJ](https://bit.ly/4aqjshJ)



## Ministry Updates

### **Advent Midweek Worship:**

Our midweek services continue this Wednesday. There are two services one at 4:30 pm and the other 6 pm. A supper will be served between the services.

**12/20 @ 4:30 pm and 6 pm.**

### **School Christmas Service**

Our children will lead us in a service of song and praise on Thursday, 12/21 at 6 pm. We'd love to have you hear them and sing with them.

### **Pastor Call**

Mount Lebanon has called Pastor Chris Johnson to work with us here. He is serving CrossWalk Lutheran Church in Laveen, AZ (Phoenix area). Pray for him as he considers his call here. If you would like to contact him, please contact Pastor Bourman for his contact information.

## Our Mission

We are a community for the community.  
We are here to share God's Word to connect people to Christ and to our caring Christian community.

## Connect Groups start January 7.

Sign-up for one NOW: <https://bit.ly/MountCG>  
or call the church office!

- Sundays after worship.
- Tuesdays at 10 am (at church).
- Tuesdays Women's CG at 7:30 pm with Ruth Bourman (at Bourman house or virtually).
- Thursdays at 8:00 pm with Jeff Matteson/Clint Scheirer (virtually).



## Upcoming Events

### Gift Exchange and Potluck

This Sunday, December 17, at noon, will have a gift exchange and potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift for the fun exchange. Young and old, all are invited. See Diane Schneider with any questions.

### New Year's Eve Worship

We will gather for worship on New Year's Eve for confession, forgiveness and the Lord's Supper as we leave one year behind and enter a new one. We will do this during our regular, Sunday morning service at 9:30 am. There will not be an evening service.

### Offering Envelopes

2024 offering envelopes will be available take home next Sunday.

### Pastor Krueger Farewell

Please mark your calendars for January 21. After worship, we will take time to thank God for PK's ministry with us here and send him on his way.

## The Week at a Glance

### Monday, December 18

7:00 pm – CoM Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, December 20

4:30 pm – Advent Worship  
5:15 pm – Advent Soup Supper  
6:00 pm – Advent Worship

### Thursday, December 21

6:00 pm – 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Service

### Sunday, December 24

9:30 am – Worship Service with Communion  
6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship

### Monday, December 25

9:30 am – Christmas Day Worship

## For your Prayers

For **Steve Fredrich**, who is recovering from a surgery to repair his broken leg. He has returned home.

For **Freddie Freeman**, who was hospitalized last Sunday.

**David DeLay**, the nephew of Karen Runge, who is in prison.

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