

St. James Evangelical **Lutheran Church November 24, 2019 Christ the King Sunday** Communion Worship every Sunday 10:45 AM

Welcome

We welcome all visitors who come to worship with us today. We are delighted that you have come to share in the prayer and praise of our Lord and invite you to return and add your voice to ours in holy celebration. If you have a special need or prayer write it on the prayer card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Before you leave us today, we ask that you please sign our guest book.

Pastor: Revs. Scott & Carol Custead

Church Organist/Choir Director: PATRICIA McCONNELL Administrative Assistant: Tim Surkovich

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St. James Mission Statement: To make disciples of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament by the Holy Spirit.

Announcements: If you cannot read the hymns, you can turn to the hymn in the red ELW hymnal in the pew racks.

Prelude: Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. P.C. Lutkin (We take this time to silently prepare our hearts and minds for worship)

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

An extended silence may be kept.

Merciful God.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We Gather

Lift High the Cross



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*GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE





*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

We Listen to the Word

First Reading:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- ³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

ANTHEM: Fairest Lord Jesus

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Second Reading:

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹Mav you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

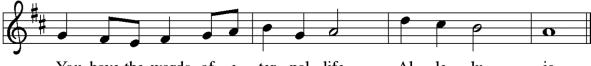
¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation





You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu ia.

*GOSPEL:

Luke 23:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of the Day: O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us ELW 431



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*Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Petitions are offered for the Church, the world, the nations, and all who are in need.)

....Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

(after final petition)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- *Sharing of the Peace
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: And the Glory of the Lord G.F. Handel

*Offertory Hymn: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of u -



of - fer now. nite them with the prayers Grace our we ta-ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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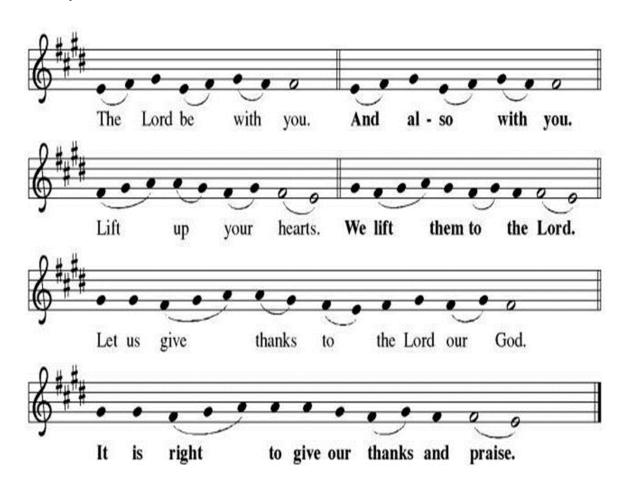
*Offering Prayer:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

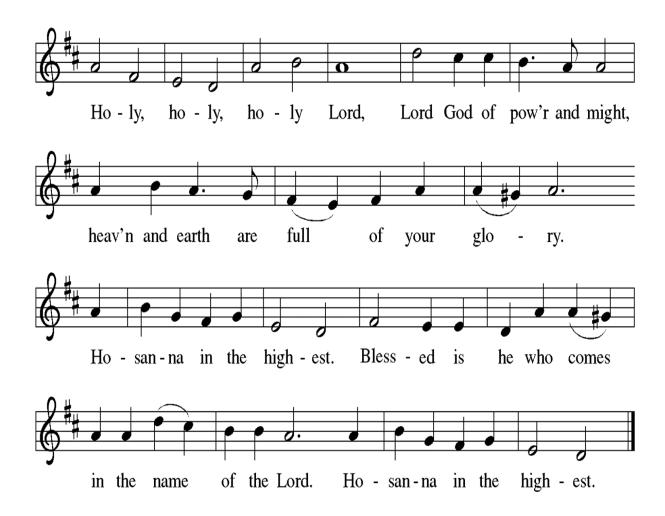
We Share the Feast

*Holy Communion



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race that is set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



*Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we might receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

For it is our Lord Jesus, who in the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after the supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me".

Lord remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

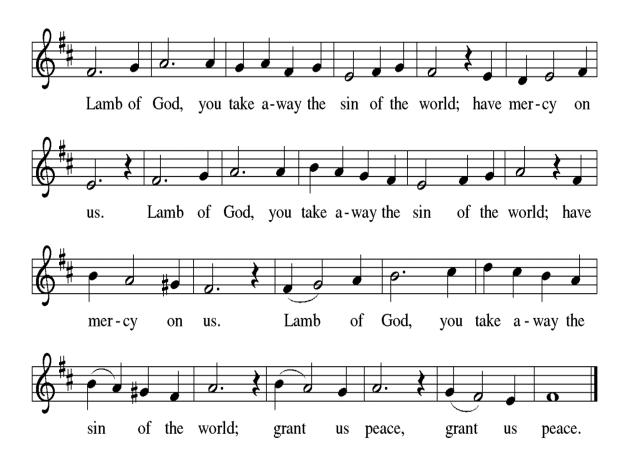
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Invitation to Communion

P: Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you once revealed yourself to your disciples.

*Distribution of Communion

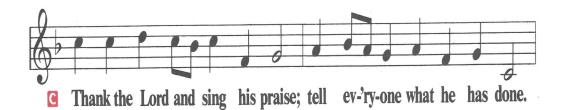
Lamb of God



*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



*Prayer after Communion

P: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

We Are Sent

*Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Sending Song: Rejoice, for Christ is King! ELW 430

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*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Postlude: Let Us With A Gladsome Mind Powell/Wilkes

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Announcements

IN THE CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY,

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Pastors Scott & Carol Custead Phone: 814-254-3072 Email: scustead@atlanticbb.net or ccustead@atlanticbb.net

The church office email is stjamesaltoona@gmail.com The church's website is www.stjamesaltoona.org
On Facebook—St. James Lutheran Church—Altoona. PA

REMINDER AND IMPORTANT

BULLETIN ADDITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY AT 10:30 AM.

For corrections, please contact the church office secretary Tim Surkovich, I'm in the office Monday-Thursday 9-1.

****IF AN ARTICLE FOR THE KIRCHENBLATT CANNOT BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH, PLEASE CALL AND RESERVE A SPACE FOR YOUR ARTICLE SO THAT THE KIRCHENBLATT CAN BE FORMATTED AHEAD OF TIME TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR ALL THE CONGREGATIONAL NEWS.****



BULLETIN DEADLINE	NOV 26TH 10:30AM	
POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE	NOV 27TH 12 PM	
THANKSGIVING (NO SERVICE)	NOV 28TH	
SWEETS AND TREATS	DEC 1ST	
BULLETIN DEADLINE	DEC 3RD 10:30AM	
MIDWEEK ADVENT LUNCH SERVICE	DEC 4TH 12 PM	
*Held at Bethany Lutheran, See announcement in the bulletin		
MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE	DEC 4TH 6:30 PM	
*Held at Bethany Lutheran, See announcement i	n the bulletin	
CHOIR PRACTICE	DEC 5TH 7 PM	
DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS	DEC 7TH 10 AM	
* Pizza will be provided		
COUNCIL MEETING	DEC 8TH 12 PM	
* Note this is a date change to Sundays following worship		
MIDWEEK ADVENT LUNCH SERVICE	DEC 11TH 12 PM	
*Held at Trinity Lutheran, See announcement in the bulletin		
MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE	DEC 11TH 6:30 PM	
*Held at Bethany Lutheran, See announcement in the bulletin		
BULLETIN DEADLINE	DEC 10TH 10:30AM	
CHOIR PRACTICE	DEC 12TH 7 PM	
WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY	DEC 14TH 12 PM	
* See the announcement in the bulletin for details		
KIRCHENBLATT ARTICLE DEADLINE	DEC 15TH 12 PM	
BULLETIN DEADLINE	DEC 17TH 10:30AM	
MIDWEEK ADVENT LUNCH SERVICE	DEC 18TH 12 PM	
*Held at Bethany Lutheran, See announcement in the bulletin		
MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE	DEC 18TH 6:30 PM	
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Our Prayer List:

Tim Surkovich Joe Yanke Sylvia Malsatzki

(Names for inclusion on our parish prayer list can be submitted to the church office. The name will remain on the list for one month. At the end of that period please advise the church office, if you would like the name to be continue for another month.)

Those serving in our military

Graystone Manor//Bellmeade Presbyterian Village in Hollidaysburg:

Robert Civils Patti Green

Allegheny Lutheran Home: In their own homes:

Janet Kauffman

Deborah Manbeck Glenn Dell John Wiederkehr



SWEETS AND TREATS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OUR NEXT SWEETS AND
TREATS WILL BE
December 1, 2019
Sponsored by: Evelyn & Bob
Holsinger

* We are always looking for volunteers to sponsor Sweets and Treats. If you're interested there is a sign up sheet in the Sunday School Room. Your support is appreciated!



WELGAS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

"SOCKS FOR SOULS"

DECEMBER 14th at 12:00



KNICKERBOCKER TAVERN
3957 6TH AVENUE
ALTOONA
(back party room)



Please bring three pairs of socks for either female or male, all sizes and all colors. (Please do not wrap them.) They will be donated to a community service of our choice soon to be announce.

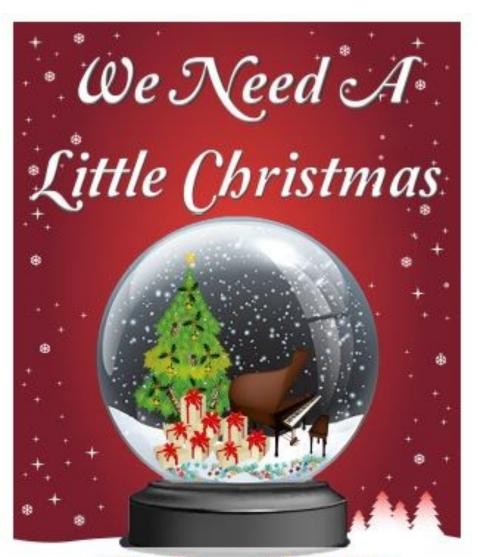
Entertainment will be by Pastors Carol and Scott by presenting the "True Story of St. Nicholas". Learn how St Nick evolved into the modern version of Santa Claus.

Lunch provided by President Peggy Thatcher by utilizing funds from a Thrivent grant.

Thrivent offers advice on insurance, investments, banking and generosity

Please sign up by speaking to or calling Peggy Thatcher or Donna Wilt for your reservation.

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Allegheny Chorale

featuring Benjamin Cossitor, Oboist

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7PM
First Presbyterian Church, Tyrone

Deborah Estright, Director

Free to the Public



Christmas Eve Service December 24th 7:30 PM

No Service December 25th



For the winter month's of December, January, February and March, Council Meetings will be held the 2nd Sunday following worship.

First winter meeting:

December 8th



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 7th. Pizza will be provided for those who come to help.

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord.

At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world.

With thankful hearts, we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing. Amen





A Midweek Advent Opportunity by Bethany Lutheran Church

Join us at a 12 noon Lunch Service or 6:30 pm Service as we join with the Shepherds in the field, the company of Angels, and Mary and Joseph as we take part in their story which becomes our story. Below you will find the times and locations of our respective services.

*Trinity Lutheran's Address: 408 N. 6th Street, Altoona PA 16601

Date	12 noon Service	6:30 pm Service
Dec 4 th	Bethany Lutheran	Bethany Lutheran
Dec 11 th	Trinity Lutheran	Bethany Lutheran
Dec 18 th	Bethany Lutheran	Bethany Lutheran





WELCA'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

STARTING NOVEMBER 15th THROUGH DECEMBER 15th

We will have a wrapped CHRISTMAS BOX IN THE NARTHEX on November 15th and we will be collecting the following items:

women's perfume/or sprays, men's aftershave, adult coloring books and colored pencils. They will be given to R.K. Agarwal M.D. and Family Teen Center and Shelter at 1701 -6th Avenue, Altoona. The gifts DO NOT need to be wrapped. The shelter will wrap the gifts. On December 20th they will have a Christmas Party and they will do a gift exchange at that time.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.



RETIRE TO YOUR OWN BEAT



When your savings and spending plans are in harmony, retirement can be music to your ears.

Achieving this balance starts with a plan that helps ensure you can cover your expenses and still have enough money to sustain the retirement lifestyle you've always wanted.

I am here to help you get started.

Contact me today.



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DUE THIS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27TH 12 PM



Christmas Poinsettias

Bless our Sanctuary and your home this Christmas with a beautiful red poinsettia! For each \$7.50 you contribute to the St. James Flower Fund, a flower will be placed in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve and will be available for you to take with you following our Christmas Eve Service. If you would rather donate the flower for a shut-or or friend of St. James, you may indicate that choice on this order form.

Please complete the form and return it to the church. The deadline for poinsettia orders and payments is Wednesday, November 27, 2019. Thank you for your generosity in this endeavor!

Your Name
(as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)
This donation is made:
In Honor of:
Or
In Memory of:
Amount of Contribution:
Number of Christmas Poinsettias:
Envelope Number:
Please check one:
Yes, I do want to take the poinsettia (s) home with me.
No. I don't want to take the poinsettia (s). I would like



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God's work. Our hands.

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