Announcements for the Week of 11/29 – 12/5

11/29: First Sunday of Advent – Hope
Worship at 9 am followed by Coffee Hour
Decorating the Sanctuary after Worship – All are encouraged to help!

11/30: AA 7:30 pm

12/1: RSVP Exercise Group 9:30 am - 10:30 am

12/2: Knit Wits 1:30 – 3:30 pm at Nonie's

12/3: RSVP Exercise Group 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Winter VBC Meeting 6:30 pm on Zoom

12/5: Champlain Valley Quilters Guild of NY Class 9 am – 4 pm

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Help Keep Peru Warm
It is time to clear the excess winter jackets, coats, scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, etc. from our closets! Don't know what to do with them?
Bring them to church on Sundays.
They will reappear at the St. Augustine Parish Center on Monday mornings during the JCEO Fresh Food giveaway and on Wednesday afternoons at Soup Kitchen.
Please donate only ***clean, undamaged items with working zippers and fasteners***.
Thank you so much for your generosity. We hope to keep this ministry going through the winter.

Peru Community Church
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
Rev. Leigh McCaffrey Worship Asst. – Ken Edwards

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE
(If you have prayer concerns, please place them in the BLESSED basket in the rear of the Sanctuary, to be read during Joys and Concerns. If you are new or have changed your information recently, please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.)

PASTOR'S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH BY THE PELLERIN FAILY
Reader 1 Today we begin the season of Advent. Advent helps us prepare for the coming of Christ. This year, we read the words of Isaiah, who spoke of a Messiah that was coming to save his people.
Reader 2 Isaiah wrote: A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
Reader 1 As we wait for the glory of God, we light the candle of Hope.

RESPONSE *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (v. 1 &2) #211

PRAYER
O Lord God, Creator of all
Open my eyes to beauty
Open my mind to wonder
Open my ears to others
Open my heart to you. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

—David Adam

***HYMN** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* #196

CHILDREN'S TIME Mary Jo Juneau on Heifer Project

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:26–38

Leader: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

People: Mary said to the angel, "How can this be?"

Leader: The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be bornwill be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

People: Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

RESPONSE

The Word is coming to be born among us.
May we prepare room in our hearts!

***HYMN** *"Tell Out, My Soul"* (v. 1&4) #200

SERMON **"**Mary: The Courage to Say Yes" Pastor Leigh

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY/*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, the Word in flesh born low; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore. AMEN.

- Nancy S. Taylor

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PRAYERS, 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. AMEN.

***HYMN** *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* (v. 1&3) #203

***BLESSING**

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*Indicates to stand if you are able CCLI #309370

PRAYER LIST

Barb Benkwitt; Abbie Breen; Rob Butts; Carol; Denise; Eric Duquette; Nancy Fegan; Ben Filchak; Karen Hadad-Meyers; Danny Hartman; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Linda; Luke; Bonnie Mahnk; Howard Newton; Noreen; Patricia; Roy Perry; Sherrie & Julia; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way; Maureen & John; Amy & James; Dane & Tilly

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Musicians:

Steve Woodruff: Virtual Organist
Patsy Yang: Choir Director
Steve Vogl: Handbell Choir Director

Celebration Wreaths

For $1 per name, we'll decorate the wreaths that will be placed in the church windows with the names of your loved ones. Wreaths will go up November 29th.

Poinsettias for Christmas $10 each – **TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO ORDER**