Friday 24 December
Christmas Eve
5:00 pm – candlelight service
with Jazz on High
8:00 pm – candlelight service
with Chancel Choir and brass

To welcome the Christ born anew, join in this spirit-filled evening of favorite hymns, anthems, and scripture, with traditional lighting of the Christmas candles, and a Christmas message from the Reverend David Pattee, pastor. Both services are in the sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Offering
100% of the Christmas Eve offering will be directed to relief and support of people in need: 50% to Monarch Services which provides temporary housing for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking; and 50% to Santa Cruz al Salvador which connects Monterey Bay area congregations in service with communities in El Salvador.

Sunday 26 December
10:30 am – worship in Fellowship Hall

For the first Sunday after Christmas, enjoy a mostly-musical liturgy in Fellowship Hall, with a brief meditation by Pastor Dave. Bring a favorite crèche (Nativity scene) to decorate the space for the morning, and bring your Christmas leftovers to share in a potluck lunch, immediately following worship.
SUNDAYS

November 28
First Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Hope
10:30 am – worship
The Rev. Matt Broadbent, guest preacher
11:45 am – Advent workshop

December 5
Second Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Peace
10:30 am – worship
Holy Communion and Welcoming New Members
Sermon by Pastor Dave
11:45 am – Advent workshop

December 12
Third Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Love
10:30 am – worship
Zephaniah 3:14-20 • Luke 2:9-14
Sermon by Pastor Dave
11:45 am – Advent workshop
11:45 am – Prophets of Hope assembling gift bags for county jail inmates

December 19
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Lighting the Candle of Joy
10:30 am – worship
Luke 1:26-56
Mostly-musical liturgy with Jazz on High
11:35 am – congregational meeting
11:45 am – Advent workshop

SPECIAL INVITATIONS

Saturday 4 December - 9 am to Noon
The Best First Christmas Party!
There’ll be seasonal beverages, holiday treats, and Advent crafts to enjoy throughout the morning as we green the halls and hang the lights on our beautiful campus, and load Curtis Reliford’s “Peace Trailer” with gifts for Hopi, Navajo, and Apache communities in Arizona and New Mexico. If you can contribute to the Peace Trailer, the following would be most welcome and wanted:

- Warm jackets
- Boots
- Pants in large sizes, especially men’s
- New toys
- New underwear
- Roll(s) of black roofing “paper” for flat roofs
- Vinyl windows
- Shovels, rakes, nails and hand tools of all kinds

The Christmas Project
Targeting completion by December 6
For more than 20 years, Peace United Church has helped to provide Christmas gifts for farm labor families in the Pajaro Valley. This year, we have a challenge gift that will match our total contributions to this project up to $1,000, so we could easily raise $2,000 or more! To participate, click on the “Donate” button at www.PeaceUnited.org and select “The Christmas Project.”

Saturday 11 December - 3:00 pm
A concert of holiday favorites
Watsonville Community Band

Tuesday 14 December - 7:00 pm
“Messiah” Sing-Along
Cabrillo Symphonic Chorus and Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra

Wednesday 15 December
4:30 - 7:30 pm
Community Caroling
We’ll start from the church at 4:30 pm and wind our way through the community, spreading Christmas cheer. Stay with it for as long as you want, check out when you need to. All voices, high and low, skilled or not are welcome. God rest ye merry gentlefolk…

Friday 17 December
10:30 am – 2:00 pm
Decorating for Christmas
We’ll put up the trees and prepare our sacred spaces for the celebrations to come. It is rumored that Santa will arrange hot beverage and doughnuts for all who participate.

Every Sunday of the Season
11:45 am – 12:30 pm
Advent Workshops
Fun for kids and the “inner child” in all of us, every Sunday right after worship, in our Fellowship Hall! Create handmade decorations and gifts for your home and others, all related to the Christmas story. We’ll make Advent wreaths, Christmas candles, tree ornaments, and luminaria.