

Palisades Presbyterian Church

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Participants for December 3, 2006

Ministers	All the People
Interim Minister	Ray Bagnuolo
Music Director	Michael Shapiro
Lay Reader	Sally Green
Ushers	Fred Griffing and Ann McKie
Communion Servers	Annemarie Sellinger and Richard Hansen (Deacons) Karen Consolini and John Guzewich (Elders)
Ride Deacon:	Maria Gagliardi
Deacon of the Month (December)	Margaret Allen
Coffee Hour Deacons	Cathy Shiga-Gattullo and John McKay
Session Representative:	Cass Ludington
PalPres Editor	Ann McGill
Bulletins	Nancy Griffing

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the Narthex and join us for coffee hour to learn more about the life of this church. Speakers are installed in the choir room in the Parish House so parents and guardians of infants and toddlers may hear the service.

Weekly Gatherings:

Tuesdays	10:00 A.M.:	Tai Chi
Wednesdays	12:15 P.M.	Bible Study
Wednesdays	AA Meetings:	7:30 P.M. (Women's Group); 9:00 P.M. Meeting
Thursdays	10:00 A.M.:	Play Group; 8:00 P.M.: Choir Rehearsal
Fridays	10:00 A.M.:	Chair Tai Chi

⁽¹⁾ Please email any announcement to Ray at ppc10964@verizon.net

⁽²⁾ For updated announcements, calendar, sermons, and other information, please visit our website at www.ppc10964.org

⁽³⁾ Also, please check our Presbytery website at www.hudrivpres.org

⁽⁴⁾ Presbytery Church USA web can be found at www.pcusa.org



Announcements Updated for the Week of December 3, 2006

December 3 & 10th: Christmas Goodies for Sale

After church, orders will be taken for our Home-made "Goodies" for delivery before Christmas. Featuring: Karen Consolini's *Peanut Brittle*, Marjorie Douglas's *Spiced Pecans*, and Carol Knudsen Blue Ribbon Winning *Gingerbread Truffles!*

**TONIGHT! 5:30 P.M. Wreath-Making! Pot-Luck Supper!
Carol Singing! Sign-up in the Parish House & Join Us!**

Stewardship Campaign Begins Today!

Please try to return all pledge cards as soon as possible.
Everyone is welcome to pledge!

Readings & Other Information for December

- Sunday, December 10:** **Second Sunday of Advent**
 First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
 Second Reading: Luke 3:1-6
- Sunday, December 17:** **Third Sunday of Advent**
 First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Second Reading: Luke 3:7-18
- Sunday, December 24:** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-4; 6-7
 Second Reading: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
- Sunday, December 24:** **Christmas Eve Services**
- Sunday, December 31:** **First Sunday after Christmas**
 First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
 Second Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Church Activities for the Week of December 4

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| Monday | Worship & Arts Meeting | 7:30 P.M. |
| Tuesday | Tai Chi | 10:00 A.M. |
| | Deacons Meeting | 7:30 P.M.. |
| Wednesday | Bible Study | 12:15 P.M. |
| | Play Group | 10:00 A.M. |
| Thursday | Choir Rehearsal | 8:00 P.M. |
| Friday | Chair Tai Chi | 10:00 A.M. |
| Saturday | Children's Cooking Classes | 10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. |
| | CST | 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. |
| Sunday | Second Sunday of Advent | |
| | Worship & Church School | Begins at 10:00 A.M. |
| | Bill Mencke, Talk on the Mission Study | |



Phoebe Rides for November & December

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pick-up</u>	<u>Return Home</u>
11/26	Stephen VanDyk	Sue Webb
12/3	Marjorie Douglas	Mary Ann Garland
12/10	John McKay	Sue Shaw
12/17	Richard Hansen	Jack Hoffmeister
12/24	Steve Van Dyk	Sue Webb
12/31	Jayne Ludin	Maria Gagliardi

Usher Schedule for 2006

1 st Sunday of each month	James Rubenstone & Richard Hansen
2 nd Sunday of each month	Roger Buck & Robert Rasmussen
3 rd Sunday of each month	Arnold Finck & Robert Moore
4 th Sunday of each month	Fred Griffing & Ann McKie
5 th Sunday of each month	John McKay & Stephen Van Dyk

Lay Reader Rota for December 2006 - January 2007

12/10	Carol Knudson
12/17	Sue Webb
12/24	Mary Ann Garland
12/31	Jack Fuller
1/7	Sarah Page
1/14	Jim Rubenstone
1/21	Nancy Griffing
1/28	Cass Luddington



Palisades Presbyterian Church Calendar 2006

Please check online at www.ppc10964.org for updates. Follow the link to "Sermons"
A supply of calendars will be available in the sermon rack outside of the choir room.

Send Corrections or Changes to ppc10964@verizon.net

Tue., Dec. 5	10:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Tai Chi CST 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting
Wed., Dec. 6	12:15 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Bible Study AA Women's Meeting; 09:00 P.M. AA Regular Meeting
Thu., Dec. 7	4:00 P.M. 8:00 P.M.	CST 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Dec. 8	10:00 A.M.	Chair Tai Chi
Sat., Dec. 9	10:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M.	Children's Cooking Class 10 – 12:30 P.M. CST 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Sun., Dec. 10	10:00 A.M.	Second Sunday of Advent; Church School; Lighting of the Second Advent Candle for Peace; Bill Menke, Guest Speaker on our Mission Study
Tue., Dec. 12	10:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.	Tai Chi; CST 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Session Meeting
Wed., Dec. 13	12:15 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Bible Study AA Women's Meeting; 9:00 P.M. AA Regular Meeting
Thu., Dec. 14	4:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 8:00 P.M.	CST 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Greening of the Sanctuary Choir Practice
Fri., Dec. 15	10:00 A.M.	Chair Tai Chi; Sundown Hanukkah Begins
Sat., Dec. 16	All Day	Hanukkah; CST 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Sun., Dec. 17	10:00 A.M.	Third Sunday of Advent; Worship & Church School Lighting of the Third Advent Candle for Joy Christmas Pageant

Tue., Dec. 19	10:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	Tai Chi CST 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Inclusion Meeting
Wed., Dec. 20	7:30 P.M.	No Bible Study AA Women's Meeting; 09:00 P.M. AA Regular Meeting
Thu., Dec. 21	4:00 P.M. 8:00 P.M.	CST 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Dec. 22	10:00 A.M.	Chair Tai Chi
Sat., Dec. 23	4:00 P.M.	CST 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Sun., Dec. 24	10:00 A.M.	Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle for Love
	Note: 5:00 P.M. 11:00 P.M.	No Church School Christmas Worship Christmas Worship
Mon., Dec. 25		Christmas Day
Tue., Dec. 26	10:00 A.M. 07:30 P.M.	Kwanzaa Begins; Boxing Day Tai Chi Mission Meeting (December meeting to be confirmed)
Wed., Dec. 27	07:30 P.M.	No Bible Study AA Women's Meeting; 09:00 P.M. AA Regular Meeting
Thu., Dec. 28		No Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Dec. 29	10:00 A.M.	Chair Tai Chi
Sun., Dec. 31	10:00 A.M.	First Sunday after Christmas; Note: No Church School

Future Dates & Other Information

January 2007

Sat., Jan 6	TBA	Parish Night 12 th Night Dinner Festival
Wed., June 13:		Elmwood Theater Fund Raiser: "Take Me Out." Mark your calendars now!

Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2006

Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Gospel According to Luke

Luke 3:1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2006

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, your enemies have been turned away. God is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ God, is in your midst and will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in love; God will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Gospel According to Luke: Luke 3:7-18

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.