

ROMANS 12:6-8

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Snowmass Chapel

Welcome to Snowmass Chapel!

We are so glad you are celebrating Christmas Eve with us. No matter who you are or where you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here. Our focus tonight, and always, is on the love of God made visible in the birth of Jesus. Our custom at Snowmass Chapel is to present the Festival of Lessons and Carols, a worship tradition at churches around the world on Christmas Eve. Ours is an adapted, shortened version of the original Lessons and Carols, first performed at Kings College in London in 1918. The Bible stories telling of the coming of the Messiah and birth of Jesus are interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music. We hope you will palpably feel the Spirit moving in and through you as we are gathered here tonight.

Merry Christmas to all!



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THE LAST ROMANCE

January 20 & 21, 27 & 28 at 7:30 PM

Buy tix in advance tickets @ www.thunderrivertheatre.com

Snowmass Chapel has teamed up with Carbondale's Thunder River Theatre Company to offer the delightful play, "The Last Romance," a fun and heartwarming piece about two retirees who fall in love at a New Jersey dog park. The production received wonderful reviews during its run in Carbondale and is the perfect comedy to enjoy with friends and family this winter.



The play, directed by TRTC Associate Artist, Mike Monroney, features local actors, Wendy Perkins, Chip Winn Wells, Willie Moseley, and Glenwood Springs baritone, Chris Caschetta, who sings a number of beautiful Italian arias interwoven throughout the piece. There is also a surprise four-legged friend who appears for a few minutes!

ON MOUNTAIN WORSHIP

We meet God on the mountain too! Please join us on Snowmass Mountain for 15 minutes to worship in God's playground. Starting January 8th, we gather on Sundays at 12PM outside Gwyn's High Alpine Restaurant during ski season.



SACRED STEPS

The Snowmass Chapel labyrinth is available through Jan. 1 for daily meditation and walking, 7am-9pm in Schermer Hall next door at Anderson Ranch. Consider following the purposeful winding foot path, which has been a tradition throughout time.



CARING MINISTRIES AT SNOWMASS CHAPEL

Caring for those in need is a top priority at the Chapel. Jesus said repeatedly, "Feed my sheep!" and we hope to do that as much as possible. If you or someone you know is hurting, the following resources are available to everyone.

Stephen Ministers – Over the course of the past two years, Snowmass Chapel has trained twenty-two Stephen Ministers. These are lay people with big hearts and skilled in caregiving. They offer weekly visits as long as needed while you pass through a difficult time. You needn't suffer alone!! Call or e-mail Sue de Campo, our Care Coordinator, if you are interested in having or being a Stephen Minister. (970) 300-1223 or sue@snowmasschapel.org.



Parenting Support Group – This group is for women whose children have been placed outside of the home for therapeutic intervention. The women meet monthly to share dinner, friendship and support. Contact Sue de Campo at sue@snowmasschapel.org for more information.

Pastoral Care – Both Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter and Assistant Pastor Charla Belinski are available for individual consultation. They will meet with you and help you find the resources you need to cope with what you are facing and feeling. Contact Charla at (970) 300-1213 or charla@snowmasschapel.org for more information.

Prayer Shawls - Chapel volunteers knit lovely shawls, interlaced with loving prayer. In a time of crisis, a shawl can be sent to surround a loved one with a tangible reminder of the love which surrounds them. Let us know if you would like to knit or know of someone in need.



Suicide Prevention Training – Michelle Muething, Executive Director of the Aspen Hope Center offers a training for people interested in preparing themselves for any encounter with a severely depressed or potentially suicidal person. Snowmass Chapel will be offering this training early next year. Please consider attending! We can each make a difference.

Prayer partner after Sunday service – One of our trained Stephen Ministers (Christian caregivers) is available at the back of the Chapel after every service. He or she will listen as much as needed, pray with you and offer support as needed.

CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES

Pre-K thru 5th grade:

Sunday School meets every week during the 9am service. Kids are invited to join us on the altar steps for a brief kids sermon before heading to our Sunday School building next door.



Middle School: monthly social activities with youth leader, Coulter Burch; Book Club meets 2 Sundays a month, 4-5pm. 7th & 8th graders are always invited to join the fun at Young Life's Wyld Life monthly gatherings!

High School: This group meets whenever busy schedules allow. Sometimes it's a cup of hot cocoa after skiing, lunch in the school cafeteria, or pizza night at Coulter's.

Camp SMashBox: It's never too soon to begin thinking about summer plans! Whether you are a camper or a counselor, contact kara@campsmashbox.com to get in the know! Visit our website for camp weeks 2017.



Confirmation Class: Are you ready to take your faith to the next level? Confirmation class for 8th grade and up will begin in January. Contact Charla or Coulter for more information.



Prayer Corner

Men & Women of the U.S. Armed Services

Patti Arnold
Gwen and Fred
Tammy Braman
Catherine
Ned and Jan Cochran
Levi Cook
Mardee de Wetter
Fred Dick
Linda DiLuco
Nick Dimeglio
Baby Brynn Effler
Muriel Eulich
Nancy Fail
Florence Flynn
Emily Garcia
Max Grange
Green Family
Mary Hardwick
Deanna Hicks
Jensen family
John
Al Kaplinski
Karla Kipling
Sonja Kiser
Langley family
Debra Majoria
Mar
John McGregor
Marlane Miller
James Moore
Nell and Gary Moore
Moss Family
Ness-Nelson family
George Norman
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Marcia Plotkin
Linda Popper
Ramsey family
Penny Richey
Spalding family
Stacey Ross
Selsor/McKeller family
Caleb Silberburg
Strasbourg family
Heather Wagaman
Sharon Wells
Wright family
Debbie Zelman

Christmas Eve Choir

SOPRANO

Hattie Branson
Sue de Campo
Donna Dale
Marie E. Kelly
Eileen Leland
Cathy Markle
Kristi Munroe

TENOR

Ben Belinski
Matt Dubé
Jon Karlas
Michael Schoepe
Marlene Schroeder
Debbie Shore
Randy Woods

ORCHESTRA

Director: Paul Dankers
Violin I: Lori Andrews
Violin II: Steve Hessel
Viola: Nancy Thomas
Cello: Sarah Graf-Saito
Bass: Tom Paxton
Piano: Terry Lee
Flute: Shelley Warren
Oboe: Deborah Barnekow

ALTO

Jeanie Child
Ellen Dubé
Nancy Ferguson
Katriona Hembury
Pat Smith
Robin Strecker
Sylvia Wendrow
Adina Woodward

BASS

Daniel Barnes
Paul Jacobson
Dane Leary
Mark McKeller
Virgil Simon
Roy Wiedinmyer

Bells:
Regina de Wetter
Vicki Tobia
Coulter Burch
Sound Desk: Richey Rubinoff
Videographer: Ali Naaseh-Shary



TRANSLATIONS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE PIECES

BETELEHEMU

We are glad that we have a Father to trust.
We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon.
Where was Jesus born?
Where was He born?
Bethlehem, the city of wonder.
That is where the Father was born for sure.
Praise, praise, praise be to Him.
We thank Thee, we thank Thee, we thank Thee for this day,
Gracious Father.
Praise, praise, praise be to Thee,
Merciful Father.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

ET IN TERRA PAX

And on earth peace to all people,
Goodwill, Goodwill, peace to all people

HASHKIVEINU

Grant that we may lie down in peace, Eternal God, and awaken us to life. Shelter us with Your tent of peace and guide us with Your good counsel. Shield us from hatred, plague and destruction. Keep us from war, famine, and anguish. Help us to deny our inclination to evil. God of peace, may we always feel protected because You are our Guardian and Helper. Give us refuge in the shadow of Your wings. Guard our going forth and our coming in and bless us with life and peace. Blessed are You, Eternal God, whose shelter of peace is spread over us, over all Your people Israel, and over Jerusalem.



OUTREACH UPDATE: SNOWMASS CHAPEL IS SPREADING THE LOVE

A Heartfelt Thank You

Here at Snowmass Chapel, we are all about **LOVE**. Loving God and loving people. This fall, we were able to show many people our love through our Lift Up Food Drive in September and a coat/food/supply drive for the Aspen Homeless Shelter in October. In November, we filled 32 shoe boxes with school supplies, toothbrushes, arts and crafts and toys for Operation Christmas Child to be sent around the world. Right here in the Roaring Fork Valley, we adopted ten families through the Holiday Baskets Program which provides Christmas presents, food vouchers and many other goodies to families less fortunate. We want to say **THANK YOU** to all of you who helped us share our **LOVE** during this season of thankfulness and giving! Your generosity makes all that we do possible!



MEN'S GROUP

Coffee isn't the only thing we need in the morning. Sometimes we need encouragement from others facing the same set of hurdles we face. Men's Group is a chance for men to come together and share the challenges and joys of life and encourage each other to "stand firm in the faith" (1 Cor. 16:13). Join us every 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning at 6:30 am. For more information, contact coulter@snowmasschapel.org.



WOMEN'S GROUP

These intrepid souls are up for adventure. Weekly gatherings include hiking, skiing, book groups, relationship workshops and sitting by a warm fire in the fellowship of friends. To join our email list and learn when the next adventure is, contact charla@snowmasschapel.org.



Order of Service

December 24, 2016 at 7pm & 9pm ~ Christmas Eve

Prelude

#250, O Little Town of Bethlehem,
Phillips Brooks & Lewis Redner, Arr. John Leavitt

#290, As With Gladness Men of Old,
William C. Dix & Conrad Kocher, Arr. John Leavitt (Vs. 1, 3 & 2)

#288, We Three Kings of Orient Are,
John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Arr. Hal Hopson (No chorus between vs. 2, 3 & 4)

#277, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Felix Mendelssohn & Charles Wesley, Arr. Hal Hopson

#270, Joy To The World,
Isaac Watts, Arr. Hal Hopson (Vs 1, 2 & 4)

Let Us Hear The Music,

Bernard de la Monnoye/Traditional Burgundian, Arr. Deborah Barnekow

Choral Opening

Betelehemu, By Olatunji/Whalum; Arr. B. Brooks

Welcome and Prayers

Dear people of God, in this joyful season, let us hear once more the message of the angels, and in heart and mind go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear the story of God's loving purpose as told by those who were led by God in bringing about the glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child. Let us pray...

We remember the needs of the whole world. We pray for peace and justice on earth, and we remember especially those who are victims of war, strife, and violence. We pray in Christ's name for the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, all who are sick and who mourn, the lonely and unloved. Finally, we remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions we pray the words which Christ has taught us:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever..

Amen.

Opening Hymn

#249, O Come, All Ye Faithful, Arr. Hal Hopson
(Instrumental Interlude After Verse 2)

Scripture Reading I

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Choir

Magnificat anima mea, John Rutter

Scripture Reading II

Luke 2:1, 3-7

Hymn

#278, Angels We Have Heard on High, Arr. Hal Hopson
(Instrumental Interlude After Verse 2)

Scripture Reading III

Luke 2:8-12

Choir

Go Where I Send Thee, Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory, Orchestrated by D. Barnekow

Scripture Reading IV

Luke 2: 13-16

Choir

Et in terra pax hominibus, Antonio Vivaldi

Christmas Eve Sermon

Senior Pastor, Robert de Wetter

Offertory

One Small Babe, J. Althouse, Arr. Paul Dankers

Lighting of the Candles

(Please keep the lighted candle upright and tip the unlighted candle. The candles are extinguished after the hymn.)

Hymn

#253, Silent Night, Holy Night, Arr. Hal Hopson
(Interludes between verses 1&2 and 3&4)

Choir

Hashkivienu, Josh Nelson, Arr. Paul Dankers

Christmas Eve Blessing

Postlude

Carol Postlude, Arr. Hal Hopson

Thank you for worshipping with us!

We invite you to join us every Sunday morning at 9AM.

*On-Mountain Service Sundays at noon outside of Gwyn's High Alpine
starting on January 8th*