

Prayer Corner

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*For an end to violence
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Scripture Reader - ...

Offering & Communion - Cecilia Garcia & Rusty Pittard

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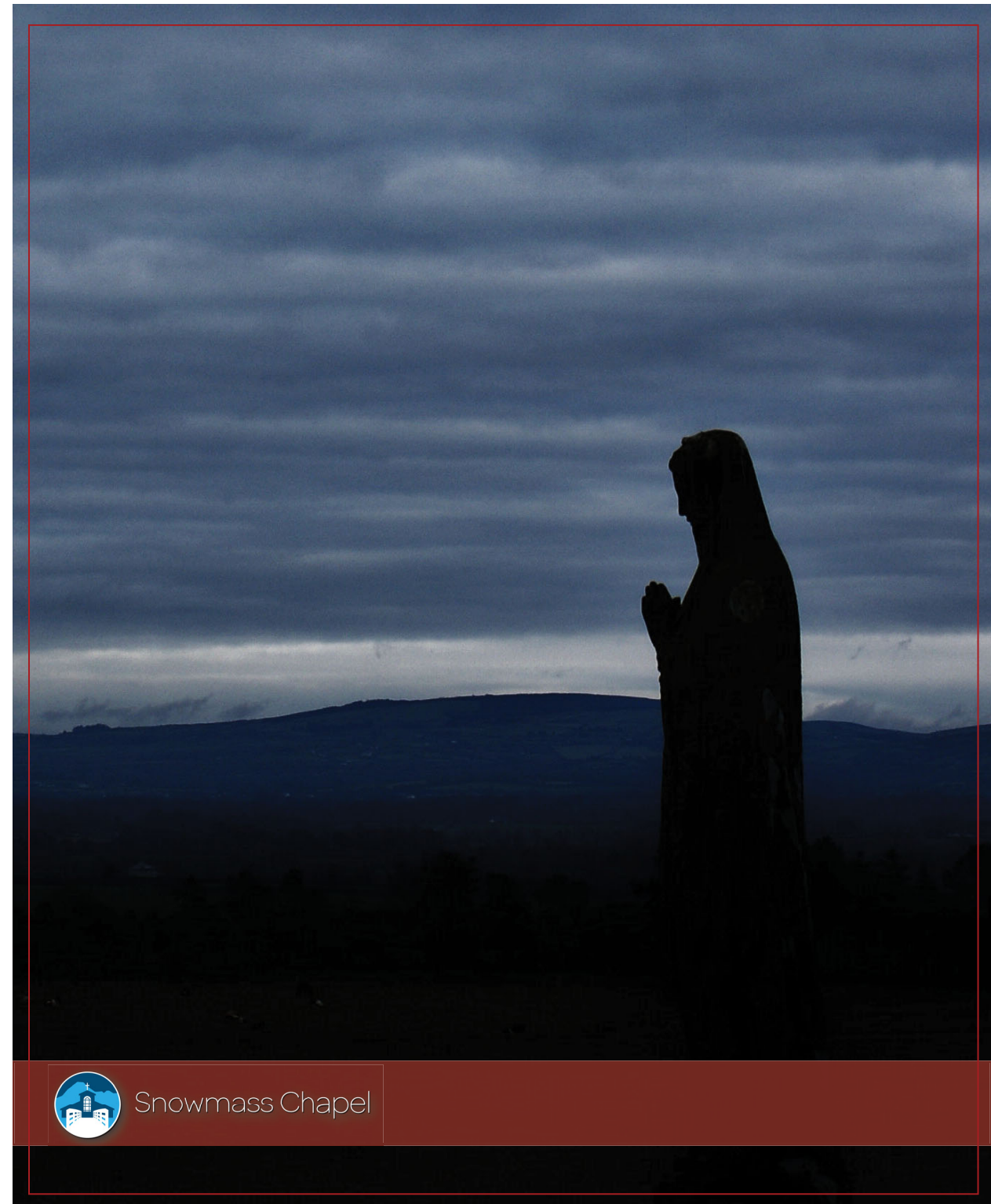
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Worship Service Sundays at 9am



Snowmass Chapel

Welcome to Snowmass Chapel

We are a Christian church serving the Roaring Fork Valley. We strive to make worship compelling, diverse, relevant, life-changing and *focused on God.*



No matter *who you are*, or *where you are* in your journey of faith, *all people are welcome* at Snowmass Chapel.



Visiting or New to the Chapel? Be sure to visit our *Welcome Wagon!* Please fill out the form below, tear it off and drop it in the offertory basket so we can be in touch.



We love your kids. Kids - 6mo thru 6th grade are invited to **Peak 22**, our children's program, in the building next door. Parents can sign children in prior to the service. Creekside Room is also available for parents and little ones. All kids are welcome in church any time!



Love God. Love People. That's what we do.

Thank you for visiting!

We would love to connect with you. Please fill out the form and drop it in the offertory basket.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

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Please check the appropriate box(es):

- I would like to meet with one of the pastors
- Please add me to your weekly newsletter
- Please send me information on kids & family programs

tear off here and drop in offertory basket

Today's Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-56 NRSV

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.



Today's Special Music

Cellist Sarah Graf is an avid chamber musician, soloist, and teacher. Since moving to Colorado in 2007, Sarah has performed extensively in concert series across the Western Slope of Colorado. Sarah received her undergraduate degree and Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music, and has played in the Aspen Music Festival, and National Orchestral Institute. Sarah also specializes in baroque performance and has played in the Freiburg Baroque Academie and Oberlin Baroque Performance Institute. As Executive Director of the nonprofit Roaring Fork Music Society and program director of the Roaring Fork Youth Orchestra, Sarah is dedicated to sharing the experience of serious musical study and performance with the next generation of young musicians.



Heidi Curatolo is the founder and director of the Suzuki Violin and Piano Institute of Aspen. She currently has 45 violin and piano students ages 5 years-old. Heidi was fortunate to grow up immersed in the Suzuki Method thanks to her dedicated mother who is also a Suzuki teacher. She has been a presenter and performer at the International Suzuki Teacher's EX-Change conferences in Germany for the past 6 years. She has also taught at the Intermountain Suzuki institute in Utah and at the Advanced Suzuki Institute at Stanford Universtiy. In 2016, Heidi performed as a violinist at The Royal Albert Hall British Suzuki Gala and as a pianist for the play togethers at The Imperial College and The Royal College of Music.



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What's Happening at the Chapel



CANDLELIGHT SERVICES CHRISTMAS EVE

Tomorrow, December 24

5:00pm Family-friendly service with traditional carols

7:00pm & 9:00pm Full choir and orchestra

FREE PASTA DINNERS EVERY WEDNESDAY!

Our seasonal pasta dinners will be held every Wednesday in December and January. These are totally free and open to the public, thanks to a grant from the Town of Snowmass Village. It's a great way for newcomers to the resort community to meet new people, save some money, and get to know our little neighborhood! Please spread the word! If you can volunteer to serve, please contact Charla, charla@snowmasschapel.org

ON MOUNTAIN WORSHIP BEGINS JAN. 6TH

This year our on-mountain service moves to the new Base Village Collective, adjacent to the ice rink! Join us for this short 20 minute service and give your ski day a boost. Short, sweet, and every Sunday at Noon. Oh, and kid-friendly and casual, just like you. #natureisourchurchtoo



SACRED STEPS

Snowmass Chapel's labyrinth will be set up December 21 – January 1 for all to enjoy. Thanks to Anderson Ranch for providing space in Schermer Hall (located just across the parking lot). The labyrinth is open 7am-9pm daily and is free and open to all. If you would

like to set up a guided walk or for more information on the labyrinth, please contact Ellen Dube or Pastor Charla Belinski.

Children, Youth & Families

CHILDREN'S FIELD TRIP TODAY

The kids will be heading out into Snowmass today to carol the doorsteps of Chapel friends and spread holiday cheer. Please say a little prayer that their presence fills our village with hope and joy.

PJ DAY NEXT SUNDAY, 12.30, FOR THE KIDS

Okay, you adults can wear your PJs to church too, if you want. :) But the kiddos especially are encouraged to wear their favorite jammies and join us for cereal and cartoons next week, next door, 9am.

Save The Dates

Now - Jan. 1
**CHAPEL LABYRINTH
 WALK**

*Today
 at 9am*
KIDS CAROLING SMV

from 7pm- 9pm
**CHRISTMAS CHOIR
 DRESS REHEARSAL**

*December 24 at
 5pm, 7pm & 9pm*
**CHRISTMAS EVE
 SERVICE**

*December 26 at 5pm
 in Gnarnia*
FREE PASTA DINNER

*January 2 At 5pm in
 Gnarnia*
FREE PASTA DINNER

*Jan. 6th, 12 Noon @
 Base Village*
**ON-MOUNTAIN
 WORSHIP BEGINS**

*January 9 At 5pm in
 Gnarnia*
FREE PASTA DINNER

*January 16 At 5pm in
 Gnarnia*
FREE PASTA DINNER

Order of Service

December 23rd, 2018 ~ the 4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Traumerei
Robert Schumann

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

Our souls magnify the Lord;

With our mouths we proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations

Our spirits rejoice in God our savior.

We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

His mercy is to those who fear him from generation to generation.

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

**He has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.**

You are our God and the Rock of our salvation.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

#250, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Blessing and Lighting the Advent Wreath

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent Your Son to be the light of the world and to spread His light of love to all. Bless us and accept this wreath of light made from our hands. May its ever-increasing brightness be a sign to us of the approaching nearness of Your Son, that we might prepare in joy for His humble birth in a manger and be ready to receive Him at His coming again in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. *Amen.*

Joan Bemis: O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.

Opening Prayer

Psalm 80: 1-7

¹ Please listen, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph's descendants like a flock.

O God, enthroned above the cherubim, display your radiant glory

² to Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh. Show us your mighty power. Come to rescue us!

³ Turn us again to yourself, O God. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved.

⁴ O Lord God of Heaven's Armies, how long will you be angry with our prayers?

⁵ You have fed us with sorrow and made us drink tears by the bucketful.

⁶ You have made us the scorn of neighboring nations. Our enemies treat us as a joke.

⁷ Turn us again to yourself, O God of Heaven's Armies. Make your face shine down upon us.

Only then will we be saved. *Amen!*

Hymn

#245, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Special Music

Zigeuner Melodie from *Songs My Mother Taught Me*
Antonín Dvořák

Scripture Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:39-56 NRSV

Sermon

Trust in an Upside-Down World
Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Offertory & Presentation of the Gifts

Evening Prayer from *Hänsel und Gretel*
Engelbert Humperdinck

Doxology

#815

Blessing of the Bread & Wine

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. 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.

Communion

Sonata for Cello and Continuo, Op. 2, No. 1, Largo
Benedetto Marcello

We receive the Lord's Supper by intinction. A communion server will hand you a piece of bread, representing the body of Christ, which you dip in the cup, representing the blood of Christ. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

*Gluten-Free wafers available upon request **All of our communion wine is non-alcoholic

Closing Prayer

Lord, grant me a joyful heart and give me the gift of faith, to be renewed and shared with others each day. Teach me to live this moment only, looking neither to the past with regret, nor to the future with apprehension, but confidently trusting in your goodness and mercy that makes all things right. Let love be my guide, and my life a prayer. We go in laughter; we go in grace as we wait upon the birth of Jesus. Amen.

Closing Hymn

WS #81, *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

Blessing

Postlude

Sonata for Cello and Continuo, Op.2, No. 1, Allegro
Benedetto Marcello

Our love in action now begins...