

PEARCE CHURCH

News, Events & Updates • December 20, 2024

This Weekend (December 21 & 22)

Saturday Worship: 5:00pm / Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sermon Series: Advent: The Wonder of It All
Sermon Title: Wonder of Revelation: The Magi's Story
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
Preaching Pastor: Pastor Brian

Special Worship Elements:

- After both worship services, we invite you to stay and enjoy some food and fellowship at our Munch & Mingle in the lobby

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (December 24)

Tuesday: 5:00pm

Service Title: Holy Night of Wonder
Scripture: Luke 2:1-7
Special Guests: Caesar Augustus, Joseph, Mary

Special Christmas Eve Worship Elements:

- Nursery care will be provided for children ages infant through preschool
- Children will be invited to participate in the candle lighting moment using glow sticks provided just for them
- A special Christmas Eve offering will be received to go to [Coldwater House](#) in Rochester

Of Special Note

- This issue of the NEUs will cover the **next two weeks** so that church staff can be home with their families and enjoy the holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Thanks to offerings received for the Free to Serve Campaign, Pearce was able to pay off \$244,000 of our loan principal on December 13. Our debt is now below \$1M at \$989,000. We are also sending \$22,500 to each of our Compassion recipients, Heart & Soul Church in the City of Rochester and the International Child Care Ministries School in Managua, Nicaragua. The Board also reserved Free to Serve funds to cover the cost of our internet and phone system rewiring project. This will take place after final estimates are reviewed and a contractor has been approved. Praise God and thank you for your generosity. We look forward to all God has in store for Pearce in 2025 and beyond as we become more "Free to Serve."
- Weather Closures: We are entering the winter months and with that comes possible weather closures. If, due to weather and/or power issues Pearce needs to close, notifications will be posted to the church website, Realm, social media outlets, and local news stations.

This Week (December 20 – December 27)

Saturday, December 21

- Memorial Service for Grant Carey at 11am in Parmenter Chapel with a reception immediately following in the Family Life Center
- Munch & Mingle immediately after the service in the lobby

Sunday, December 22

- Sunday Morning Prayer at 9am – feel free to spend time in prayer in the Parlor prior to the service
- Munch & Mingle immediately after the service in the lobby

Monday, December 23

- Celebrate Recovery meets in the Loft at 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 24

- P4K & Pearce Church Offices are closed for the Christmas Holiday
- Christmas Eve Service at 5pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

- P4K & Pearce Church Offices are closed for the Christmas Holidays

Thursday, December 26

- Pearce 4 Kids Childcare Center will have modified hours from 7:30am – 5pm

Friday, December 27

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Plan Ahead

- **Saturday, December 28 & Sunday, December 29 Worship Services**
 - Sermon Title: Wonder of Wisdom: Jesus' True Home
 - Scripture: Luke 2:41-52
 - Preaching Pastor: Pastor Todd
- **December 31:** P4K & Pearce Church Offices are closed for New Year's Eve
- **January 1:** P4K & Pearce Church Offices are closed for the New Year's Day
- **January 4:** Ignite Women's Workshop (Sponsored by the Pearce Marys & Marthas Women's Ministry)
 - What: Start your new year with a spark! Join this workshop for women with speaker, Kathryn Garrett, and learn how to exercise power and authority over your circumstances. Unite with other women and declare victory!
 - Time/Location: 9am – 2pm in the Friendship Center
 - Cost: \$25
 - [Register here](#) by December 20

Winter Adult Discipleship Options

Discover exciting new discipleship opportunities starting this January! Click the course links below to explore details and register. Be sure to sign up by Sunday, January 5. For your convenience, a Discipleship Sign-Up Table will be available during weekend services on December 21-22, December 28-29, and January 4-5. Don't miss this chance to grow and connect.

Sunday Mornings:

- [God is in Control: A Deep Dive in Daniel](#) led by Wayne McCown
- [Rooted](#) led by Dave Prevosti
- [Stewardship Well Done](#) led by Mike Wilson

During the Week:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 1st Samuel Part 2, led by Fred Franzwa
 - Tuesdays starting January 7 from 9 – 10:15am
 - To learn more contact Fred Franzwa at 585-259-5874
- [Emotionally Healthy Spirituality](#) led by Pastor Brian (Tuesday evening)
- [Vespers](#) led by Julie Smith (Wednesday evening)

Giving & Serving Opportunities

- Thank you to all who are donating to our Food Cupboard! This week's needs are:

○ Pasta	○ Jelly	○ Sugar	○ Laundry Soap
○ Pasta Sauce	○ Salad Dressing	○ Flour	○ Cleaning Supplies
○ Chunky Soups	○ Juice	○ Foil	○ Feminine Hygiene Products
○ Canned Corn	○ Ground Coffee	○ Toothbrushes	
○ Canned Peas	○ Baking Mixes	○ Toothpaste	
○ Peanut Butter	○ Pancake Mixes	○ Shampoo	

If you need food support, please contact the church to set up an appointment.

- Check out the various [ways to give](#)

Prayer

- **10@10:** Join others in our congregation who pause wherever they are for 10 minutes each day at 10 am to pray for Pearce Church. If you'd like more information, contact [Robin Day](#).
- **Prayer Chain:** Daily prayer updates are sent Monday through Friday at 3:30pm, providing information about the needs of our Pearce community. If you have a personal prayer request, update, or bereavement information to share, send it to pearce@pearcechurch.org, or call the church at 585-594-9488, and we will be sure to include it in our next update.

Employment Opportunity: Welcome Desk Receptionist

Go to [this link](#) to view the job opening or [email here](#) for more information.

Facebook: [PearceChurch](#) | **Instagram:** [PearceChurch](#) | **YouTube:** [Pearce Church](#)
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