

Wednesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

5pm – candlelight service
with *Jazz on High*

8pm – candlelight service
with *Chancel Choir*

Join in a 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* (www.monarchsc.org) which provides temporary housing for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking; and 50% to *Church World Service* (www.cwsglobal.org) a faith-based NGO and long-time UCC partner, providing disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development programs around the world.

Wednesday 31 December – 4pm New Year's Eve Kaleidophone!

A feast of music for pipe organ, solo performances and in ensemble with other instruments, featuring local organists and their musical friends.

Followed by a chocolate and champagne reception.

Free will donations invited for the Pucc Aeolian-Skinner organ maintenance fund.

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Peace United Church
900 High St.
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2025 Advent and Christmas

Sunday Mornings

10:30am – worship in the Sanctuary

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ADVENT SUNDAY MORNINGS

November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candle of Hope

10:30am worship

Isaiah 2:1-5 • Matthew 3:1-12

Jazz on High, and sermon by Pastor Dave:

Keep Calm and Carry On

December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candle of Peace

10:30am Holy Communion

Isaiah 11:1-9 • Matthew 3:1-12

Jazz on High, and meditation by Pastor Dave

What Can I Offer?

December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candle of Love

10:30am worship

Isaiah 35:1-10 • Matthew 11:2-11

Chancel Choir, and sermon by Pastor Dave

Are You the One?

December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candle of Joy

10:30am worship

Matthew 1:18-25

Chancel Choir, and sermon by Pastor Dave

Don't Be Afraid

The Christmas Project

For more than 20 years, Peace United Church of Christ has helped to provide Christmas gifts for farm laborer families in the Pajaro Valley. The holiday season is especially challenging for these families as agricultural activity is on a pause and their finances are strained.

November 9, 16, 23 and 30, we will have the Christmas Project table set up before and after worship. You can come by to select a green Angel tag for someone who needs a gift. The tag will specify the name and age of the person, and what they might like. Then go shopping for that gift, and bring it wrapped to the church.

If you have questions, contact one of the co-chairs: Anna Hackenbracht, koohack@comcast.net; or Mira Haslam, mirasunshine@gmail.com.

Saturday 6 December

10am to 7pm

Contemplative Sabbath

In this season that can bring so many demands and so much noise, come retreat into quiet spirituality and contemplation here on our beautiful church campus, with disciplines of prayer and lots of open time for refreshment and renewal, paying attention to your soul and, if you need to, letting some things go.

Lunch and dinner are included. Register or inquire by e-mail: lanakilaiesu@yahoo.com

Sunday 14 December – Noon **Second Sunday Student Lunch**

In the “Upper Room” with Pastor Dave, a monthly fellowship gathering for college students, graduate students and recent grads.

Sunday 14 December – 3pm

Watsonville Community Band

A band concert of holiday favorites in our sanctuary. No charge for admission.

Tuesday 16 December – 7pm

Sing-along *Messiah*

Join in the chorus singing Handel's *Messiah* with our much-admired Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra, under the direction of Cheryl Anderson. This is a fundraising event supporting the church's ministries in the arts. You may purchase tickets in advance at www.PeaceUnited.org, \$30 general, \$25 for seniors and students, or at the door on December 16, beginning at 6:20pm.

Purchase tickets here:



Friday 19 December

beginning at 4pm

Caroling Party

Fun for the whole family with spiced cider, seasonal treats, and singing led by Ingrid Parker & Luke Shepherd. Start early in our Fellowship Hall, continue as you are able with caroling at the homes of some of our older members and friends.