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Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome to our worship services. Today is the Sunday before Christmas, and oh how we need a celebration this year.

There's been so much bad news this year it's about time we can celebrate some good news.

You know how someone will come up to and say, "I've got some bad news and I've got some good news. What do you want first?" Well, we've had all the bad news we can handle this year, so today let's focus on the good news. That's what the angels announce to the shepherds on the night that Jesus was born—"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord (Luke 2:10-11).

It's this good news that brings us peace, hope, and joy in in the midst of all the bad news. May the good news of Jesus' coming overshadow the chaos, despair, and sadness that seems to be all around us.

As we come to the end of 2020, let me thank all of you for your ongoing financial

support of the work here at Park Avenue. It looks like we will meet our proposed budget for 2020, in spite of all the confusion brought on by the pandemic. When we shut down for 10 weeks that was a real concern for me, but you all proved faithful once again. As we enter 2021 let me encourage everyone to begin planning for their giving in the new year. The work of the church is vital to God's purposes and the stewardship of all our gifts, including finances, is critical in the building up of the body. The elders will present the budget shortly after we begin the new year.

Please plan on joining us for our New Year's Eve service either in person or online. And invite your family and friends to join us as well. Share our posts on Facebook and help us get the word out. It will be a special night.

All of here at the church office wish you all a very Merry Christmas. It is truly a blessing to serve with you at this church. Your love, your servant heart, and your constant encouragement are gifts we can never thank you enough for.

Please make plans to join us, either in-person or online, for our annual Christmas Eve candlelight service! This service will be Thursday, December 24th at 6:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS EVE
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SERVICE

PARK AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 6 PM

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
FACEBOOK.COM/PARKAVENUECHURCH

NEWS & NOTES

Christmas Eve Service

There will be an in-person Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Thursday, December 24th at 6 PM. We are also planning an online service for Christmas Eve, which will premier at 6 PM on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/parkavenuechurch](https://www.facebook.com/parkavenuechurch). This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to join, either in person or online, and share the joy that Jesus' birth brings.

Covenant Sunday

Our Covenant Sunday will be January 17th, 2021. Our focus will be "Fix your eyes on Jesus." During service we will have a time for us to recommit ourselves to the Lord.



Prayer List

Betty Clark, James Hawk, Dewey Martin, Bob Corley, Sandra Aynes, June Washburn, Nancy Richard, Sarah Carroll

Ongoing Needs

Jim & Jane Scroggins, Terry Waggoner, Pat Ardis, Kay Skelton, Lisa Cobble, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Nancy Richard, Sandra Thomas, Larry Long, Corky Armstrong, Judy Shelton, Mary Pope, Gene Stogner, Kimberly Pendergrass, Kaile Williams (Norris), Peggy Parkey

Homebound

Barbara Corbett, Ray & Marsha Jones, Chris Keene, JD Huffman

Missions

Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico)

Friends of Park Avenue

Rebekah Taylor (great niece of the Russells), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, Director of orphanage in Mexico), Michael Miller (son of Daisy Miller)

Children's Corner

Classes for kids age 2-6th grade will be dismissed during the sermon at 10:45.

Children's Classes

There will be no children's classes on Sunday, December 27th.

The Way in the Manger Activity

Families, please pick up your copy of this Advent/Devotional sticker book outside the church office.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, December 20th:** Park Avenue Youth will meet at the McAlister's house (675 Yellow Jacket Road) from 5:30-7 PM. Please bring your own chair and dress warm, because we will stay outside.
- Park Avenue Youth will not be meeting December 23rd, 27th, or 30th. We will start back up on January 3rd. We hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Thank You

Thank you to the many volunteers, members of our youth group, and youth parents for helping with the gift bags delivered to our Senior Singles last week.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amy Richards, the daughter of Sandy Richards and granddaughter of Arlene O'Malley, on the adoption of a daughter, Avery Tate Richards. Avery was born on July 30th, 2020, and adopted on December 11th.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for additional volunteers to assist in facilitating our online worship experience! If you are interested in running slides, operating cameras, or facilitating discussion on Facebook during the service, please contact Cina Catteau.

For The Record - December 13, 2020

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| Worship | 371 |
| Giving Goal | \$18,785 |
| Received | \$14,625 |

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