THIS WEEK AT GATEWAY

Sunday · December 17 3:00pm Women's Bible Study

Monday · December 18 12:30pm Grief Support Group 7:00pm Teen CBS Bible Study 7:00pm Al Anon Meeting

Tuesday · December 19 Noon AA Meeting 6:45pm Session Meeting 6:30pm NA Meeting

Wednesday · December 20 8:30am Women's Prayer Group Wednesday · December 20 11:00am The Springs Church Service 6:00pm Youth Group

Thursday · December 21 6:30am Early Bird Bible Study 5:00pm TOPS 7:00pm AA Meeting

Friday · December 22 7:00pm Easy Group AA

Sunday · December 249:15am Sunday Prayer10:00am One Combined Service6:30pm Christmas Eve Service

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Missionaries ·Gary & Linda Simons - Wycliffe Bible TranslatorsActive Military ·Joshua Burton (Joyce Thody's grandson)Local Schools ·Mosier SchoolCommunity Leader·City Police OfficersChurch Community ·St. Peter Catholic ChurchChurch Family ·Lisa Commander, Rick & Nicole Cowart
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As a multigenerational church, we invest ourselves in younger generations to grow resilient followers of Jesus and thriving families.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	EJ Howe		
Welcome & Greeting	John Geiter		
* Hymn of Celebration Oh Come All Ye Faithfull #193			
Lighting of Advent Candle of Joy	ng of Advent Candle of Joy Nancy Stroh & Velda Pierce		
Hymn of Worship	O Little Town of Bethlehem #178		
Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving John Geiter			
Offertory/Doxology	EJ Howe		
Message The Misfits of Christmas John Geiter Simeon "Waiting For Something Better" Luke 2:21-34			
Interlude and Reflection EJ How			
* Hymn of Response	The First Noel #179		
Benediction	John Geiter		
Prayer offered in the back of the Sanctuary following the service			

* Please stand if you are able

MEMORY SCRIPTURE FOR THIS MONTH

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

COMMUNITY LIFE EVENTS

Upcoming dates:

December December	18 20	Children's Christmas Program - Second Service Grief Support Group - 12:30pm The Springs Church Service - 11:00am One Combined Church Service - 10:00am
December December December	24 24 24	Sunday School - 10:00am Flagstone Church Service - 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service - 6:30pm Merry Christmas

Pick up your Advent Guides in the Church Lobby today.

One Combined Church Service - Sunday - December 24th at 10:00am - Christmas Eve Service at 6:30pm

No changes to the New Year's Eve Services

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Fair!

Monthly Prayer Gathering Hour - Tuesday, January 2nd at

<u>6:30pm.</u> What a great way to start the New Year off! One hour of prayer time as a church. Come be encouraged by Praises to Prayer, praying for each other, our church and our world.

COMMUNITY LIFE EVENTS

<u>Welcome Guests</u> - If you are visiting today, we are glad to see you! We have a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center in the lobby - please stop by to pick up your bag and fill out a Visitor's card.

<u>Sunday School for Kids at Gateway</u> - Infant/Toddlers and Preschoolers should go directly to their respective classrooms. Grades K - 5 will remain in the sanctuary for singing and then are dismissed to their classrooms. If you are new to Gateway, please come and sign in with your children. Second service only.

<u>Prayer Requests</u> - Prayer Request cards are available in the lobby. Place your prayer request card in the Prayer Box in the lobby. Or email the church office (<u>office@gatewaypc.org</u>). Indicate if you would like to have staff only pray or would like to be placed on the prayer chain.

Open Gate Newsletter - The Open Gate is a Newsletter that comes out weekly in your email or may be mailed to your mailbox. Fill out an I'm New/Address update card found in the lobby, or let the office know you would like to receive the Newsletter.

Youth Group - 6th grade through High Schoolers are welcome. Wednesday nights, doors open 5:30pm, dinner 6:00pm and youth group 6:30 - 8:30pm. Email Willie Riese at youthministry@gatewaypc.org. Bring a friend!

Listen to the church sermons on our church website - Go to www.gatewaypc.org, click on Sermons.

<u>New Daily Devotionals</u> - Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available in the lobby. The following is a link <u>https://odb.org/</u> to get your copy online. The devotionals cover **December - February**

Moms' Room Available - The Moms' Room is available for use during church services. There is space to bring young children, with a TV streaming the worship service.