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Exploring what it means to follow the way of Jesus Christ



Looking for Elijah

By Pastor Tim Phillips

On Youth Sunday, November 10, we were led in worship by our talented and wise youth. Thanks to Pastor Anita for coordinating their leadership. On that same day, during Coffee Hour, we celebrated the first birthday of Elijah Emanuel Selch. All eyes were on this lovely little one trying to wrap his head – and mouth – around birthday cake.

It so happens, the same week I received an email from the Shalom Center and Rabbi Arthur Waskow introducing an "Elijah Covenant" based on Malachi 3.23-24: "I will send you the Prophet Elijah to turn the hearts of parents to children and the hearts of children to parents, lest I come and utterly destroy the earth." The Covenant calls on Rabbis and other Jewish spiritual leaders to make a commitment to climate action:

Our children and grandchildren face deep misery and death unless we act. They have turned their hearts toward us. Our hearts, our minds, our arms and legs, are not yet turned toward them.

I couldn't help but think of our own Elijah celebrating his first birthday and wondering about the challenges he will face. That day we turned our hearts toward him, but did we also make a commitment to turn "our minds, our arms and legs" toward him and the future he will face?

Elijah is a great name. It means "my God is YHWH," and the ancient wearer of that name was a powerful prophet for God's integrity. When Jesus asked who people thought he was, "Elijah" was the answer for several folks in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Others thought John the Baptist was the re-incarnation of Elijah. And Elijah shows up on the Mount of Transfiguration with Moses and Jesus.

Elijah's reputation as a messenger of God's justice and truth meant that, long after his death, people were still looking for him. In Seder meals during the Passover of today, there is Elijah's Cup that is left for his arrival and a door is opened for him to appear. Elijah's coming signals the hope of a new day where love and peace and joy are fully embodied.

It's no wonder that this Advent season brings us back to Malachi 3: "See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the One whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple." But we usually miss the end: "Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah... who will turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, lest I come and utterly destroy the earth." During this Advent and Christmas season, let's be looking for Elijah – both the little one who is on his way to his second birthday, and the messenger who reminds us that what is at stake for his future and our planet, is life.

I take comfort that our Elijah's middle name is "Emanuel." It is also a powerful name, meaning "God with us." So, as we are looking for Elijah, we might just find Emanuel as well.

SFBC Holiday Office Closures:

Wednesday, December 25
Thursday, December 26
Wednesday, January 1



CFYA Cards

As we enter Advent, with all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, being present and mindful to spiritual moments becomes even more important. You may have seen these small cards on the Welcome Table over the past couple months. Each month, Pastor Anita will make these small cards that fit in a pocket or a wallet. These cards offer some prompts for recognizing spiritually meaningful moments in your everyday life, as well as a prayer. Please take these cards every month and use them on your own or with young people in your life as a reminder that the Holy One is with you wherever you go.

spirituality at home
December

- How do you prepare to welcome Jesus into the world?
- What do you wonder about Christmas?
- How do you experience waiting?
- What does it mean to give hospitality to the stranger in this season?

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Pray Creative God,
Thank you for making
humanity so beautifully
complex. In this time when
we prepare to welcome Love
into the world, move us to
open our hearts to Love.
Keep us close to you in this
season of waiting. Amen.

EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION

Young Adult Christmas Party

Bowling, Gingerbread Houses,
Christmas-themed Snacks & Games

SUN. DECEMBER 22 | 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1111 HARVARD AVE.

Young adults college-age and up are welcome. Free Parking in lot behind the church. No nursery available. Enter through double sliding doors on Harvard Ave. & take elevator to the 3rd floor.

Christmas Caroling & Games

SFBC FAMILIES
& HILLTOP HOUSE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019
1:00 - 2:30

Advent Gatherings

Wednesday, December 4, 7 p.m. – Advent Evening of Prayer: “A Child Shall Lead” (see poster back cover)

Wednesday, December 11, after dinner – Join us after dinner as we walk the labyrinth. If this season has you running in circles, take a few moments to slow down, walk intentionally, and center deeply.

Saturday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, December 15, 1:30 p.m. – “Holy Families Seeking Asylum” Choir Concert

Wednesday, December 18, after dinner – Following dinner, feed your sense of holiday family by joining us for fellowship, fun, and games.

Sunday, December 22, 10:15 a.m. – Christmas Breakfast before and DIY Christmas Pageant during Service

Tuesday, December 24, at 7 p.m. – Join us for our candlelight Christmas Eve service.

Wednesday, December 25 – We wish you and your beloved ones a Merry Christmas.

December 26, from 4-9 p.m. – Patrick and Tim host a Boxing Day Open House in the parsonage. All are welcome. No need to bring anything. Just bring yourselves.



Advent Evening of Prayer: “A Child Shall Lead”

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Anita Peebles and Trung Pham, SJ, presenters

“The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.” - Isaiah 11:6

God entered creation as a baby, born into extraordinarily humble and vulnerable circumstances. What if we were to enter into Advent reflecting more deeply on that child? And if we were to truly follow the lead of children, might we approach Advent – and life in general – from a new perspective? Might we be renewed by a spirit of playfulness, wonder, questioning and justice? Might we recognize our own vulnerability in theirs, and our call to walk with children in need?

Allow yourself to let go of some of the adult stresses and “shoulds” of the holiday season. Enter more fully into the Advent season by pausing to reflect on this theme of “A Child Shall Lead” in this year’s ecumenical, contemplative Advent Evening of Prayer. Through quiet prayer, word, art, music, imagination and silence, we invite you to ponder what it might mean for you to follow the lead of the Christ child, your ‘child within,’ and children around the world.

Cost: Free will offering (\$10 suggested donation)

RSVP appreciated: <https://www.ignatiancenter.org/advent-evening-of-prayer>

Free parking in Seattle First Baptist parking lot. (First-come, first-served.)

Co-sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center and Seattle First Baptist Church.

"Holy Families Seeking Asylum"

Saturday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. & Sunday, December 15th, 1 p.m.

Join Seattle First Baptist Church Choir as we stand in solidarity with refugees, immigrants, and the homeless. At our Christmas Choir Concert, we will offer pieces by Giovanni Gabrieli, Dan Forrest, and others, bringing messages of hospitality, hope, and light to our community. Join us in singing your favorite carols with our brass quintet while we explore the true meaning of Christmas and stand together united in love and in song.

We offer this concert free of charge to the public, and we will take a free-will donation at the event.

Free parking has been arranged during the SFBC choir concerts in the lot behind the church on Spring & Seneca. Please ensure that you are mindful of other parking regulations and guidelines if you are not parked in this lot.



Joyful! Noise Holiday Concert: "On Our Way Home"

Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m. & Monday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.

Parking on the street and in the lot to the west of SFBC is free on Saturday.

Ticket Prices: \$25/adult; \$20/student & senior; \$12/group (10+)

Coming home at Christmas means a return to the heart, a return to the memories that shaped us, a return to the possibilities of making a new and better future while honoring the past. In this concert, we celebrate being wherever home is at Christmas.

You'll be travelling "Homeward Bound," as sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, be reminded of Elvis singing "Santa, Bring My Baby Back to Me," and asking, like Charles Brown did in 1960, your baby to "Please Come Home for Christmas." You'll hear Ola Gjeilo's "Ecce Novum," Eric Whitacre's "The Seal Lullaby," and a stunning setting of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." And we're delighted to premiere a setting of Robert Frost's poem, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Cornish College of the Arts senior, Ben Markin, the winner of our 2019 Student Choral Composition Competition. As always the audience gets to join in on our annual winter concert sing-along.

Joyful! Noise's 40-voice choir includes SFBC community members Belle Chenault, Carla Granat, Patrick Green, Atit Marmer, Phil Mortenson, Darla O'Brian, Nancy Roberts-Brown, Steven Smith and Kimberly Thiesen.

For more information go to <https://www.joyfulnoiseseattle.org/concerts> Tickets are available for purchase on the website or at the door.



It is Time!

by Harriet Platts, Congregational President

What are the honest conversations we want and need to have now?

What are our strengths, assets, resources?

What are our vulnerabilities? What's ending? What's beginning?

Who are our neighbors?

Many of us hold questions and wonderings about our congregational health and well-being. It's been painful and scary to hear the news of churches closing, and the news of the sale of the parking lot a year ago has carried a particular anxiety with it. I am trustful of those who are working hard to address parking for the future. I'm most curious about the opportunity before us to listen together for the 'new thing,' wanting to arise. I sense we are all wisdom carriers, the 'knowings' born from our lived experiences (blessings and hardships), education, endowment. That's why WE NEED YOU, all of you, to join in this time of discernment.

In August and September, your Diaconate board of leaders discussed and decided through consensus to support the appointment of a Long-Range Planning team. This team, co-led by Angie Buysse and Jim Segaar, has formed and is already underway with their initial framing of the planning work to be done. Please see their related article in this month's Spire.

I'm heartened, and yes, with eyes wide open, humbled, recognizing the challenges before us. We sense this planning process is the right next step, including integral, necessary time to listen to one another and together as a spiritual community for the bidding of the Spirit. We need everyone's participation.

Four years ago, we were blessed to have a group of dedicated members and leaders to come together to imagine what was needed then, setting new intentions for our community's continued ministry and evolvment. The culmination of their work was called "Postcard for the Future."

Some of the fruits of that initiative resulted in achievements in several key areas of our ministry:

- **Women in Ministry** – Pastor Patricia Hunter; Pastor Anita Peebles
- **Music Ministry** – Revision of job descriptions for the Minister of Music and Organist; Ben Luedke and David Horton
- **Media Ministry** – Work of Jim Segaar, Katie Sturm, and Lupe Carlos; Leaning into further innovation / creativity / highlighting our diversity
- **Committed Volunteer base** of about 75 folks; Maintaining strong programming
- Continued **success of Companis** ministry
- Hiring of **new church administrator**, Darren Hochstedler
- **Vibrant children/youth ministry** laying ground for hiring of our Next Generation Pastor in 2018
- **Financial Viability** – Steady

We are blessed with a substantial legacy. Given the nature of the disruptive world we live in, it's important to maintain a steady and coherent course. This will entail innovative ideas and a willingness to sustain change. Setting new goals and intentions cyclically overtime is one expression of sound stewardship of our legacy. We are blessed and grateful for God's guiding Spirit with us thus far, and now, we stand poised with the marking of our 150th Anniversary, to look, to listen and to move **forward**. We need to continue together to discern our calling—to offer sacred, relevant, spiritual nurture in relation with our neighbors in this world. A path is unfolding before us, and it is time.

Long Range Planning Team Begins Work

By Jim Segaar and Angie Buysse

In September we were asked by the Diaconate to put together a team and begin working on long range plans for Seattle First Baptist. We have assembled a diverse group to work as a core team on this task, and we plan to extensively involve church leadership and the congregation as we move forward.

Reading a history of our church can be an inspiring experience. Our faith community has accomplished and enabled some marvelous things over the years. As team member Larry Green put it, "We have been on the right side of history." Our mission statement and shared values remain highly relevant, and we believe they must serve as the foundation on which all our communal decisions are made. We fail to live up to history if we simply admire our legacy. We believe that now is the time to also look forward. Our history, mission, and values motivate us to ask, "What's next for Seattle First Baptist?"

Our first task is to document the current state of SFBC across multiple aspects, including membership, attendance, finances, and physical assets. We also are developing an understanding of our context – the world around us as it exists

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today. We are in the midst of that work at this writing, and much of the news is good. We have a stable membership and finances during times when many churches are rapidly declining. We have no debt, and our land and buildings are worth well over \$11 million.

We are also identifying drivers – those factors that may be beyond our control that motivate us to consider change. For example:

- Greater Seattle’s population continues to grow rapidly – with more people, new or more intense urban issues, and traffic and transportation options that continue to be problematic for many. Do we need to make adjustments?
- We have many loyal members, including some who live in multiple locations and some who have moved away for various reasons. How can these people continue to be involved with and contribute to SFBC at the level they desire?
- Popular writers and thinkers such as Dianna Butler Bass, Richard Rohr and Philip Gulley are challenging traditional Christians to move beyond belonging to a “special club” or believing specific things. They call for practical, practice-based Christianity that focuses much more on following Jesus’ example than worshipping his memory. What might that mean for SFBC?
- Our lives are already enriched with multi-faith and multi-cultural partnerships. How else might we support, cooperate with, and learn from our neighbors who are Jewish, Muslim, or of other faiths, as well as Christians from many cultures?
- Church Home Operations has authorized a seismic assessment of our buildings, and those results are starting to come in. More information is needed, but we expect significant findings that will need to be addressed in the coming years.
- Much of our best work has been done in partnership with others – including Companis, Hilltop House, and the Evergreen Association. How might these or new partnerships enable us to better accomplish our mission?



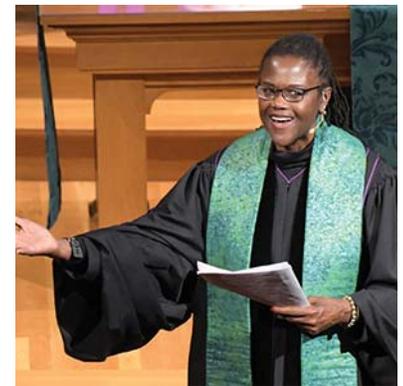
The Long Range Planning Team met on Sunday, Nov. 17 using the new video conferencing equipment at SFBC. From left to right are: Jim Segaar, Deepty Ankur Jindal, Angie Buysse (via video), Cherry Johnson, Larry Green, and Karin Zaugg Black.

It might seem tempting to ignore our changing world, and it is easy to see problems and obstacles everywhere. We are optimistic and excited about the opportunities that those challenges offer us. SFBC has many strengths and importantly, a membership that has always strived to be on “the right side of history.” We look forward to working with all of you in the coming months to explore how we might continue to fulfil our mission in these exciting times.

Forward in Faith: Our Next 150 Years of Service

The Stewardship Commission is pleased to announce the beginning of a new campaign, *Forward in Faith: Our Next 150 Years of Service*. This campaign is an endeavor of both spiritual and financial growth.

What is *Forward in Faith*? It is a campaign to secure funding for two priorities appropriate to our 150-year anniversary celebration — focusing on the future of our church community. First, we have been blessed with the ministry of The Reverend Dr. Patricia Hunter among us. We propose that after her retirement from her “day job” at MMBB, we increase her part-time role for two years to help expand the diversity of our congregation by leading us in education and outreach. We have expressed a vision for a more diverse community; this feels like the right time for us to live into that vision. Second, we are aware that we face new challenges as a church. Cultural shifts, continuing urban development, and our own changing demographic and economic realities invite us to consider where we want to go as a church over the next five years and beyond. A team of church members, along with outside experts and input from the entire congregation, will develop a new plan as we look toward our next 150 years.



Why this campaign at this time? With Pastor Hunter’s availability, our need to look toward the future and our celebration of 150 years of ministry, it is an ideal time to step out in faith and live into some of the new vision that has been surfacing. The two items listed above are emergent needs and fall outside of the monies available through our current budget.

How much do we need? \$50,150 will make these a reality. Yes, the 150 at the end of the amount is a nod to our 150th anniversary.

When? The campaign is beginning now and will end with Forward in Faith Commitment Sunday on January 19th.

Next steps? We are working with the Diaconate, Stewardship Commission and others in the congregation to make advanced commitments to serve as a gift challenge to the congregation. The campaign will conclude with a luncheon to take place on Sunday, January 19, where commitments will be asked of the congregation. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. And as always, thank you so much for the many ways that you support SFBC!

Parking Lot Task Force Update

The Parking Task force has been meeting officially (in its most recent iteration) almost exactly one year since October 2018. Our primary responsibility is to ensure adequate parking for church needs at a cost that is reasonable and sustainable for the foreseeable future. We have been working with potential partners and here are some of the highlights:

- We have examined our parking needs and those of other building users and have a comprehensive list of our needs.
- We have researched several options which are no longer possibilities. These included:
 - Explored with the developer of the lot behind the church the possibility of the long-term lease of 100 spaces in their new parking garage. (Developer is unwilling to consider this.)
 - Explored redeveloping (with partners) the hospital building and the administrative building to be redeveloped to include underground parking. (This was not financially feasible.)
 - Explored with Poly Clinic and several other lots the possibility of staff parking during the week. (This is not possible in several lots we have talked with.)
- We are currently in negotiations for the following options:
 - Working with the Poly Clinic, who is looking favorable on a lease to provide parking in their garage for evening and weekend services and events.
 - Working with the owner of the 28 space “choir” lot to the south of our property (Spring St. and Boylston St.) for a long-term lease of the entire lot for staff parking/guest and visitor parking/parking for folks with limited mobility.
- We are continuing a full comprehensive look at all lots within a 5-block radius of the church for possible creative parking solutions, or use for special weekday events when the Poly garage is not available. We are also looking for additional staff and office parking during weekdays.
- We are on schedule with our planning and still fully intend to have options negotiated and presented to the congregation at the Annual meeting in January 2020. This is a full 6 months before July 2020 when we will lose the current parking that we have been privileged to use for many years.

December Adult Education – Experiences Worth Waking Up Early

Panel Conversation on LGBTQ & AIDS Communities — Expanding Our Welcome

Sunday, December 1, World Aids Day, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Pull up a chair to learn from an LGBTQ panel of Seattle First Baptist members and friends. Through storytelling and shared experiences, you will learn how our community became “At our very heart inclusive and welcoming, inviting all to a seat at God’s enormous table.” Timelines will show the historic sequence of events affecting the LGBTQ community within our church and nationwide.

Contemplative Practice

Sundays, December 8 and 15, at 9:30 a.m. in Fridell Hall

This gathering provides the opportunity to share a quiet retreat, to rest in the presence of one other and the Spirit, and to deepen the connection with the God of our understanding.

Bible Study

Sunday, December 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

SFBC former pastor Cathy Fransson will talk about how several tenets of theology stunted her personal growth. One was the commandment to “Love your neighbor as yourself,” whose focus she had to shift to “Love yourself and also love others.” She had to disregard — for a time — Paul’s caution in Philippians 2:3 to think more highly of others, because it became unhealthy to defer to others without putting herself in the equation. What else is in her book, *Loving the Enemy*? Find out more on December 8.

Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Experience the Advent theme of Joy by joining with the Children, Families, and Young Adults (CFYA). Share Advent games, refreshments, and fun. Everyone is welcome!

Combined Bible Study-Contemplation

Sunday, December 29, 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

After the holiday whirlwind, focus on the spirit by participating in the contemplative practice of Lectio Divina, or “sacred reading,” led by Joanne Wright. The lectionary text will be announced.

Things change! Please check the Sunday bulletin and This Week announcements for education program updates.

Join the 150-Tree Challenge

Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.

Lake Washington Boulevard and South Alaska Street



There are plenty of reasons to plant trees. They provide the oxygen we breathe. They hold soil in place. They are habitat for a myriad of plants and animals. They absorb the atmospheric carbon dioxide that is disrupting Earth's climate.

Here are some lesser-known reasons to plant: It's fun, it's family-friendly, and in Seattle First Baptist Church's 150-Tree Challenge, it's a community event.

We've set a goal of planting at least 150 trees during this rainy season in conjunction with our friends at Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue. This modest goal was picked in recognition of SFBC's 150th anniversary and as a way of letting people know about a global children's movement encouraging each of us to plant 150 trees in our lifetime.

If everyone on Earth plants 150 trees, we'll have one trillion more trees on the planet. That goal was set by Plant for the Planet, a movement established in 2007 by German nine-year-old Alex Finkbeiner. Scientists have confirmed the trillion-tree goal will draw down a significant portion of the greenhouse gases that are altering life on our planet. We're supporting the Plant for the Planet kids in Washington state.

A limited number of spaces have been reserved for our community at this tree-planting event hosted by EarthCorps. Please RSVP with Pastor Anita: anita@seattlefirstbaptist.org

We'll chart our progress on the tree that Anita and SFBC children have posted on the wall in Fellowship Hall. For each tree you plant, put a green sticker on the brown tree – and watch it turn green!

Flu Shot Reminder from your Church Nurse

By Sue Ross

Yes, it is that time of year! If you haven't gotten your flu shot, I hope you will make the time to get one. It is easier than ever since most pharmacies provide flu shots. All you have to do is ask the pharmacist!

This fall I participated in a flu shot clinic and learned a few facts about the flu vaccine that I thought worth sharing. Most of this information can be accessed from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website.

- Vaccines are made from a part of the flu virus that causes the body to produce antibodies which will fight off the actual virus if the body is exposed to it.
- There are many strains of influenza. Each year labs send influenza virus samples from patients all over the world to 5 World Health Organization (WHO) collaborating Centers.
- Most of the vaccinations available this year are quadrivalent, meaning they cover four different strains of the influenza virus.
- A high-dose trivalent flu shot, which contains a higher dose of antigen, which help create a stronger immune response.
- Two special vaccines are available for people over 65.
- Researchers are working on a vaccination that can be given once that will provide lifelong immunity against all strains of influenza.

Almost everyone older than 6 months should get a flu vaccine. If you have any personal concerns about getting a flu vaccine, talk with your primary care provider.

Even if you think you won't catch the flu, or if you do you could tough it out, please get vaccinated so you won't pass the virus on to family, friends and acquaintances. People who might not be able to get the vaccine for health reasons may not survive if they do get the flu.

Remember, every year people die from the influenza virus – even healthy people. People do not die from the flu vaccine!

2020 Retreats – Save the Dates!

Lenten One-Day Retreat
Saturday, March 14
Peace & Spirituality Center,
St. Mary on the Lake, Bellevue

Senior Retreat
July 15-17
Rainbow Lodge, North Bend

Women's Retreat
October 23-25
Rainbow Lodge, North Bend

Seattle Jazz Vespers Presents: The Sheila Kay Quartet

Sunday, December 1 at 6 p.m.

Sheila "Kay" Blackwell-vocals; Beth Wulff-piano; Jim Wulff- drums; Mikel Rollins-sax

Sheila "Kay" Blackwell was born in Galesburg, Illinois in 1964. It is small town in southern Illinois where she fell in love with music. One of her first memories as a child was her dad playing Sly and the Family Stone's "It's a Family Affair," and singing into the small silver Panasonic microphone. She knew then that she wanted to sing.

Sheila has been singing professionally for 20+ years and although she knew she loved singing, it was when her mother decided to pack up the kids and move to Seattle in the early 70's, that she learned how to sing. They joined a Pentecostal church and Sheila joined the choir learning how to sing gospel and harmonize. She caught on quickly and found out she was natural.

Sheila was never fortunate enough to attend college to study music but learned all she could in school. She attended a vocational school in the 80's for broadcasting and communications then worked for 3 years on the air as a live radio personality. However, singing and performing has always been at the forefront of her heart. She took the time to raise her family and now is pursuing her dreams.

Sheila has performed in Dark Diva's *12 Days of Christmas* at Renton Civic Theater, *Hairspray* at Auburn Ave Theater as "Motormouth Maybelle", and as "Adaperle" in *The Wiz* at Tacoma Musical Playhouse. She has also performed in Intiman's *Black Nativity*, *The Color Purple*, *Ragtime*, *Shrek* the musical, and most recently *The Drowsy Chaperone* and Folk Life Festival.

Sheila co-hosts a live open mic once a month in Columbia City for Sistas Rock the Arts and is an advocate for local artists. Sheila sings Jazz, R&B and Blues in various venues in the Puget Sound area.



SFBC Regular Gatherings*:

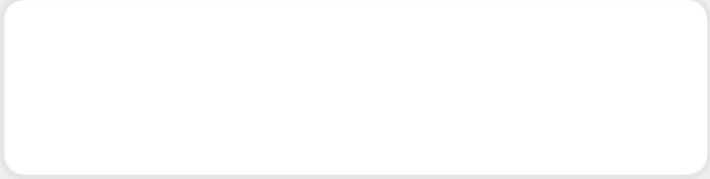
Sundays:

- 9:30 a.m. - Child Care
- 9:30 a.m. - Adult Education Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. - Contemplative Practice
- 10:15 a.m. - Family Fellowship Breakfast
- **11 a.m. - Sunday Worship**
 - o 11:20 a.m. - Godly Play begins
- 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. - Community Nurse hours
- 1:30 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (Apocalypse What?!) at Optimism Brewing

Wednesdays:

- 6 p.m. - SFBC Community Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. - Evening Programs begin
 - o Advent Evenings
 - o Youth Group
- 7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

* Please confirm dates and times during Advent on our online calendar as there are changes to our regular programming!



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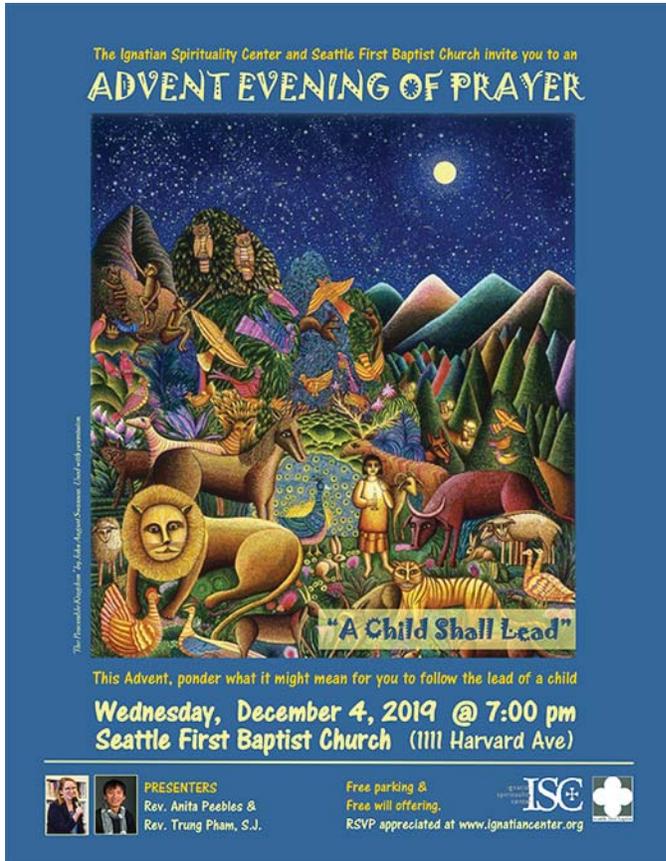
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Find our calendar here: <https://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/calendar>

It has the most up to date information, and is updated as changes occur.

You can also find all of our past issues of the Spire online. The website is the best way to see images, videos, and find other content from Sunday mornings and events. Also make sure to look for us on Facebook!

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