

ADVENT

*let every heart
prepare him room*

Welcome to
RESERVOIR VIRCH!

December 13, 2020

We'll get started at 10:03!

Grab your breakfast, your cup of coffee/tea/juice, your people, and enjoy some music until we get started!



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NEWS & INVITATIONS



Reservoir calendar at [reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news](https://www.reservoirchurch.org/news-events/news)

- **The Beloved Community Fund to Provide Short-Term Assistance**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/reservoir-introduces-the-beloved-community-fun>
- **Boston Globe Article Highlights Reservoir's Advent During Covid**
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/11/24/metro/advent-begins-churches-look-socially-distant-ways-celebrate-season/>
- **Artist-in-Residence Series Kicks Off**
<https://www.reservoirchurch.org/news/new-artist-in-residence-series-featuring-female-artists-of-color/>
- **Give Online to Reservoir**
pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch or text Reservoir to 77977

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

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Secret Santa For Seniors

Now through 12/18
Drop off @
Reservoir Lobby



The Cambridge Police Department welcomes **unwrapped gifts and non-perishable food**, in hopes to bring much-needed cheer and items for seniors this holiday season. Email **Trecia** to coordinate drop-off time.

Arlington Fights Racism

Second Tuesdays
1/12, 2/9, 3/9
On Zoom



Join our neighbors in “Building Community: Connecting and Engaging.”
Spaces to share what’s important to you.
Find out more at
<https://www.arlingtonfightsracism.com/>

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Faith Into Action December Mtg

TODAY

11:15am - 12:30pm



New members welcome!
We'll have updates on recent events, and Estivaliz and Iueh will lead a storytelling training.

Link in chat.

Email [Tim Yoon](mailto:tim@reservoirchurch.org) with questions.

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, 12/24

6:00 - 7:00 pm

5:30 pm kids story



A special choir compilation, readers, and DIY candlelighting will highlight our storytelling and meditations this year. Set aside this hour to celebrate with us! Families and friends invited. Link will be emailed.

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Ask for Prayer

Sundays, 10-11am



Email steve@reservoirchurch.org anytime during our Virch service, and share your concern. Include your phone number for a brief phone call from a prayer team member today to pray over the phone.

Beloved Community Fund



A new resource to support individuals

within Reservoir's community, for

- short-term financial assistance
- long-term networking in Reservoir and beyond.

<https://forms.gle/FMjNUgEMjvxcPBtA6>

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PreK and K Kids Church Next Sunday

Sunday, 12/20
9:30 - 10:00 am



The Godly Play Advent story: Shepherds and the Magi. Children have all they need to tell this story at home with their grown-ups. Just for fun, wear or bring something **PINK**.

Hosts: **Kim** & Will Messenger and Angel Jackson.

Elementary Kids Church Next Sunday

Sunday, 12/20
9:15 - 10:00 am



We continue exploring the story of the Nativity through the experience of the Shepherds. Art making is encouraged as kids zoom in from home for conversation, worship, prayer and storytelling. **Dan Archibald** and his team host this gathering for first through fifth graders.

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Read more: <https://www.reservoirchurch.org/connect/practical-help-and-training/>

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Help Cambridge Police Department's gift drive for seniors in hopes to bring much-needed items.

Please drop off **unwrapped, non perishable food** (i.e., chocolate, tea, jams, crackers, etc), **gift cards, socks, slippers, bathrobes, dish towels, large print books or local sport team items.**

Email trecia@reservoirchurch.org to coordinate a drop-off time.



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Online

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Want to Get Plugged In?

Take a step forward and connect more at Reservoir!

- Ask for personal prayer from our team: [**steve@reservoirchurch.org**](mailto:steve@reservoirchurch.org)
- Try one of our 30+ community groups: start with [**this form**](#).
- Give financially: **text Reservoir to 77977** or [**pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch**](https://pushpay.com/g/reservoirchurch)
- Keep up with online platforms like Cambridge Reservoir Church (Facebook), @reservoirchurch (Instagram), or [**www.reservoirchurch.org**](https://www.reservoirchurch.org).
- Fill out a [**“New or Feeling New” form**](#).

Preparing the Way for Wholeness

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LUKE 1:13-20

FROM THE BIBLE'S NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

13 The angel said, “Don’t be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayers have been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to your son and you must name him John. 14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many people will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great in the Lord’s eyes. He must not drink wine and liquor.

LUKE 1:13-20

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He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before his birth.

16 He will bring many Israelites back to the Lord their God. 17 He will go forth before the Lord, equipped with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will turn the hearts of fathers back to their children, and he will turn the disobedient to righteous patterns of thinking.

LUKE 1:13-20

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He will make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

18 Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I be sure of this? My wife and I are very old.” 19 The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in God’s presence. I was sent to speak to you and to bring this good news to you.

LUKE 1:13-20

FROM THE BIBLE'S NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

20 Know this: What I have spoken will come true at the proper time. But because you didn't believe, you will remain silent, unable to speak until the day when these things happen.”

LUKE 1:78-79

FROM THE BIBLE'S NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

78 Because of our God's deep compassion,
the dawn from heaven will break upon us,

79 to give light to those who are sitting in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide us on the path of peace."

LUKE 3:4

FROM THE BIBLE'S NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

4 This is just as it was written in the scroll of the words of
Isaiah the prophet,

A voice crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way for the Lord;

make his paths straight.



Artist: Bisa Butler,
"Warmth of Other
Sons (detail)."