



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

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**November 28 “Come Down Home”** 9:00 a.m.

*We begin the season of Advent acknowledging our estrangement from our Creator, and our need to come back “home,” to God*

**December 5 “Home Is Where We Meet”** 9:00 a.m.

*What is it to come home? What is home? It’s different for each of us. Some find home with their blood relatives and long, established traditions. Some find home with the person they love the most. Patients in long-term care may be in a place and time where home exists only in deep corridors of their memories.*

**December 12 “Lessons and Carols”** 9:00 a.m.

*Through scriptures and carols, we will hear again the story of God’s amazing love, from the sin of the first people to the present age, as we are redeemed by the gift of Christ who was born to set us free.*

**December 19 “God Makes this World Our Home”** 9:00 a.m.

*This morning marks the bold, courageous hope of Mary, and so our hope, in anticipation of the birth of her child. We join with Mary in singing of the revolution that birth will unleash, and focus our joy toward the transformation of the world through God’s incarnation in Christ.*

**December 19 “Blue Christmas”** 6:00 p.m.

*Because Christmas can sometimes be difficult due to grief or loss, this service stands apart as a quiet, introspective time of acknowledging that holidays are not always happy, but they are still holy.*

**December 24 “Welcome Home”** 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

*We gather to celebrate the miracle of Christmas, to experience anew the hope and the promise and the joy in the one who was born into this world of pain with a message of love. Through music, scriptures and candlelight, we will hear again the words of God’s great love. At 5:00 children of all ages will be invited to participate in the story of the birth of the baby who came to save the world. At 9:00 the Chancel Choir and the Canterbury Bell Choir will lead us in worship featuring Holy Communion. Both services will conclude with a singing of Silent Night, Holy Night as we lift our candles in praise to the Lord!*