



**PRINCE  
OF PEACE**  
Love God. Love People.

December 16 – 17, 2023  
Luke 1:57 – 66



*we are*  
**AMAZED**

**WORSHIP:**  
Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am

**Celebration  
Christmas Choir &  
Orchestra present  
“We Are Amazed.”**

**Message: Paul Dean**

**We go rejoicing.  
The world needs it.**

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

**Service of Remembrance**  
Tuesday, December 19 | 7:00pm | Sanctuary and Online  
All are welcome to grieve our losses and support each other. Provide the name of your loved one or experience to be read at the service to [jslaughter@popmn.org](mailto:jslaughter@popmn.org) by December 18 at noon.

**How Does a Weary World Rejoice?**  
Christmas Eve | 3:00 & 4:30pm – family | 7:00 & 8:30pm – candlelight  
Christmas Day | 10:00am  
*There will be no regular worship services December 23 or December 24; only the Christmas worship services listed above.*

**JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Camp registration!** Winter Splash Camp (Wisconsin Dells) and Family Recharge are open for registration at [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register).

**JOIN US FOR MISSION AND GENEROSITY**

It’s time to consider **year-end giving** for mission and ministry at Prince of Peace. Your generosity helps scatter peace and hope across a weary world.




# CONNECTION CARD

Please place this card in the offering bag or hand it in at the welcome desk as you leave.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

*(name of person who invited you, mailing, website, etc.)*

- Guest
- Desire to Join
- Desire to Volunteer
- Contact Update
- Contact Me

*See reverse side for  
Spiritual Care request*

**Is amazement a precursor for joy?** Think back over your most joyful moments. Was there an element of surprise, of unexpected delight, of amazement, that made the joy bubble up? Where does joy come from? How is it created?

**Can joy be scary?** Think about the top of a steep roller coaster ride. Your first night in college, as your parents say good-bye. Hearing your cue in the school play. The first time you drive a car on the highway. Warming up for the championship soccer game. The moment before you walk down the aisle. The realization that your contractions are only a couple minutes apart. These moments hold fear, but also the possibility for awe and joy. When have you experienced a fear that turns into amazement? How do you handle this mix of fear and awe? And how do you hold on to wonder when the fear is overwhelming, when the situation goes badly, when you experience suffering or loss? How can we learn to be amazed even when the world is weary?

**Is joy communal?** Is it possible to keep joy to yourself? For how long? What changes when joy is shared? When have you experienced a joy so vivid and extreme that you just had to tell someone? What was that like?

What if letting your amazement seep out into this weary world is actually a subversive act of hope?

## All the Way to Joy

Prayer by Rev. Sarah Speed  
A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

*We could play hard and fast,  
not let anything touch us at all,  
keep composure,  
have all the answers.*

*Or we could crack ourselves open  
and let everything in.  
We could feel everything,  
every touch, every marvel.*

*We could stand gaping  
at the beauty of the world,  
mouths wide open  
(because sometimes a mouth wide  
open is the very best gratitude).*

*We could laugh so loudly  
that the whole restaurant looks,  
and err on the side of goofy  
whenever possible.*

*We could put our  
defenses down.  
We could grow soft.  
We could choose awe.*

*We could take her by the arm.  
We could let her lead us  
all the way to joy.*

# SPIRITUAL CARE REQUEST

Please place this card in the offering bag or hand it in at the welcome desk as you leave.

**Prayer Request:** Prayer Ministers will pray for your request(s) listed below.

### I Would Like:

- To pray with someone over the phone or in person.
- Someone from the Spiritual Care Team to contact me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_