



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 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.

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
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*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 _____