

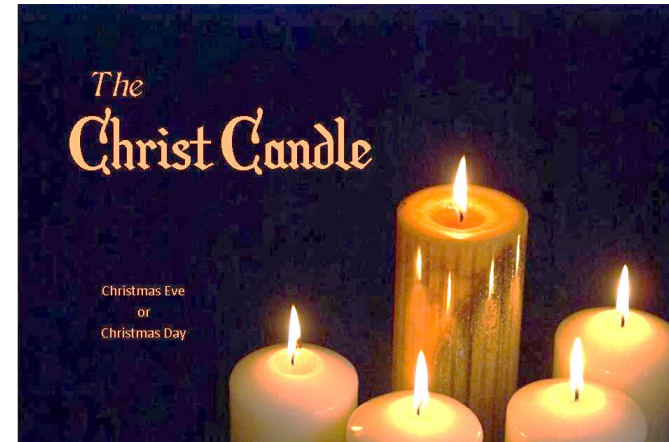
*The Pantry also served many new Hispanic families which made the bilingual talents of Joe Tolton and Jeff Newman appreciated. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a translator, please text or call Linda at 541-281-5535. Our Welcome Table greeter, Kathleen, is putting together a "cheat sheet" for those who don't speak Spanish. We need more laundered blankets, comforters and quilts as we are running out. Also, the Food Pantry could use toiletries, socks, and used clean warm clothing like coats, hats, and gloves as those were almost depleted on Tuesday as well.*

### ***Closing Song: The Rose***

**Some say Love, it is a river that drowns the tender reed.  
Some say love, it is a razor that leaves your soul to bleed  
Some say love, it is a hunger, an endless aching need  
I say love it is a flower and you its only seed**

**It's the heart afraid of breaking that never learns to dance  
It's the dream afraid of waking that never takes the chance  
It's the one who won't be taken who cannot seem to give  
And the souls afraid of dying that never learns to live**

**When the night has been too lonely and the road has been too long  
And you think that love is only for the lucky and the strong  
Just remember in the winter far beneath the bitter snows  
Lies the seed that with the Sun's love in the spring becomes the rose,**



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**Klamath Falls Friends Church  
Semi-programmed Worship  
Sunday, December 29, 2024**

10:00 am

**All Are Welcome**

Because we believe each person represents an image of the Divine and welcome the light that each individual brings, we open our doors to everyone. We encourage full participation by all in the life of our meeting. We recognize one another as equal travelers on the journey, seeking always to celebrate our joys and share our struggles together. May we create and tend an ethic of respect, reverence, safety, and listening. May we delight in our differences!

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**Meeting for Worship  
December 29, 2024  
10:00 AM Semi-programmed worship**

**Welcome**

**Time to Centerdown**

**Lighting all five Advent candles**

**Reading from the scripture  
Rom. 7:19-8:2  
Psalm 147**

**Song: "The Promise" by Natalie Sleeth**

**Reading in unison from Romans 8:28-39**

**<sup>28</sup> We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him<sup>1</sup> who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

**<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; <sup>34</sup> who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us?<sup>2</sup> <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."**

**<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Message: Plant Seeds of Hope**

**Open Worship**

**Queries:**

*Who are your seeds of hope?  
How do you define hope and for what do you hope ?  
Is hope a good thing?*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Closing Prayer**

**Announcements**

- January 14 – M&C 5:30
- January 19 – Peace and Social Concerns
- January 20 – 5:30 Administrative Meeting
- January 19 – First Book Group of Quaker Ecology (will meet after worship on the third Sunday of each month until April and end with an Earth Day celebration) A Sign Up sheet for the books is on the entryway table.
- January 26 – Monthly Meeting for Business
- January 29, 3:00 PM The OSHU Street Nursing Program explained in length at Klamath Lutheran Services --- Please come; it is a good ministry

*Interfaith Food Pantry update for December: The Interfaith Food Pantry served 56 households, 124 people total (83 adults and 41 children). 35 volunteers (with 6 new volunteers) gave 184 hours of their time during a very busy time of year. The sponsoring congregations donated 537 pounds of food, 258 pounds came from Hope Lutheran thanks to grants and donations*

*totaling \$290. However, the pantry is now nearly depleted. They need donations of both food and cash to purchase food, especially since our January pantry is almost five weeks away.*