



Advent 2017

Sign up for Advent events at www.firstpresbyterian.org

Advent Email Devotional

Beginning Sunday, December 3, receive daily email devotions written by First Pres members and staff during Advent.

Family to Family Christmas



Sign up at Coffee Hour on November 26, December 3, and December 10 in the Social Hall. “Adopt” a local family in need and purchase gifts and/or food according to their needs. Donations may be made to purchase gift cards for families not directly adopted, or for families in need who have loved ones at Mott Children’s Hospital and UM Hospital. Questions? Contact Julie Morrison at jdornmorrison@gmail.com or 668-0420.

Advent Happening Arts & Crafts Event

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Social Hall

Make gifts, cards, and ornaments, decorate cookies and more at this wonderful multi-generational event! Friends are welcome. Childcare is provided for infants through age two if older siblings and parents are busy at the Advent Happening. Make a childcare reservation by contacting Debbie MacVey at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466 ext 342.



Forward in Mission Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 3, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Come to the Forward in Mission Bazaar and do your Christmas shopping! Purchase lovely, thoughtful gifts and support First Pres mission teams by purchasing “shares” of projects or programs. Also, you can’t go wrong with home-baked goods and Fair Trade coffee! Children can pick up “passports” and have them stamped as they learn more about our mission activities. Can’t make the bazaar? **Purchase shares and gifts from the online catalog starting November 14 at www.firstpresbyterian.org.**



Light Dawns on a Weary World Hymnfest & Strolling Reception

Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m.

Join the choirs, orchestra and organ as they lead us in a festival of Christmas hymns and carols. Following the festival, you’re invited to a strolling reception – refreshments served in different parts of the building and an opportunity to view a variety of crèches from around the world.

Honor or Remember Loved Ones With a Poinsettia

Give a poinsettia to beautify worship on December 17 and 24 in honor or memory of a loved one. Poinsettias are \$18 and can be ordered **until noon on Monday, December 11** at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/poinsettias-2017/> or in the Church Office.

Family Christmas Pageant

Children ages three and older are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve. A pageant information meeting will be held Sunday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Rehearsals are Saturday, December 16 and Thursday, December 21. Sign your child up online or complete the form found in the Sunday School classrooms. Register by December 3.



Advent Study Groups

The 2017 Advent Study will use the curriculum "Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited" from *The Thoughtful Christian*. Groups will meet at First Pres unless otherwise specified. Sign up in the Church Office or online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/advent-study-groups/>

Sundays - December 3, 10, & 17

11:00 a.m. - Led by Rev. Sanderford and Resident Ministers

2:00 p.m. - Led by Rev. Kent Palmquist

7:00 p.m. - Study for Twenties and Thirties (T2A2) at **Chris Wahl's home** - led by Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Jess Matczak, and Sara McAdory-Kim

Monday Evenings - December 4, 11, & 18 at 7:00 p.m., led by Kate Silbert

Thursday Evenings - December 7, 14, & 21, at 6:00 p.m., led by Kathy Wirstrom

Friday Mornings at Glacier Hills - December 1, 8, & 15, at 10:30 a.m., led by Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke and Rev. Eldon Beery

Christmas Cookie Exchange at Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 10

Drop off a couple of dozen homemade cookies to the Social Hall before 9:30 a.m. worship. Come to Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m., where volunteers will help you fill take-home containers with homemade goodies from other bakers! If you bring gluten-free cookies, please label them.

Special Offerings

- **The PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering** will be received on December 17. Donations support retired church professionals and other church workers in times of need and the development of future racial ethnic leaders of our church.
- **Christmas Eve Offering** will be received on December 24 and will be donated to SafeHouse to support their work in domestic violence prevention. Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church with Christmas Eve Offering on the memo line.

Worship in Advent - December 3 - 24

Glacier Hill Advent Worship - Monday, December 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Longest Night Worship - Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship - Sunday, December 24

8:00 a.m. - Worship and Communion in Monteith Hall

9:30 a.m. - Family Christmas Pageant & Worship Service **Note Time Change!**

5:00 & 7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

11:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service of Communion

December 31 Worship

There will be one family worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 31.