

KID'S EVENTS

Exciting events for kids of all ages!

Kids'Town – made especially for kids - Sundays in Advent will be very special!

Nov. 29 – be creative about how we can serve others during this season

Dec. 6 – watch “The Toy that Saved Christmas”

Dec. 13 – create a Christmas present for your parents

Dec. 20– celebrate at our Happy Birthday Jesus party!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

During Advent the *Youth Group* will meet from **12:30 pm to 2:30 pm*** starting on **Nov. 29th**. (We want our families to have more time together during this busy season.)

**except Dec 6th when we will meet from 1 pm to 4 pm. We will sort, pack and distribute backpacks at Daily Bread in the afternoon and then we are off to bowling.

*New time during Advent!

SYNOPSIS OF EACH PLAY FOR ADVENT

PERSPECTIVE

DECEMBER 2ND & 12TH

The way we understand the world impacts everything we hear and especially what we choose to believe. In “Perspective” one woman’s true story opens a window into many different hearts.

GOD, FEAR, AND DOUBT

DECEMBER 5TH & 16TH

We all face those times in our lives when it feels like God has left the building. “God, Fear, and Doubt” explores this critical moment in the lives of three very different people.

FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD

DECEMBER 9TH & 19TH

We don’t often think of the role of Mary and Joseph in our salvation. “For the Sake of the World” invites us to reflect on their journey and their sacrifice.

CHRISTMAS PORTRAITS

DECEMBER 20TH

A celebration of Christ’s birth through scripture, music, and drama!

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CELEBRATING ADVENT



Advent is a season in which we celebrate waiting. It is a time when we depart from the instant gratification of the

culture around us and enter into the reality that waiting is a part of life ordained by God.

Although Advent is a time of waiting, it is not a time of boredom or “killing time” until the thing for which we are waiting appears.

Advent is a time of purpose. A season during which we are preparing our hearts and our lives so that when Christ appears we will be ready.

Our goal is to be more than ready. Through worship, prayer, reflection, and thoughtful service, we hope to be filled with joy at the coming of our Savior.

As we gather for worship and reflection you will notice, through scripture readings and music, that we are also preparing for Christ’s second coming. We hear passages from the book of Revelation and the Gospels which remind us that this world will not last forever and that, when the end comes, we all want to be ready.

Finally, during the season of Advent, we celebrate the fact that Christ comes to us in many other ways, especially when we celebrate Holy Communion. As we focus on waiting and watching for him, we pray that the Holy Spirit will open our eyes to Christ’s presence among us in a fresh, new way.

THE LOOK OF ADVENT

To help us focus on the fact that Christ is present with us, but not yet fully present, look for the powerful symbols of the Advent season:

The Advent Wreath – One candle will be lit each week to remind us that the light of Christ is growing nearer.

- Blue paraments – The paraments are “Advent Blue.” the color of the sky just before sunrise, to remind us that Christ is coming soon.
- No Christmas decorations in the worship space – Advent is a time when we are reminded that we wait and prepare for the coming of Christ so that our hearts and our lives are fully ready when he arrives. Saving the Christmas decorations for Christmas is, perhaps, the most powerful symbol of all to remind us that God has something powerful and wonderful in store for us.

HAPPENINGS DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Drama—Wednesday & Saturday

Dec. 2nd at 6 pm & 12th at 5 pm

Perspective

Dec. 5th at 5 pm & 16th at 6 pm:

God, Fear, and Doubt

Dec. 9th at 6 pm & 19th at 5 pm:

For the Sake of the World

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th:

at 12:15 pm

(Bring soup and sandwiches to share and beverages will be provided!)

Come decorate the church!

at 5:30 pm

Christmas Cookie Exchange

at 7:00 pm

Christmas Portraits

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, we invite you to slow down, worship, reflect, and prepare. During this season of Advent, make it a goal to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ.

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