



DECEMBER Weekly Update

December 4, 2024

Advent Worship Experience

7pm, December 10, 2024

Waiting ~ Longing ~ Praising



December can get pretty crazy and hectic. There are holiday concerts, parties, shopping, cookie baking, decorating and so many other responsibilities that keep our calendars full. Naturally it can be challenging to find the time and space to really reflect on the season of Advent; the busy can distract us from the things that really matter during Christmas time.

So, this season here's an opportunity for a time of quiet advent worship.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 7-8pm we will be holding a time of reflection and praise centered on the themes of Advent. It will feature simple worship songs, space for quiet prayer, contemplation activities and short teachings about advent. Following our worship we will have a brief, relaxed hangout time with cookies and cocoa in the café.

If you are looking for something simple to help you prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, I hope you can spend a short time with us next Tuesday. All ages welcome! Invite a friend!

What: Advent Worship Experience

When: 7-8pm, Tuesday, December 10

Where: FPC Sanctuary and Café

What: worship, prayer, reflection, cookies



Ladies! This Friday, December 6 let's gather together at the church at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share and a wrapped Christmas item to exchange.

A QUICK NOTE FROM PASTOR JOS ABOUT SCAM AND SPAM MESSAGES:



Thank you to everyone who notifies me and/or the office when you receive a suspicious message sent in my name.

While we aren't sure why this keeps happening, we do know that it is a common occurrence for scammers to try and trick church members this way. Here are a couple things to keep in mind:

- I would never - and will never - message anyone individually to ask for money, a favor, gift cards etc. If you receive a message in my name asking for quick help with something, be assured: that is not me!
- I will not message you from an unknown number. If you get a message claiming to be from me but it's not from my actual phone number (314-749-1315) you can be sure that is not me.
- If we ever needed to ask for special donations or for a financial favor, we would do that through official church channels and in a public way. You never need to worry about getting a request from me individually!
- The best thing you can do when you receive a message like this is to REPORT the message as spam to your carrier and then to BLOCK the number permanently. Almost all phone messaging apps easily provide for both of these options!



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Praises

Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Rusty King - Army
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Arizona
- Isaiah Styer - stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

Health Concerns:

- Roger Stroud continued healing
- Jenny Miller's Uncle Joe
- Rachel - healing
- Tanya Chupp - continued healing
- Dale & Tonya
- Edna Wade's sister - back pain
- Julie - health concerns
- Paula Shrader - broken hip
- Pastor Albert continued healing from accident
- Wendy Scott - health concerns
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Susan Halliday - battling cancer
- Janet Lee - lung cancer diagnosis
- Mary Hardesty - entering hospice
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- David
- Keylee - leukemia
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The family of Judy Pinnick**

The Deacons encourage you to send cards or notes of encouragement to those in the church family experiencing prayer needs.

FUN FACT - Did you know, the first known Christmas tree in the White House was placed upstairs in the Second Floor Oval Room (then used as a family parlor library) in 1889, during the Benjamin Harrison administration.



There is a Congregational Meeting this Sunday, December 8 following worship. We will be voting on our church officers for 2024. Nominated as Elder: Beth Miller, Earl Rhamy and Mike Rhamy, Nominated for Deacon: Connie Herman and Jenny Miller.



December 6 - Mel Walton
December 6 - Sydnee Stidham


VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER 1

- Greeters** Butch & Marcy Speelman
Duane Wood
- Ushers** Brent St. John & Keith Hewitt
- Café** Shirley Swinehart
- Nursery (Worship)** Connie Herman
- Nursery (2nd Hour)** Wendy McKelvey
- Kidz Jam** Beth Miller
- Kids 2nd Hour** Beth Miller
- Elder Assist** John Scott
- Safety Team** Nick Miller
- Advent Readers** Don & Joyce Rhamy


Christmas Eve Service
December 24 8:00 p.m.
Who can you invite to this special service?
Tell your friends, your neighbors, Your family .

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Join our social media family and follow us on Instagram for FPC news, info, and fun. We will be posting weekly service reminders, ministry updates, devotionals, and fun/trivia questions. Follow us [@fredpresby_oh](#) today to get connected.



Our Deacon Of the Week!



Beth Reed

Free Day Fun

Visit with a group of friends at my home

Overseas Vacay

England, Ireland, Paris, Switzerland, and Italy

Something Interesting

I love to organize a mess!

Hobbies

Collecting Crayola crayons/memorabilia, jigsaw puzzles, taking family pictures, collecting wooden pencils & Christmas ornaments

Quick Hits

Mountains or Beach

Chocolate or Vanilla

Baseball or Football

Mexican Food or Chinese Food

Late Nights or Early Mornings

Favorites

FOOD: Homemade Food

COLOR: Blue/Green

BIBLE CHARACTER: Job/Paul

SPORTS TEAM TO FOLLOW: Waynedale Golden Bears, Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Browns