

## Advent Activities

### **Alternative Gift Market** 11/29, 12/6, & 12/13

Alternative Gifts International is a non-profit organization that inspires support for humanitarian and environmental causes. This allows donors the option to designate charitable gifts through carefully selected agencies in the name of their relatives and friends.

### **Advent Workshop** 12/2

The church-wide event is a time for people of all ages to learn about the Advent season and prepare for the birth of Jesus. This year we are using the "Tastes of the Season" Advent devotional book as our theme. Come make treats, gift boxes and explore a new prayer technique that will add color and flavor to your Christmas season.

### **Presbyterian Women Gathering** 12/3

All women of the church are invited to attend the Christmas Gathering. A light supper in the Sun Expo will be followed by "The Wonders of Christmas through Music and the Word". (RSVP by 11/30, 336-2886)

### **Soup Supper and Caroling** 12/4

Families old and young are invited for a soup supper followed by Christmas Caroling. We will be delivering holiday cheer and gifts created at the Advent Workshop to shut-in and elderly members of the FPC family of faith.

### **Angel Tree**

FPC is the visible face of Christ to the community through our Angel Tree Program. You can become involved in a variety of ways: providing gifts, contributing money and delivering food and gifts.

**Gifts are due on Wednesday, December 9th**  
**Gift delivery Saturday, December 12 at 9:30am**

### **Breathing Space** 12/18

The Christmas season can become so packed that we don't remember to breathe. Join us in the chapel as we take an hour out of this busy season to stop and reflect on God's love shown to us in the gift of his son.

### **Christmas Concert** 12/20

Join us as we praise God through music! The Sanctuary Choir, Bell Chorale, Crossroads Ringers and Children's Choir present an evening of Christmas music.

### **Epiphany Celebration** 1/6/10

The season of Christmas ends with the celebration of Epiphany which marks the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. Our church-wide celebration will include a shared meal, brief worship service and 'Epiphany projects'. Watch bulletin and Messenger for more information!

## Advent Worship Themes

*The worship themes we are focusing on this Advent season are drawn from the Song of Mary or Magnificat found in Luke 1:46-55. This song of praise is sung by Mary in response to God's mercy and goodness.*

1st Sunday in Advent **Mercy Magnified**  
*Luke 1:46-55*

2nd Sunday in Advent **Strength Supplied**  
*Isaiah 40:27-31*

3rd Sunday in Advent **Lowly Lifted**  
*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

11a Children's Christmas Program  
*"Stranger in the Manger"*

4th Sunday in Advent **Famished Filled**  
*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Christmas Eve **Baby in a Box**  
*Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 2:1-14*

*Candlelight Communion Worship 5:30 & 10*  
Childcare available at 5:30



Sunday Morning Adult Discipleship 12/6-12/20  
**Christmas Traditions—A Global Perspective**  
Special guests from Ireland, Africa and the Pacific Rim will share treasured traditions that make Christ visible to their family and culture during Christmas. Deepen your own faith as you compare your traditions with Christians of other cultures.

## First Presbyterian Church Season of Advent

*Prepare the way of the Lord!*

*As we prepare for the season of Advent and the birth of our Savior, let us prepare our hearts, minds and homes for the arrival of our Savior. Through worship, education, fellowship, and service, we seek to connect with God, and others. Come, join us.*



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