



*Drawing on our heritage, centered in Jesus Christ, looking to the future;
Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church reaches out with the Gospel to our community and the world.*

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SUNDAY AT DMPC



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 broadcast live over WDNE 1240 AM
 and live-streamed on
 our Facebook Group
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Dear Saints,

Advent begins November 28th when we begin to think of the coming of Jesus the Christ in the manger, as well as, Jesus the Christ the one who returns. Both appearances in scripture are in front of us in every Advent season. And the reason is that the coming of Jesus goes right to the heart of who God is. Advent is the season of waiting for the God who comes.

Dr. Eugene Peterson says it best. “God isn’t an immovable object at the center of the universe. He’s not a fixed point on an astronomer’s map. He’s active and moving – he *comes*. And this movement has direction – he comes to *US*. He doesn’t wander around window shopping from galaxy to galaxy, juggling the moons of Jupiter and casually admiring the rings of Saturn. **We are his destination.** And he didn’t simply come once and then return to spend the rest of eternity ... telling stories of his trip and boring the angels with slides of his visit to earth. He came, and he will come *again*. The Christian life, consequently, is lived between those two comings.”

The message of the Bible is that God loved us so much the he came to us in the Old Testament and in the New, in Jesus Christ the Word of God. The message of the Bible is also that there are helpful and not so helpful ways to live together as the ones who wait for his coming. Listen during this season of Advent for clues, tips and truth about what it means to be mindful and faithful waiters for the God who comes, and comes again. Let’s not let the pandemic get in the way of our welcoming our Savior and living as his Church in hope-filled and expectant ways.

The Church staff joins me in offering you our warmest blessings for a deeply meaningful Advent and Christmas Season. We look forward to waiting and welcoming by your side.

In the love of Christ,

Peter Vial

SESSION NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2021...

At its meeting on November 8, 2021 the following actions or issues were addressed:

- *The opening devotional and prayer was offered by Lynn Proudfoot. The topic of the devotional was "Gratitude" and the prayer was based on Psalm 138.
- *Cliff Marstiller assisted the Session in its second vote, by secret ballot, on a request by the Witness Service Committee for \$7,500 to fund a missionary trip to Kenya by Robert McCutcheon in early 2022. The vote was 11 for and 0 against.
- *Dana Marzolf, chairperson of the Worship Committee reported on the current state of worship in the sanctuary following CDC guidelines, Communion being served on November 7, Rev. Laura Brekke Wagoner preaching on October 17 for the "Celebrating the Gifts of Women" Service, the new Presbyterian Women's banner made by Diana Kerr in memory of Juanita Kyle, and plans for Advent being in place.
- *Julia Elbon, chairperson of the Finance Committee, reported on the October Profit and Loss statement as well as the Balance Sheet.
- *Steve Cook, chairperson of the Witness Service Committee, reported on the October 16 Common Ground Café and our responsibility for the same on February 12, 2022. He also reported on the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets which we are doing in concert with Tyrand Ministries.
- *Sue Chenoweth, reporting for the Christian Education Committee, recommended that the church hire a Coordinator of Children/Youth at \$15.00 an hour for up to 5 hours per week. The recommendation was adopted by the Session.
The committee informed the Session that they will be allotting \$1,200 for teaching materials for Bob Mc Cutcheon's African Mission work in 2021 and 2022.
- *Monica Varchetto, Chairperson of the Property Committee, reported that repairs on the inside of the White Chapel will most likely happen in January.
- *Gary Moden, Chairperson of the Stewardship Committee, reported on the current status of our 2021 Stewardship Campaign.
- *Kim White, Chairperson of the Fellowship Committee, discussed ideas for serving refreshments after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.
- *Susan Pell, Chairperson of the Membership Committee, reported on current projects of the committee.
- *Peter Vial reported that he will be working from home for about two weeks as Tina recovers from surgery she is having November 17.
- *Lynn Proudfoot will be our church's commissioner for the November 13 meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia which will be on ZOOM.

POINSETTIAS...

The Presbyterian Women will be decorating the sanctuary with red poinsettias for Christmas. You will find a form on the table in the White Chapel to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a special person for \$15.00. You may also make a donation to the PW Scholarship Fund in lieu of a poinsettia. Please return the form and payment to the Church Office by December 10th.

Family Advent Calendar
Begin reading this calendar on the first Sunday of Advent
and “count down” the days until Christmas
 (Prepared by Dana Marzolf)

<p>First Sunday in Advent The birthday of Jesus is coming!</p> <p><i>Read Isaiah 40:3-5.</i></p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>Advent is a journey we make together to Bethlehem. Take special care of those you love. <i>Read Luke 2:15.</i></p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Create a manger scene (or crèche). Don't add Baby Jesus until Christmas Day.</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>For each good deed you do, add a small piece of paper to a small box to make a soft crib for Jesus.</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>“The Lord your God is in your midst.”</p> <p><i>Read Zephaniah 3:17.</i></p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Jesus is a gift from God. Think and pray about that today.</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>“And a little child shall lead them”. <i>Read Isaiah 11:6.</i> How do children lead you to God?</p>
<p>Second Sunday in Advent “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks.”</p> <p><i>Read I Thessalonians 5:16-18.</i></p>	<p>Help collect items, such as canned goods or presents, to give to those in need.</p>	<p>Read <i>Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-17; Matthew 1:18-25.</i> These verses declare that God’s plan is coming into place. How are God’s plans coming together in your life?</p>	<p>Read a Christmas card you have received. Pray for the sender.</p>	<p>Evergreens stand for God’s undying love. Pray around your Christmas tree.</p>	<p>Allowing God into our hearts to instruct us makes a difference as we grow in faith, hope and love.</p> <p><i>Read Isaiah 48:17-19.</i></p>	<p>Tell someone “I love you” today. Love is a precious gift – often overlooked.</p>
<p>Third Sunday in Advent “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make His paths straight.”</p> <p><i>Read Mark 1:3.</i></p>	<p>God encourages forgiveness. Who can you forgive today?</p>	<p>Thank God for all your blessings – include your family and friends.</p>	<p>Sing some of your favorite Christmas carols and hymns. Take some time to think about the words.</p>	<p>Be a ‘precious’ angel and help someone today without being asked.</p>	<p>Let us strive to live justly as we await the fulfillment of justice in God’s Kingdom. <i>Read Jeremiah 2:5-8.</i></p>	<p>“Welcome one another; therefore just as Christ has welcomed you.” <i>Read Romans 15:7.</i></p>
<p>Fourth Sunday in Advent Mary trusted in God, and so she agreed to bear Jesus to the world. May we likewise trust!</p> <p><i>Read Luke 1:39-45.</i></p>	<p>The Spirit of the Lord moved over the darkness of earth and there was light and life. May the burning of candles remind you of the Lord’s coming.</p>	<p>The long wait is almost over- our redemption is at hand. <i>Read Isaiah 52:10.</i></p>	<p>Traveling to Bethlehem Mary and Joseph go past the field with the shepherds. They have had no way of knowing their Son would later declare Himself “the Good Shepherd.”</p>	<p>Christmas Eve As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, may we realize the promise of abundant life for <u>all</u> people. <i>Read Luke 2:14</i></p>	<p>Christmas Day!</p> <p>Add Baby Jesus to the small box filled with paper strips in your manger or crèche. “Hallelujah! Glory to God in the highest”</p>	<p>Throughout the Christmas season –until Epiphany, Jan 6th: Reread ALL your Christmas cards and offer a prayer for each person who sent you a card.</p>

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (GOSPEL YEAR C)

This set of readings for the lighting of the Advent candles is based on the gospel lessons of the Revised Common Lectionary in Year C.

At each successive lighting of the Advent candles, all texts from the preceding lightings are read in addition to the text introduced that day.

On the **First Sunday of Advent**,
and at successive lightings:
We light this candle [these candles]
as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
In Christ there is life and light for all people. (John 1)

Now lift up your heads and rejoice:
your redeemer is drawing near. (Luke 21)

And on the **Second Sunday of Advent**,
and at successive lightings:
Prepare the way of the Holy One!
All flesh will see the salvation of God. (Luke 3)

And on the **Third Sunday of Advent**,
and at successive lightings:
Christ has come to baptize us with the Holy Spirit
and with fire. (Luke 3)

And on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**,
and at successive lightings:
The Mighty One has done great things for us;
holy is the name of God. (Luke 1)

And on the **Eve of Christmas, or on Christmas Day**:
Behold, there is good news of great joy for all people:
to us is born a Savior, the Messiah. (Luke 2)

On each occasion the lighting of the candles is concluded with:
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth! (Luke 2)

Glue Under

First Sunday in Advent
(Light one purple candle)

The prophet Isaiah describes a future shaped by peace for all nations as they walk in the light of the Lord. We who sit in darkness have seen a Great Light. We need to hear the Word anew in the darkness of our own despair. We give thanks and praise for that Light – our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Amen.
Read Isaiah 60:2-3.

Glue Under

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Third Sunday in Advent
(Light two purple candles and the pink candle)

We light this third candle for a world Isaiah speaks of where even the deserts sing, rejoice and blossom. A world where everyone will see and hear, a world where everyone will dance for joy at the coming of the Lord.

Read Isaiah 35: 1-10

Glue Under

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Fourth Sunday in Advent
(Light all four candles)

We light this last candle of love to proclaim that God's love is revealed in Christ born in Bethlehem. We are challenged to proclaim and reveal that same love as we live our faith. We give thanks for a love that passes our human understanding and await once more the birth of God's enduring love this Christmas.

Read Isaiah 7:6-10

Christmas Eve
(Light all candles and the white Christ candle)

On this day, born of a woman, the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us. We offer honor, praise, worship and love to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May our lives be like that of like Jesus and may we bear His Light into the world. Amen.

Second Sunday in Advent
(Light two purple candles)

We light this second candle for Isaiah's vision of a transformed world – a world shaped in accordance of God's will. Isaiah waited for the Messiah. We wait in faith that through the Holy Spirit, the Prince of Peace will be born anew in our hearts and in our lives.

Read Isaiah 11:1-10

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Use this cube to prepare for the coming of Jesus into your life this Advent season. Five candles are needed - three purple, one pink and one white. An Advent wreath is optional. A candle is lit each Sunday of Advent to remind us that Jesus brings Light to a dark world. Read the scripture passage and meditate on it and pray the suggested prayer May Jesus' Holy Light shine upon you and guide you – through this Advent season - and always! Amen!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Elliot Harper
- 1 Julia Ann Varner
- 4 Naomi Cassells
- 5 Robin Mams
- 9 Mary Emily Anger
- 12 Steven Corbin
- 15 Deborah Cook
- 15 Walt Lesser
- 19 Virginia Cassells
- 20 Robert Miller
- 23 Mitchell Price
- 23 Jacob Riddle
- 24 Mark Talbott
- 25 Sabrina Jones
- 26 Fritz Corey
- 26 Chrisantha Hermanson
- 26 Kaia Miller
- 26 Quincy Miller
- 27 Bronwyn Bear
- 28 Wilma Miller
- 30 Richard Legg

HTLC

- 22 Ruth Whitesel



December 23 Gary & Mary Moden

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Dec. 02 10:00am PW Coordinating Team/FH
- Dec. 13 6:30pm Session
- Dec. 16 1:00pm Meals on Wheels/Dunham

- Mondays @6:30pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
- Tuesdays @6:00pm Girl Scouts/Fellowship Hall

The Church office will be closed:

- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
- Jan. 31 New Year's Eve

MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree is now up in the White Chapel. We are collecting mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks to distribute to those in need in our community. These items are needed by both children and adults this year. If you will not be in church for a couple of Sundays, you may drop off your donations to the church office. Monetary contributions are also welcome to help us "fill in" any items that are needed. They may be dropped off to the church office or mailed to the church. Thank you for your continued support during this time of need in our community.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We will not be doing baskets here in the church this year. Instead, Tyrand Parrish will prepare baskets for us at their facility. The baskets will need to be picked up from Tyrand on the designated day. If you would like to help with this, please send your donations to the church office and put "Christmas Baskets" in the memo line.



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CIRCLE MEETINGS

Minister	Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial
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Clerk of Session	Mark Armentrout
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CIRCLE 1	Mina Cupp, Chairs
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If you need a ride to our Sunday morning Worship Service, please call the Church Office at 304-636-2788 and we will ask a Church member to pick you up.

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