



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



- Dec 2 First Sunday of Advent
 Outdoor Advent Wreath Lighting and Hymn Sing at 6:00 pm
- Dec. 9 Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 16 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 19 Longest Night Service at 5:30pm
- Dec. 23 Fourth Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services:
 Family Service with Communion at 5:00 pm (nursery provided)
 Candlelight Communion at 8:00 pm
- Dec 30 One worship service at 11:00 am
 No Sunday School
- Jan 6 Epiphany Sunday - Two services at 9:00 and 11:00
 Epiphany Breakfast at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



OUTDOOR ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Sunday, December 2 – 6:00pm

Gather in the Parlor to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. We will light the first candle on our Outside Wreath, then enjoy fellowship and refreshments while singing Advent and Christmas hymns - that you choose! All ages are welcome - bring a friend too. It's a wonderful way to begin the season with a focus on waiting for the Messiah. Please bring a snack to share.

ADVENT CLASSES

- *LIFE Class – The Greatest Gift: Unwrapping the Full Love Story of Christmas
Celebrate the lineage and majesty of Jesus
- *Serendipity Class – Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited
Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary and Elizabeth have much to teach us about waiting.
- *Young Families Class – Preparing the Way
- *CCI Class – Hark! The Glad Sound (begins Dec 9)
Explore the history and meaning behind twelve familiar carols heralding the coming of Christ.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – Wednesday, December 19, 5:30pm

For many of us, Christmas is a poignant time of year. It is a time for remembering persons, places, and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. It is a time when the world around us seems to require joyfulness, but that joy might be a little hard to come by in our own hearts. It is a time when the increasingly longer nights seem symbolic of the creeping emotional shadows that we rightfully and honestly feel, even in the midst of celebration. For this reason, Forest Lake Presbyterian will join churches around the world in offering a Longest Night worship service of healing and wholeness. This is a time for quiet and remembering, when we will have the opportunity to bring our hurting places to God and prepare our hearts and minds for the light of Christ that promises to penetrate the darkness.

The Longest Night service will take place on Wednesday, December 19th, starting at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. It will be about an hour long, and will include scripture readings, music, prayers, silence, anointing with oil, and communion.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – Monday, December 24

Family Service; 5:00pm

This 45-minute service is for the young and young at heart. A simple retelling of the Christmas story is combined with familiar Advent and Christmas carols. Communion is served, and the story is brought to life by larger-than-life figures that give the service a sense of majesty and mystery. Dress is casual. Nursery provided for children ages 3 and under.

Candlelight Service; 8:00pm

This traditional Christmas Eve service combines the beauty of candlelight Communion with the opportunity to sing well-loved Advent and Christmas carols. Come and wait with us as we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world! No nursery provided for this service.

EPIPHANY BREAKFAST – Sunday, January 6

Epiphany is the Christian Festival marking the visit of the Magi to celebrate Jesus' birth. Fellowship with us at the Epiphany Party to begin the New Year on Sunday, January 6, 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.