



Advent is a season of anticipation and expectation as we await the coming of the Christ Child. The people of the Old Testament held on to hope knowing that the promise of the long-awaited Messiah would eventually be fulfilled. We too wait...knowing that Advent-ually the Messiah will return. And so, we wait with hope, wonder with peace, watch with joy and worship with love.

### **Sundays in Advent**

9:00 am Classes | 10:30 am Worship

December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

11:30 Soup lunch & Advent Workshop  
activities for all ages

December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

Children's Christmas Celebration  
"Straight Outta Bethlehem"

December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata

December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 pm Annual Wassail

December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 Prelude | 5:00 Worship

### **Midweek @ Midtown**

**Wednesdays in Advent**

5:45 Dinner | 6:30 Classes

December 4 - Advent-ually Hope

Find *Hope* as we wait  
with great anticipation.

December 11 - Advent-ually Peace

Find *Peace* as we wonder  
in ceaseless expectation

December 18 - Advent-ually Joy

Find *Joy* as we watch  
with unrestrained eagerness

### **Blue Christmas Service, Saturday December 21 @ 11:30 am**



The Christmas season can be difficult for those of us experiencing loneliness, sadness and loss. We can feel singled out by the programmed happiness of "the most wonderful time of the year." But we are not alone. This gathering will be an opportunity to be with others who struggle during the holidays and to support each other through time together in prayer, worship and remembrance with a lunch served following the service.

This year's **Children's Christmas Celebration** will take place on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> during our Sunday Worship. Our program for this year is *Straight Outta Bethlehem*. In the "sleepy" little village of Bethlehem, something huge and miraculous is about to happen...the birth of the Messiah! Right in the midst of all the action is an irresistibly intrepid and energetic group of orphans who reside at the Inn of Bethlehem. This loveable ragamuffin group will unveil the story of Christmas and how God sent His only Son to be born!

Our rehearsals will begin on Wednesday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> as part of our offerings for Midweek @ Midtown. We will also have a few Saturday rehearsals. It is our hope to have as many children as possible participate, so everyone is invited! If you have questions please contact AJ, [ajbaratta@fpcomaha.org](mailto:ajbaratta@fpcomaha.org)

**Rehearsal Schedule**  
**Wednesdays 6:30-7:30**  
Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 4  
**Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30-Noon**  
**Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30-3:00**

### Presbyterian Women Christmas Lunch



Please help PW ring in the Holidays by joining us at our annual Christmas Lunch at the Field Club on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. We will be taking reservations each Sunday in November or by calling Melissa Davis at 402-553-4089. The cost for the luncheon is \$15.00 per person.

We always have a wonderful lunch, great entertainment and fellowship with each other.



### Sunday Nov 17 at 12:30pm

Losing a loved one and being left to deal with your grief alone is a difficult task to undertake. It can be a struggle to find someone who understands the deep hurt you feel. Add to that the difficulty of the holiday season filled with memories and traditions and one can easily get overwhelmed.

Understanding that the entire Holiday season, Thanksgiving through Christmas, is one of the most difficult times for those that have lost a loved one we will be offering a special Griefshare Seminar entitled *Surviving the Holidays*.

**Sunday Nov 17 at 12:30pm in Jenk's Lounge.**

RSVP appreciated as a light lunch will be provided.