

Advent

As has been the custom of the church, we will light candles each Sunday to remind us of the advent(s) of Christ. There are many traditions as to what is symbolized by each candle. We follow one historic pattern.

On the first Sunday of Advent we shall light the Prophet Candle to remind us that it was the prophets of old who foretold of the coming of the Messiah. On the second Sunday of Advent we shall light the Angel Candle to remind us of the announcement of the angels concerning the birth of Jesus. On the third Sunday of Advent we shall light the Shepherd Candle to remind us that it was to the shepherds watching their flock at night that the message of the glorious advent of the Messiah came. On the fourth Sunday of Advent we shall light the Bethlehem Candle to remind us that Christ was born just as the prophets had said, in the city of David, for He will rule and reign over all, conquering sin and death.

And there is one final candle that we shall light, the Christ Candle, and this at our worship service on the Eve of Christmas. This is a very special service in the life of Grace, for we come together to reverently read through the message of the gospel through nine passages of Scripture beginning with creation and culminating with the coming of Christ who is the light of the world.

It is our fervent hope that during this Advent season you will think deeply upon this one who has come and will come again. May your meditation bring this word to your lips: Hallelujah!

Schedule of Activities*

<p>1 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 8:00pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>2 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Family Dinner Night 6:00pm YoG Night 6:30pm Blast</p> <p>3 6:00am Women's Bible Study 9:00am Women's Bible Study 1:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>4 YoG Reality Weekend (11/4-6)</p> <p>5 7:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6 (Sunday) Angel Tree 8:15am Worship 9:00am College Breakfast/ Sunday School* 9:45am Sunday School 9:45am First Sunday Welcome 10:45am Worship 9:00m Waffles & Worldviews*</p> <p>7 6:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>8 7:00pm Session 8:00pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>9 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm 6th Grade Bible Study</p> <p>10 6:00am Women's Bible Study 9:00am Women's Bible Study 1:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>11 No activities scheduled</p> <p>12 7:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>13 (Sunday) Angel Tree 8:15am Worship 9:00am College Breakfast/ Sunday School* 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 4:00pm YoG Small Groups 9:00m Waffles & Worldviews*</p> <p>14 6:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>15 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 8:00pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>16 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Family Dinner Night 6:00pm YoG Night 6:30pm Operation Christmas Child</p> <p>17 6:00am Women's Bible Study 9:00am Women's Bible Study 1:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>18 No activities scheduled</p> <p>19 7:00am Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>20 (Sunday) Angel Tree Gift Return 8:15am Worship 9:00am College Breakfast/ Sunday School* 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 4:00pm YoG Small Groups 9:00m Waffles & Worldviews*</p> <p>21 6:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>22 7:00pm Session</p> <p>23 6:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>24 Thanksgiving Day Holiday (offices closed, no activities scheduled)</p> <p>25 No activities scheduled</p> <p>26 7:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>27 (Sunday) Advent Begins 8:15am Worship 9:00am College Breakfast/ Sunday School* 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship 9:00m Waffles & Worldviews*</p> <p>28 6:30am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>29 6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:00pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>30 7:00pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm 6th Grade Bible Study</p>
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Calendar subject to change. *College/Oread Center events - www.oreadcenter.com.

Prayer & Grace Updates

Prayer cards are available in the Pew pockets each Sunday. If you have need of prayer, fill one out and place it in the offering box. Prayer requests can also be sent to rick@gepc.org or betty@gepc.org.

If you would like to be added to the list and receive the Grace Updates and Prayer Request emails, please email betty@gepc.org or rick@gepc.org.