

# Life of Grace

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## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The season of Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year. "Advent" comes from the Latin Adventus meaning "arrival" or "the coming" and refers to the arrival or coming of Jesus. During Advent we celebrate two "arrivals" of Jesus: His first advent when He came in the flesh at Bethlehem; His second when He shall return in glory.

Our celebration of Advent reminds us that God is faithful: He promised that the Christ would come, and that in His coming He would conquer sin and death for all who would believe in Him. He has come. In addition, we are filled with great hope, for since Christ came as promised, we can trust that He is coming again as promised to bring to fruition all that was achieved through His first coming.

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. In fact, we have used a few different ones over the years. This year the candles we light will represent the following advent themes: Prophecy, Bethlehem, Shepherds and Angels. The fifth candle in our advent wreath is the Christ Candle. We will light it at our worship service on the Eve of Christmas, for it is then that we will gather to celebrate the one who is the Light of the world.

As has been our custom, we will receive communion each Sunday in Advent, and together profess that Christ has come, Christ is coming again, Hallelujah!

## Schedule of Activities

1	7:00 am Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm Session	6:30 am Men's Bible Study
<b>2 (Sunday)</b>	8:15 am Worship	12	27
9:00 am College Sunday School	9:45 am Sunday School	6:30 am Men's Bible Study	No activities scheduled
10:45 am Worship	12:15 pm Mexico Mission Trip Meeting	13	28
3:00 pm Women's Advent Tea	8:00 Advent Worship*	No activities scheduled	7:00 pm Twenty's in Grace
3	6:30 am Men's Bible Study	14	29
4	7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm Twenty's in Grace	7:00 am Men's Bible Study
5	6:30 am Men's Bible Study	15	<b>30 (Sunday)</b>
6	No activities scheduled	7:00 am Men's Bible Study	10:00 am Worship
7	No activities scheduled	<b>16 (Sunday)</b>	31
8	7:00 am Men's Bible Study	8:15 am Worship	6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:30 am Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal	3:30 pm YoG Small Group Outing	10:45 am Worship	
<b>9 (Sunday)</b>	6:30 pm Children's Christmas Program	17	
8:15 am Worship	10	6:30 am Men's Bible Study	
10:45 am Worship	6:30 am Men's Bible Study	18	
3:30 pm YoG Small Group Outing	No activities scheduled	7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	
6:30 pm Children's Christmas Program	7	19	
10	No activities scheduled	6:30 am Men's Bible Study	
6:30 am Men's Bible Study	8	20	
11	7:00 am Men's Bible Study	No activities scheduled	
	9:30 am Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal	21	
	<b>9 (Sunday)</b>	No activities scheduled	
	8:15 am Worship	22	
	10:45 am Worship	7:00 am Men's Bible Study	
	3:30 pm YoG Small Group Outing	<b>23 (Sunday)</b>	
	6:30 pm Children's Christmas Program	8:15 am Worship	
	10	10:45 am Worship	
	6:30 am Men's Bible Study	24	
	11	6:30 am Men's Bible Study	
		7:15 pm Christmas Eve Service	
		25	
		Christmas Day (office closed)	
		26	

Calendar subject to change. \*College/Oread Center event, more information at [www.oreadcenter.com](http://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 [randolph@gepc.org](mailto:randolph@gepc.org) or [betty@gepc.org](mailto: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](mailto:betty@gepc.org) or [rick@gepc.org](mailto:rick@gepc.org).