

When we wait with intention, as did our ancestors in faith, we can be more attentive to the presence of God in our midst and the call of God to that which is to come. The Faith Formation Board has created an Advent Calendar for our church family, rich with opportunities to actively engage persons of all ages in this practice of waiting. The calendar will point you toward ministries available at ELPC and invite you to practices you can honor at home. The online version of this calendar has links to verses, readings, and music and can be found at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)

# Advent

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<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Begin Advent by preparing a Holy Space. Join the Hanging of the Greens in the sanctuary from 12-1pm or set up Advent candles, evergreens, or a nativity at home.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Choose a quiet time to prayerfully reflect on what you are waiting for this Advent season. Join the <a href="#">Contemplative &amp; Centering Prayer group on zoom</a> at 7:30am every Monday.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Read <a href="#">Luke 1:5-25</a>. What does God's message 'do not be afraid' mean this Advent for you? Join the online prayer service every Tuesday at 8am to read scripture and pray in community.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Jesus' incarnation, God in flesh, reminds us that our bodies are also HOLY. Take time to care for your body today. Take a nap, go for a walk, paint your nails, or join us for yoga at 6pm in the Sanctuary or online.</p>	<p><b>01</b></p> <p>Read <a href="#">Luke 1:46-55</a>. Pray for the volunteers, shoppers, those who donate, and for the good things and mercy extended to our neighbors at the Chapel Market. Donate as able.</p>	<p><b>02</b></p> <p>Read the first week's devotional from Justice Unbound.</p> <p><a href="#">Available online</a> or print copies are at the church.</p>	<p><b>03</b></p> <p>Advent is a time for JOY! Renaissance City Choir Holiday Concert, Holiday Greetings &amp; Gay Happy Meetings, is tonight at 7:30 at ELPC. Buy tickets online at <a href="http://rccpittsburgh.com">rccpittsburgh.com</a></p>
<p><b>04</b></p> <p>Read <a href="#">Matthew 2:9-12</a>. What do you have to give this Advent?</p> <p>If you can give monetarily, pick up your Giving Tree tag today at church.</p>	<p><b>05</b></p> <p>Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Monday at 7pm and Tuesday at 10am is on the manna story in <a href="#">Exodus 16</a>, a story that calls us to trust God to provide for our needs and to surrender our unhealthy striving for more wealth, more stuff, and more success. It is a call to recognize when it is time to say "Enough." How can trusting God this Advent help us say "Enough" to the business and commercialism of the season?</p>	<p><b>06</b></p>	<p><b>07</b></p> <p>Worship with us at Taize. Join us in the Chapel at 7pm or listen to the <a href="#">Taize Advent Meditation online.</a></p>	<p><b>08</b></p> <p>Read the second week's devotional from Justice Unbound.</p> <p><a href="#">Available online</a> or print copies are at the church.</p>	<p><b>09</b></p> <p>Grief is a sign of LOVE and it is Holy. Take time to acknowledge your grief today. The Blue Christmas service at 7pm acknowledges the pain and struggle that can come alongside the season's joy.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>As you wait this Advent take time to notice the beauty and goodness of God's world around you.</p> <p>Come listen to the beautiful music of César Franck: The Three Chorales in concert at ELPC at 4pm.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>God is doing something NEW at Christmas. Do something NEW today. Play a new game, eat a new food, try a new Sunday School class, or a new worship service.</p> <p>How did it feel to do something NEW?</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Read the third week's devotional from Justice Unbound.</p> <p><a href="#">Available online</a> or print copies are at the church.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Read <a href="#">Psalm 95:1-2</a>. Make music today to praise God, who chose incarnation as the way of salvation. Get a bell and <a href="#">ring along to some music!</a> Pray for our Handbell Choir who are practicing tonight.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Make some <a href="#">Advent art</a> today as we wait for God to making things new.</p> <p>Pray for the students and volunteers at Club 116 who make art each week in Bible Study.</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Casa San Jose connects, supports, and advocates with and for the Latino community. They offer ESL classes at ELPC. Pray for teacher and students meeting tonight. <a href="#">Learn a little Spanish here.</a></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Read <a href="#">Luke 2:8-15</a> How can you receive the Good News today? Maybe through music at the Christmas in East Liberty Concert tonight at 7:30 at church or on YouTube.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Make a list of the gifts for which you are thankful. Read Luke 1:26-37. Shop Ten Thousand Villages gifts at ELPC today or Sunday - your support is also a gift to the Deacons' ministry and global artists.</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Join us for the Pageant at 10am as kids and youth tell the story of God's love here with us!</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Read the fourth week's devotional from Justice Unbound.</p> <p><a href="#">Available online</a> or print copies are at the church.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>We light all 4 Advent candles this week; Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. Which of these gifts of Advent do you long for the most this year?</p> <p>Light candles and pray for the students of <b>HOPE</b> Academy</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Reach out to someone today to tell them that they are LOVED. Call, text, or mail a note.</p> <p>Light candles and pray for those you <b>LOVE</b> and for those who need more love this Advent.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>The choir is making a JOYful noise at practice tonight. Do something today that brings you <b>JOY!</b></p> <p><a href="#">Listen to music</a> that brings you joy as you light candles and pray today.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Light candles and pray for <b>PEACE</b>. Pray especially for those who come to ELPC tonight as part of a recovery group.</p> <p><a href="#">Read John 14:27</a></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Join us for Christmas Eve Worship at 4pm and 10pm in the Sanctuary and on YouTube.</p>
<p><b>25</b> <i>Christmas</i></p> <p>Worship at 11am</p>						