

Celebrate the Season

Advent, the four weeks anticipating the birth of Christ, begins today, December 3.

Morning and evening worship on December 24: Worship at 9:30 AM celebrates the fourth Sunday in Advent with a carol sing, Advent message, and prayers. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship is at 7:30 PM.**

Westminster Advent Dinner is Wednesday, December 6. Sign up today for this festive start to the Advent season: a delicious meal, an evening with friends, and the play *Take 2017*. Hors d'oeuvres are served at 5:15 PM; dinner is at 6; program follows. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6–12. Payment is requested with registration. Sign up also in the fellowship hall entry to volunteer to help with set-up, serving, cleanup, or to provide cookies.

A Civil War Christmas: Women's Christmas Tea is Saturday, December 9, 2–4 PM. Take a break from the holiday rush to spend time with friends, sharing good food, (harp) music, a Christmas story, and Debbie Ash's presentation on Civil War period clothing.

Christmas Cantata, Tapestry of Light, is presented in worship Sunday, December 17, by Westminster choirs and orchestra. Bring a friend to this uplifting musical celebration.

Christmas by Candlelight on Saturday, December 16, is a Westminster youth ministry tradition of dinner, semi formal attire and a gag gift exchange, for all youths and their guests, and any Westminster youth alumni in town. RSVP: Look for your formal invitation in the mail or please contact Linda Tyler Brown.

Considering Christmas Carols: Sundays, December 3–24, learn the history and message of four carols. Meets at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

Poinsettias adorn our sanctuary and bring cheer to many at home. Sign up in the fellowship hall entry (by Wednesday, December 6) to purchase poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones. Cost is \$15.

Family Christmas Gift Project, sponsored by the deacons, brings help and hope to four local families. See the display in the fellowship hall entry to choose gifts to purchase and to learn more.

Winter Clothing Drive for Riverside Community Gathering: Donate winter gloves, scarves, socks and long underwear (please no hats) for guests at this weekly dinner. Place donations in the collection bin in the fellowship hall entry.

Christmas Joy Offering, a special PC (USA) offering received throughout Advent, gives assistance to current and retired church workers in need and develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.