

# Announcements for December 3– December 10

## Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 7

Matthew 11:1-11; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 43:19-21

## Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 14

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 146:5-10; Luke 1:26-45

Daily and Sunday Lectionary Readings can be found at <https://pcusa.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary>.

Join us every Thursday for **Lectionary Lunch** in the Conference Room of the Education Building from 12:00-1:00 to read the scripture for the upcoming worship service. Bring a lunch along and join us for an informal conversation.

### UPCOMING Events

**December 3**—CE Committee, 6:00pm, Conf. Rm  
Fellowship/Hospitality, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall  
**December 6**—Hanging of the Greens, 8:30am, Sanctuary  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing, 10:00am-8:00pm, Walmart  
**December 7**—All Ages LIFT Advent Workshop &  
Potluck Breakfast, 9:00am, Fellowship Hall  
**December 9**—Personnel Committee, 6:00pm  
**December 10**—Property Committee, 7:00pm, Conf. Rm  
**December 17**—Church Office closes at noon for staff luncheon  
**December 21**—Vespers Service, 5:00pm, Sanctuary  
**December 24**—Candlelight Celebration, 4:30pm, Fellowship Hall  
Communion and Candlelight Service, 7:30pm, Sanctuary  
**December 24-25, January 1**—Church Office Closed

### Congregational Meeting



The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, December 7,** immediately following worship to elect the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee.

The nominees' biographies and a meeting reminder will be sent via e-mail by December 5.



**Hanging of the Greens**—The Worship committee will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, December 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. You are invited to help hang the garlands, swags, and wreaths in the sanctuary.



**Morning Prayer** —Begin Sunday mornings with centering prayer and reflection as we explore the visual art that accompanies our advent series and create space for hope to brighten our lives.

**Advent Devotionals Link:** Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Advent devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/361593675/>. In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.

To learn more about all of our Advent plans, click [HERE](#).



The Worship and Music Committee will be adorning the pulpit with poinsettias to celebrate the season. Members of the congregation may dedicate a poinsettia *in memory of* or *in honor of* persons dear to them. Forms are available on the lobby bulletin board, in the back of the Sanctuary, or online

[Poinsettia Order Form](#). The cost of each plant is \$15.00 and the **deadline for ordering is December 7th.**

**Need volunteers For Property Lock-up for 2026** —Our Property Lock-up Guild is looking for new members. The task involves serving as the last person after Sunday worship to inspect the Row Houses, Sanctuary, and Education building to make sure all doors are locked and secured. This is not an intense commitment. If interested, contact Jerry Zekert, [zbekert@comcast.net](mailto:zbekert@comcast.net), 540-847-5246 or Debe Garrison at [garrisondebe@gmail.com](mailto:garrisondebe@gmail.com), 540-842-4050.

# Outreach



**Toys for Tots**—There will be a Toys For Tots box in the Lobby of the Christian Education Building through December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to participate and help bring smiles, warmth, and happiness to local children in need, please place an unwrapped toy in the box. This year, we are accepting all toys including stuffed animals and toys with batteries. Thank you for helping bring a little joy into the life of a child this Christmas.



## **Ring in Christmas Joy for All**

Our congregation will assist the local Salvation Army by ringing bells outside the two main entrances to the Walmart in Central Park on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10am to 8pm.

Please consider signing up for a two-hour shift. Contact Steve Spratt to sign up for a time slot, [SprattHomeImprovements@gmail.com](mailto:SprattHomeImprovements@gmail.com), or check in Realm under Serving Opportunities.



## **Volunteers needed for Micah Grab and Go Lunches**

We need groups or individuals once a month to shop for and make the next month's 140 bag lunches. Groups may either make the sandwiches in the Church House or bring them to the Church House Kitchen by the end of the month. Shopping lists and instructions are available.

We also need volunteers every Friday from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm to distribute lunches from the back porch of the row homes.

See Judy Lowman or Jim Toler for more information, or sign-up in Realm under "Serving Opportunities."

**Cookies are needed for the December 20th Community Dinner.** They will be used for dessert and bagged up for our dinner guests to take with them. Cookies can be dropped off Friday morning or starting at 2 on Saturday. Contact Karen Johnson to donate cookies and/or to volunteer at the dinner. [ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com), (540) 621-5685



## **Our Clothesline Ministry is Back!**

Want to help our neighbors during the cold winter months? Our CLOTHESLINE MINISTRY will be back starting the second week of December. Help keep our neighbors warm by donating hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and hand warmers. Both adult and children's sizes are needed. Please put all items in a plastic Ziploc style bag before hanging them on the clothesline.

A tub will also be available in the Fellowship Hall for donations.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Benn [lkbrab@verizon.net](mailto:lkbrab@verizon.net) or 540 370-1646.

# LIFT (Living In Faith Together)

**All Ages LIFT Advent Workshop and Potluck Breakfast December 7, 9:00 am - 10:00 am**— Bring a breakfast treat to share and deepen the meaning of this Advent and Christmas season through games, conversation, crafts, and more.

**Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study** —We conclude our fall semester with a reflection on the Majesty of Christ, using selections from 2 Kings, Psalms, Hebrews, and Matthew. Join us in the first floor classroom of the Middle House. Fellowship time - 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., Bible Study - 10:00 to 11:30. We will meet again in the new year on January 15, 2025. Friends, guests and newcomers are always welcome. Contact Debe Garrison or Nancy Raines for more information.

**Movie Club**—The movie club will discuss "Between the Temples" (Netflix, Amazon, and more) on **Wednesday, December 17**, 10 AM in the Middle House. Bring your own drinks and/or snacks. Contact Karen Johnson if you have any questions, (540) 621-5685, [ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com).



**Sanctuary Flowers**—If you would like to order flowers, in memory or honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please contact Sharon Humes, [pshumes1@gmail.com](mailto:pshumes1@gmail.com). The cost of the flowers is \$70.00. You are welcome to take the flowers with you, or our deacons will arrange for them to be taken to members who are home-centered or recovering from surgery or illness.