

Advent and Christmas Calendar

For the four Sundays of Advent, the Palmer Handbells will play during the lighting of the Advent wreath.

3 The First Sunday in Advent December

- 10 AM Advent Sermon Series
"Reaching 'Round the Earth"
Dr. David D. Young, preaching
"Dream On"
Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Acts 2: 14-21,
Matthew 1: 18-24
The Children's Choir
O Come, O Come Immanuel *Natalie Sleeth*
The Chancel Choir
Advent Carol (1996) *Peter Niedmann*

First Church/First Sunday-- The barrel will be out for monthly food donations for our local pantries.

- 11 AM Confirmation Class Bake Sale in the Auditorium to raise money for their Christmas Service Project
- 2 PM Advent Craft Workshop in the Auditorium sponsored by the Church School Task Force; *Come begin the season with friends and family the old-fashioned way with carols, Christmas cookies and cider. Make your own cards, ornaments, and gifts.*

5 December

- 7:30 PM Community Chorus *Messiah*
Registration in the Meetinghouse;
rehearsal follows at 8:00.

6 December

- 8 PM *Messiah* rehearsal in the Meetinghouse



10 The Second Sunday in Advent December

- 10 AM Dr. David D. Young, preaching
"The Dance of Eternity"
Jeremiah 31: 10-14, Luke 1: 26-38, 68-79
The Chancel Choir
E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
Paul Manz
Springs in the Desert *Arthur B. Jennings*
- 10 AM "The Song The Shepherds Heard"
An Advent Service in the Auditorium
for 3 year olds through 2nd Grade
and their families; Cherubs sing.
- 5 PM Sing for Your Supper
Food, Fun and a Carol Sing

12 December

- 8 PM *Messiah* rehearsal in the Meetinghouse

13 December

- 8 PM *Messiah* rehearsal in the Meetinghouse

15 December

- 4 PM Rehearsal for all participants in Sunday's 9 AM service
- 5:30 PM SPF Progressive Dinner
Bring wrapped gift < \$10 for exchange and/or a dessert to share
Please RSVP to Anna Paskausky

16 December

- 10 AM Pastors' Class Rehearsal
- 4 PM *Messiah* performance with community chorus and orchestra.

8-10 December

SPF Christmas Retreat at Silver Lake

17 The Third Sunday in Advent December

- 9 AM Advent Festival Service
Dr. David D. Young, preaching
"A Song of Salvation"
Isaiah 52: 7-10, Luke 1: 46-55
Pastor's Class Play: Where's The Christmas Tree?
The Children's Choir
How Beautiful Are the Feet (Messiah)
George Frideric Handel
The Chancel Choir
Magnificat in G *Charles Villiers Stanford*

10 AM Dedication of the outdoor crèche

- 11 AM Advent Festival Service
Dr. David D. Young, preaching
"A Song of Salvation"
Isaiah 52: 7-10, Luke 1: 46-55
The Youth Choir
The Voice of God Goes Out *Michael McCabe*

The Chancel Choir
Magnificat in G *Charles Villiers Stanford*

4 PM *Messiah* performance with community chorus and orchestra.

5 PM JPF Christmas Party

24 The Fourth Sunday in Advent December

- 10 AM Sunday Service with white gifts & "Once In Royal David's City"
Dr. David D. Young, preaching
"Heaven's Happening"
Isaiah 11: 6-9, Luke 2: 1-20
The Chancel Choir
Behold, a Star from Jacob Shining
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
Glory to God In the Highest
Giovanni Battista Pergolesi
- 4 PM Family Service *Offering of White Gifts;*
The Children's Choir
Go Tell It On the Mountain *arr. Mark Patterson*

- 8 PM Candlelight Communion Service;
The Youth Choir
Come, All Ye Shepherds *James E. Clemens*
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy
arr. Earlene Rentz
O Holy Night *Adolphe Adam*

10:30 PM Pre-Service Music

- 11 PM A Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols;
Dr. David D. Young, preaching
"The Truth that Touches"
John 1: 1-18
The Chancel Choir
Qui creavit celum *Roland E. Martin*
Before the Marvel of This Night *Carl Schalk*
When Jordan Hush'd his Waters Still
George Oldroyd

31 The First Sunday after Christmas December

- 10 AM Dr. David D. Young, preaching
"Bethlehem and Back"
Matthew 2: 1-12
NO Church School / NO Child Care

*The Clergy and Staff of First Church wish you
a blessed
Merry Christmas
and a happy and healthy New Year!*

- Dr. David D. Young, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Susan M. Craig, *Senior Associate Pastor*
Rev. Ronald E. Halvorsen, *Minister of Pastoral Care
and Adult Education*
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Carolyn Paulus, *Youth Choir Director*
Rosemary Lamie, *Church School Director*
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Tina Birkic, *Director of Communications*
Donna White, *Senior Administrative Assistant*
Darleyne Sandreuter, *Communications Assistant*
George Handley, *Church Business Administrator*
Kirk Young, *Financial Administrator*
Mary Babbidge, *Cemetery Administrator
and Records Clerk*
Libby White, *Preschool/Day Camp Director*
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Juan Leon, *Sexton*
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