

December 7, 2025 . . . 10 A.M. Worship Guide

Second Sunday of Advent

Pondering Advent

Advent is a time to remember what Jesus did—a powerful moment when we announce His victory in worship!. Because of this victory, we have a strength greater than our own, one that has beaten death itself. We trust Jesus, the **Mighty God**. His divine power destroys the hold of darkness, triumphs over the grave, and forever secures our lasting peace.

([1 Corinthians 15:57](#), [Isaiah 9:6](#), [Colossians 2:15](#), [John 16:33](#))



We Gather to Seek, Speak, and Sing God's Grace...

Welcome!

God Offers Grace by Calling and Uniting Us in Worship...

^Call to Worship

[Is 9:2; Is 9:6a; Jn 1:14a](#)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep shadow, on them has light shone.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.

Leader: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

All: We light a candle to glorify our Savior Jesus, our Mighty God.

^Song: [Hark the Herald / King of Heaven](#)

[Click for the song's scripture basis](#)

God Offers Grace in the Confession of Sin and Offerings of Gratitude...

Call to Confession of Sin

[Jam 1:5](#)

Unison Prayer of Confession

[Is 9:2, Rom 7:24, Eph 2:14, Col 2:15](#)

Mighty God, we confess that we often live in the shadows of fear and sin, forgetting the great light You sent. We try to win our battles alone and fail to trust in the sacrifice of Jesus. Forgive us for seeking our own peace instead of receiving the eternal victory won by Your Son. Break the power of the enemies within us, and bring us into the triumph of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

[Rom 8:1-2](#)

The Offerings of Our Hearts: [Praise to the Lord the Almighty](#)

[based on Psalms 103 and 150](#)

God Offers Grace Through His Word...

Scripture Reading: [Isaiah 9:6, John 1:1-4,14](#)

Pew Bible pp. 683,1049

Sermon: *The Savior We Welcome: Mighty God*

The Sacrament of Communion

Please hold the communion elements until instructed to consume them.

Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us to Live in the Power of His Grace...

^Song: [Hymn of Joy](#)

[Is 9:6; Ps 67:4; Ps 95:6; Ps 99:9; Ps 100; Is 44:23; Is 55:12](#)

^Benediction

[Rom 8:37-39](#)



Journey Notes

Join us on a journey to follow Jesus, grow together, and make disciples.

Welcome!

Guests, please fill out a *Welcome Card*, located in the pew racks. They are behind the offering envelopes and can be placed in the offering plate or left on your pew after worship. Thank you!

We offer childcare during worship for infants through Pre-K students. See anyone in the Church Entryway with a name tag for directions to the childcare room.

Bring Your Children to Church. During the Offering each week, students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 are invited and led to Room 100 in the Education Wing for a Bible lesson. No sign-up is necessary. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jeremy Collins at collins@fpcb.org.



456 is our Sunday Ministry for Preteens in grades 4, 5, and 6. On Sunday mornings, when dismissed by Pastor Paul or Jeremy during worship, students will go to the Preteen room downstairs. They will be guided through [The Gospel Project](#) curriculum by adult teachers and high school and middle school teaching assistants. Please note that **456** does not meet on Communion Sundays. Students will remain in worship.

Learn more about our life together and how to get involved! Subscribe to **The Map**, a brief weekly email that includes sermon summaries, announcements of upcoming events, discipleship groups, and news from our Disciple-Making and Mission Partners. To subscribe, contact Linda Smith at the office by email (smith@fpcb.org) or phone (724-443-1555, option zero).

Care...

Is your household facing a health concern, hospitalization, or hospice? Contact Pastor Paul by calling his cell phone at 724-591-3106.

Notable...

We mourn the loss of our Member Care Minister, Elaine Enterline Stuebgen, who passed away on Wednesday, December 3, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Elaine became a cherished part of our staff, leading the Member Care Deacons with grace and compassion. She and her husband, Adam, became members on May 28, 2023. **A Celebration of Life in Christ** will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 11:00 A.M., followed by lunch.

Christmas Potluck Supper and Christmas Hymnsing, 6:00-8:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Give us a headcount from your household by calling Linda Smith at 724-443-1555 (option zero) or use the link in The MAP. Food types are assigned by last name groupings as follows: Entrees (A thru I) // Side Dishes, (J thru R) // Desserts (S thru Z).

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be at 5 P.M. The service will be family-friendly, led in part by students, offer a children's message with Pastor Jeremy, and devote our hearts to Jesus.

Looking Ahead

	Four Sundays of Advent include Processional Communion
Dec 5 - 7	Youth Retreat with Pgh Area Youth Groups @ Camp Laurelville
Dec 7	Lighthouse Toy Shoppe Collection Ends Today
Dec 7	11:30 A.M. - Women's Christmas Luncheon @ 11:30 A.M. 3:00 P.M. - Jingle Elves Christmas Sing-a-long w/ Bev Weston @ St Barnabas Village
Dec 7	North Hills Chorale Christmas Concert featuring two anthems by Leslie Ward. St. Vincent Hall, 8250 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA
Dec 16	Potluck and Hymnsing 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. @ Fellowship Hall
Dec 24	5:00 P.M. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service