

"Sing a Song of Christmas"

Sunday, December 11, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

"Sing a Song of Christmas" is a simple musical for children that celebrates the birth of Christ using familiar carols, sights, and sounds of the season to share the message of Jesus' birth. Join the children of our church in spreading the word; come see and hear the Good News!

"Advent For All"

Sunday, December 18, 9:00 a.m.

This original Christmas cantata, composed by our own Jacob Darley, is a full-scale orchestral score for choir, handbells, string quartet, organ and piano. It explores the Advent Season from multiple views with narration and jazz-influenced music. It is a privilege to debut this original piece.

"Our God Is Born"

Sunday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.

Blending favorite Christmas hymns, new music and scripture, "Our God Is Born" is a Christmas service that invites all to worship and join in the celebration. The service will include the Worship Band along with additional instrumentalists, and the Glory Ringers will be joined by piano, keyboard, and percussion. "Our God Is Born" invites us to recall the journey to Bethlehem and the miracle of Jesus' Birth.

Special Fellowship Sundays

December 11 & 18

Parish Council and the Night Deacons invite you and your guests to come to Hoffman Hall between worship services for a special array of holiday goodies.

Children & Family Advent Activities

On Sundays in Advent during the Time with Children, each child will receive a piece of a Nativity scene magnet/puzzle to form a complete nativity by Christmas Day.

ZooM Christmas Craft Nights
November 30 & December 7

ZooM Dinner & Caroling
December 14

Adult Ed. Discussion Groups

"The Light Will Shine"
Tuesdays at 12 noon in the Fireside Room
with Dale Ambler

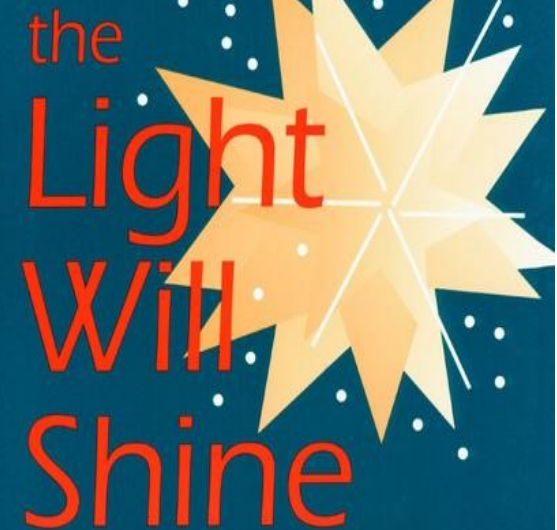
"The Gospel of Mark: Exploring
The Life of Jesus"

Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in
the Fireside Room with Craig Herr

Advent Devotional Blog

Our on-line devotional blog will be following the Christmas Story as we prepare our hearts for the Christ Child's coming. The on-line devotional blog can be accessed through our website, www.firstpresjoliet.org or at firstpresjoliet.wordpress.com.

Should you desire a printed devotional, Upper Room Devotionals are available in the Narthex and in the office.



**"The Light Will Shine:
Live In Hope"**

2016 Advent Series

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**“The Light Will Shine:
Live In Hope”
2016 Advent Sermon Series**

In every time and place, and particularly in this time, we need the Light of the Christ to shine into our lives, our communities, and our world. The light of the Savior is His presence, peace, joy and much more. During this Advent season we will explore what it means to live in the Light of Christ Jesus. His light can lift the heaviest sorrows and bring us new and fresh hope. Come worship with us as we seek the Light and Hope that only Jesus can bring.

**1st Sunday of Advent
November 27**

“On Call 24/7”

(Matthew 24:36-44, Isaiah 2:1-5)

Traditional/Blended Worship
at 9:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir
& Glory Ringers

Contemporary Worship at 10:30 a.m.
with Worship Band

**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4
Communion**

“Anticipate The Light and Rejoice”
(Psalm 146:1-6, Revelation 5:8-14)

Traditional/Blended Worship
at 9:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir

Contemporary Worship at 10:30 a.m.
with Worship Band

**3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11**

Invite Your One Sunday

“Live In The Light”

(Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, John 1:1-5, 9-14)

Traditional/Blended Worship
at 9:00 a.m. with Chancel Choir

Contemporary Worship at 10:30 a.m.
with Worship Band

“Sing a Song of Christmas”
at both 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
with Children’s Choir

**4th Sunday of Advent
December 18**

“The Promise”

(Luke 1:26-38, Micah 5:2-5a)

Traditional/Blended Worship
at 9:00 a.m.—*“Advent for All”*
with Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers
String Quartet, Organ & Piano

Contemporary Worship
at 10:30 a.m.—*“Our God Is Born”*
with Worship Band, Glory Ringers,
Piano & Percussion

**Christmas Eve,
December 24**

Christmas Joy Offering Received

“Hope Once More”

(Luke 2:8-14, Romans 8:31-39)

***5:30 p.m.—Contemporary
Candlelight Service**
Worship Band

***7:30 p.m.—Lessons and Carols
Family Candlelight Service**
Solos and Carols

10:30 p.m.—Musical
Special Vocals/Instrumentals

**11:00 p.m.—Traditional
Candlelight Service**
Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers

*Nursery Care available
at 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day Worship
December 25**

“Seeing the Light”

(John 1:1-14, Psalm 98)
One Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.