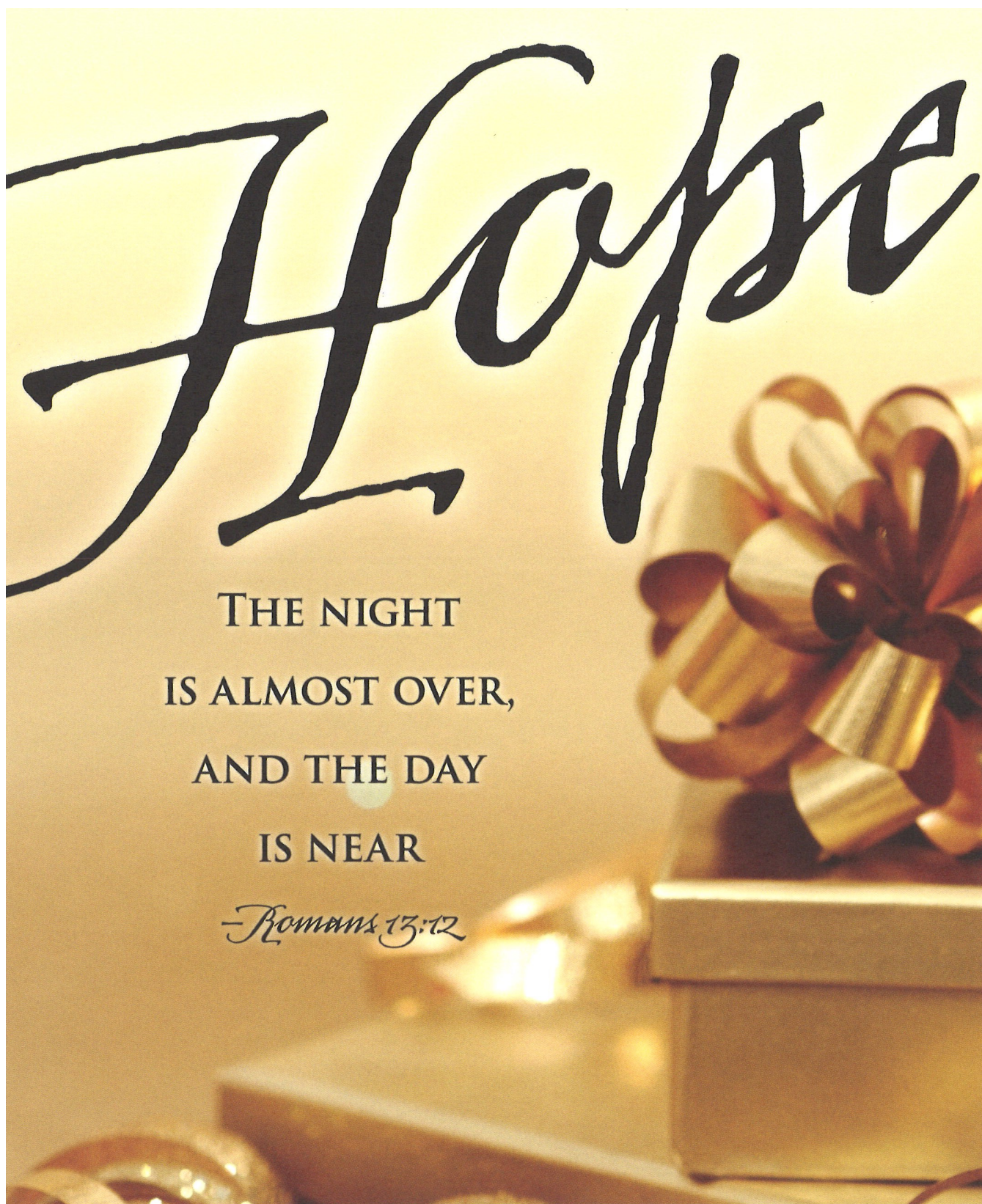


# Hope

THE NIGHT  
IS ALMOST OVER,  
AND THE DAY  
IS NEAR

*-Romans 13:12*



## Welcome

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**We warmly welcome** you to worship at The Presbyterian Church in Basking Ridge. We pray that you will be encouraged in your journey of faith and drawn closer to God by your experience with us.

### **Children and Families**

Childcare for infants and children ages 2 and younger is available in the church nursery during our Sunday morning services. Pagers are used to contact parents during the worship services when necessary.

### **Oak Table Service**

We believe that worship nurtures children and that children enrich our worship life together. If your children become restless in worship, please feel free to quietly move around with them or join them on the carpet for young children behind the seating area.

### **Sunday Worship Services**

**9:00 am** Nursery care is available for children age 2 years and younger.

**10:15 a.m.** Children in pre-school through grade 5 will be invited to leave for Sunday School, and Middle School students will be invited to attend Bibles & Bagels, following the *Message for Children*. All children in grades 3 and up will be invited to remain in worship with their families on the first Sunday of the month. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 and younger every Sunday.

### **Online Sermons**

Recorded audio sermons from most Sundays are available on the church website at [www.brpc.org](http://www.brpc.org). To access, click on the [Sermons](#) link under [Worship and Music](#) on the main menu.

### **Amplification Headsets**

So that all may enjoy the worship service, sound amplification headsets are available from the ushers for those who need assistance with hearing.

### **Who Does God Call Us to Be?**

We are a vibrant, warm and welcoming community of faith. Those who worship here come from a diverse range of backgrounds and would describe themselves in a rich variety of ways.

We acknowledge our doubt, our struggles, and that we are all quite human and imperfect and that we are each at a unique place on our faith journey.

We find our unity, our common identity, in Jesus Christ and together we seek to joyfully worship God and energetically minister to the needs of the world on God's behalf.

We gather in anticipation of being transformed by the power, purpose and presence of God among us, and go forth equipped to love God and neighbor more deeply and more wholeheartedly.

We believe that faithful leadership of a church requires being open to new possibilities, taking risks and learning from mistakes as we try again.

Honoring the past, we are convinced that God calls us to a new future.

~The Opening Paragraph of *Vision 2017 of the Presbyterian Church in Basking Ridge*

# Order of Worship

*Saturday Evening*

*5:00 p.m. - Westminster Hall*

NOVEMBER 26, 2016

OAK TABLE SERVICE

## GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

\*GATHERING SONGS

*We Gather Together*  
*Taste and See (refrain only)*

HYMN 336

HYMN 520

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It is a time of waiting and preparation.

Reader 2: A time to wait for the Lord to come. A time to prepare our hearts and homes.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Reader 1: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Reader 2: A sign of the promise God made to shine light into our dark world.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Reader 1: We remind ourselves that those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength.

Reader 2: We remind ourselves that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**All: And so we wait, patiently and expectantly, hopefully and joyfully.**

**We wait and prepare. Come, Lord Jesus, come soon.**

## PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Psalm 27*

by Chris Fortin

## SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2: 1-5

## PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Open the Eyes of My Heart (refrain only)*

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.**

**Open the eyes of my heart;**

**I want to see you; I want to see you;**

## SCRIPTURE

## PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Open the Eyes of My Heart (see above—refrain only)*

## OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

\*CLOSING HYMN

*In My Life*

HYMN 468

BENEDICTION

# Order of Worship

9:00 a.m. ~ Chapel; 10:15 a.m. ~ Sanctuary

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(As the prelude begins, please prepare prayerfully for worship  
and be sure all cell phones are turned off.)

## PRELUDE

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Rudy and Barbara Hyzer  
(10:15) The Rachofsky Family

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**All: And so we wait, patiently and expectantly, hopefully and joyfully.**

**We wait and prepare. Come, Lord Jesus, come soon.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

HYMN 88

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

(10:15) Rev. Dennis W. Jones

**Holy One,**

**You call us to wake from sleep,**

**to become aware of our surroundings.**

**We confess that there are times**

**when we would rather stay asleep in sin**

**instead of awakening to live in your light.**

**You call us to wait on your presence,**

**to be open to you in our midst.**

**We confess that there are times when we are impatient,**

**in a hurry to serve our own needs.**

**Forgive us Lord,**

**strengthen us to put on the light of Christ**

**and live as You have called us. Amen.**

## SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Psalm 27*

By Chris Fortin

1 Dmin C/E F C  
You, O God, are the strength of my life, my

5 Bb C F Csus4  
light and my sal - va - tion. Of

9 Dmin C/E F Gmin  
whom, O God, shall I be a - fraid?

13 Bb C F  
I will wait for you.

**\*THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PASSING OF THE WELCOME PADS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Stewardship 2017

Jimmy Hanson

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00)**

**PRESENTATION**

*Tyler Herbert Kerrigan*  
Son of Dan and Margot Kerrigan  
Sponsor: Heather Hensler

Elder Gail Iglesias

**PROFESSION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

Adapted from a "Brief Statement of Faith"

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are claimed in the waters of baptism,  
fed with the bread of life, and called to be God's people.**

**We trust in the one triune God whom alone we worship and serve.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Elder: Do you, as members of this church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Tyler by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? If so, please say "we do."

**People: We do.**

THE BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

WELCOME

Elder: Let us welcome Tyler.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church  
to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:15)

Jacqueline Obregon

(Children ages 3 - grade 5 may leave for Sunday School;  
There is no *Bibles & Bagels* today for Middle School Students.)

\*HYMN (10:15)

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

HYMN 451

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 24: 36-44

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**Wait and See**

Dr. Maureen Paterson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY (10:15)

*O Come, Emmanuel*  
Gerall Hieser, cello, Sanctuary Choir

by Elaine Hagenberg

\*DOXOLOGY

HYMN 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

HYMN 643

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE (10:15)

*Columcille*

arr. John L. Bell

## Spiritual Development

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### Early Bird Bible Study

The Early Bird Bible Study group will celebrate Advent with a special study about the season. The Advent study will take place December 4, December 11 and December 18. We will be using a series from the Scottish Bible Society. The Early Birds meet from 8-8:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, with coffee and conversation from 7:45-8 a.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Please contact Chris Whitlock for the hand-outs for the study.

## Church Family

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**The Flowers on the Piers** this morning are given to the glory of God:

~ *In loving memory of Chip Landis, by his father and sisters.*

~ *In loving memory of Hildegard, by Herb Kimmich.*

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion. **There are two pier openings on December 11.** If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact Debbie Schaub at 908-507-3844; e-mail address, [debbie.schaub@verizon.net](mailto:debbie.schaub@verizon.net).

flowers



**The Rosebud on the Communion Table** celebrates the birth of Vienna Elizabeth Lukes on November 17, daughter of Jason and Shannon Lukes.

**Our Greeters this morning** at the 10:15 a.m. service are Meghan and Steve Klinger.

**Join us for coffee and fellowship in Westminster Hall** following the 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 am worship services.

## Children and Family Ministries

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**Advent Fun Day - Today from 1 - 4 p.m.**

Advent begins today, and what a great time for children to gather and begin to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Children in grades 1 - 5 are invited to meet in Westminster Hall to complete a Christmas project, watch a Christmas movie and eat pizza. please contact Jackie Obregon at 908-304-5672 with any questions.



Advent Fun



*ROOTED AND  
GROWING IN  
GOD'S LOVE*

### Stewardship 2017

**We are Grateful for the Generosity of the Congregation!**

Thank you to the 150 individuals and families who have made pledge commitments for 2017 totaling \$664,094. In response to prayerful consideration of what God is calling them to do, many in our congregation have increased their pledges from last year. We are excited and encouraged by the 17 new pledges totaling \$29,400 included in this total. Those of you still in thought and prayer about your commitment to the mission and ministry of our church are encouraged to return a pledge card as soon as possible so we can complete our plans for the coming year. We are counting on you!

## Opportunity to Give and Serve

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### **Inter-Faith Hospitality Network Hosting Week - December 4-10**

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.* -Hebrews 13:16. We are blessed in so many ways; one having a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our IHN families. **We still need volunteers for the evening hours (7-9 pm) and overnights (9 pm-6 am).** For more information about IHN and how you can volunteer for this meaningful Church mission, please call Joan Eichhorn (908 350 3110). Sign-ups can be done on our website and after church services. Thank you for your faithful support, service and generosity. We serve God by serving others; so please join us and ***Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*** -Romans 12:13



### **Shop for Gifts of Caring at Holiday Bazaar - Bishop Janes Methodist Church Friday, December 2, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, December 3, 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.**

This year the Mission Council is again joining with Bishop Janes United Methodist Church next door, and offering a Gifts of Caring opportunity at the Holiday Bazaar. We will have opportunities to support some of our mission partners: Interfaith Hospitality Network, Homeless Solutions, God's Co-op Food Pantry, Village2Village, Ecuador and our Haiti Mission. You can make a gift in honor of someone, and cards will be available for you to give to loved ones to acknowledge these gifts. Please join us during the Bazaar to support these and other mission causes and get a headstart on your Christmas Shopping. Many kinds of other holiday gifts and delicious food are also available. To find out more, please contact Carol Skidmore or Ellen Greenhorn.

## Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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### **Middle School Fellowship - Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center**

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to bring friends and join us for Middle School Fellowship from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center on Wednesday evenings. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

### **BRPC YOUTH Group—Next Meeting—Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m.**

YOUTH Group: It's been awesome to get together each month, eat great food, catch up and have a few laughs! On December 4, we will be sharing our great YOUTH vibes with the families who are staying with us at the church through Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). There are a few ways to help out: setting up, cooking part of the meal, or bringing games or a craft to engage the kids! This will be a wonderful way to serve our neighbors during Advent, please come and bring a friend!

**Save the date:** *On December 18, 6:00 p.m., we will host our annual White Elephant Christmas Party. All are welcome, especially Fellowship and Work Camp Alumni!*

### **Youth Music**

Led by Chris Fortin, all students in grades 6-12 are invited to explore using their musical and other talents in service to God. We meet Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

## The Christmas Season



### The Giving Tree

Once again we will have the opportunity to bless others during this Christmas season. The Giving Tree is up in Westminster Hall and has been filled with ornaments detailing a wish from one of our mission partners. This year there are gifts for God's Co-op Pantry clients, Homeless Solutions, IHN and women of the Bo Robinson Transitional Center. Please take an ornament (or two!) and purchase the item listed and return to the Church Office or the tree by December 11th. This deadline ensures that all gifts are distributed to the recipients prior to Christmas. Thank you for your support of this incredibly meaningful ministry. This year we have many requests for gift cards and ask that these be dropped off to the Church Office or given to Maureen Paterson after worship.



### Order Your Poinsettias by Monday, December 12



Poinsettias will grace our sanctuary again this Christmas season. If you wish to contribute to the fund for these flowers, in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the church house by Monday, December 12. The cost is \$15. We will list the honored names in the bulletin on the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 18.



**Fellowship Council invites you  
to ring in the Holidays at the**  
*'appy Christmas Party*  
**December 17, 2016 ~ 6 - 9 pm**  
**\$20/person**  
**Graciously hosted by**  
**Patty and Jeff Haines**  
**471 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, NJ**  
**Sign up following all worship services or online at [brpc.org](http://brpc.org)  
beginning the weekend of November 19th.**



## Church Anniversary

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### 300th Anniversary Commemorative Items

The Tricentennial Committee will be selling the items designed for BRPC's 300th Anniversary following all worship services *every weekend until Christmas*. The items are also available for pick up at the church house office during regular business hours. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please have a check payable to BRPC or cash in the exact amount. The prices are as follows:

300th Anniversary Christmas Ornament—\$25

Brass Ornament Stand—\$5

Small Car Magnet—\$2

Large Car Magnet—\$3

Stationery with Painting of the Church at Christmas (pkg. of 5)-\$10

*Proceeds from the sale of these items will be used to defray the costs of events being planned during the celebration year.*

### Christmas 2016 Worship Schedule

#### Christmas Eve, December 24

**4:30 p.m.** Children's Service  
Dr. Maureen Paterson, leading

**7:35 p.m.** Family Service  
Jackie Obregon, leading

**10:00 p.m.** Candlelight Service  
Rev. Dennis Jones, preaching  
Alumni, Sanctuary Choirs and Handbell Ensemble

#### Christmas Day, December 25

**10:15 a.m.** Lessons and Carols  
One Worship Service





**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

**4:00 pm**

Basking Ridge  
Presbyterian Church

*Vivaldi's **Gloria** with seasonal carols  
featuring members of the NJ Festival Orchestra and  
the choirs of BRPC.*

*Childcare for ages 5 and under  
Free will offering  
Reception after performance*

1 East Oak Street  
Basking Ridge NJ 07920  
908-766-1616

[www.brpc.org/worship/Friends-Of-Music](http://www.brpc.org/worship/Friends-Of-Music)

## Weekly Calendar

### FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT—NOVEMBER 27

Early Bird Bible Study, 8:00 am ..... Library  
 Worship, 9:00 am ..... Chapel  
 Fellowship Time, 9:45 am ..... Westminster Hall  
 Worship, 10:15 am ..... Sanctuary  
 Sunday School, 10:15 am ..... Westminster Hall  
 Fellowship Time, 11:15 am ..... Westminster Hall  
 Advent Fun Day, 1:00 pm ..... Westminster Hall

### MONDAY—NOVEMBER 28

Adult Ed. Comm., 7:00 pm ..... Geneva Room  
 Deacons, 7:00 pm ..... Parlor  
 Planning Council, 7:30 pm ..... Agape Room  
 Tree House Board, 7:30 pm ..... Library  
 Oratorio Choir, 7:30 pm ..... Knox Room

### TUESDAY—NOVEMBER 29

Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 am ..... Geneva Room  
 Spirit Program, 4:00 pm ..... Westminster Hall  
 Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 pm ..... Knox Room  
 Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 pm ..... Knox Room

### WEDNESDAY—NOVEMBER 30

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 am ..... Parlor  
 Youth Music, 5:00 pm ..... Knox Room  
 Middle School Fellowship, 6:00 pm ..... Youth Center  
 Stephen Ministry Training, 7:30 pm ..... Library

### THURSDAY—DECEMBER 1

Sanctuary Choir, 7:30 pm ..... Knox room  
 Scout #351, 7:30 pm ..... Youth Center  
 Oratorio Choir, 8:30 pm ..... Knox Room

### FRIDAY—DECEMBER 2

### SATURDAY—DECEMBER 3

Oak Table Service, 5:00 pm ..... Westminster Hall

### Mark Your Calendars and Join Us!

December 11 Oratorio Service at 4 p.m.  
 December 17 (Saturday) 'Appy Christmas Social 6 pm  
 December 18 Children's Musical at 10:15 am  
 Walk to Bethlehem at 4 p.m.  
 January 22 Exploring Membership Class

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