

Advent at Fourth

2015

ADVENT EVENING SERVICES:

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, November 29, 6pm in the Sanctuary

A program of instrumental music and Christmas carols.

Children's Christmas Celebration

A Performance of The York Nativity Play

Sunday, December 6, 6pm in the Upper Room

A worship service with music and a play presented by the children of Fourth.

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 11, 8pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 13, 6pm in the Sanctuary

With choirs and full orchestra, Scripture readings and Christmas carols

Advent Communion Service

Sunday December 20, 6pm in the Sanctuary

Share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion during this season of waiting.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

Family Service

December 24, 5pm in the Upper Room

Christmas Eve Communion Service

December 24, 8pm in the Sanctuary

Candlelight Service

December 24, 11pm in the Sanctuary

This Week

Sunday, November 29

12:30pm	Nominating Committee	Room 130
4:30pm	Fourth Orchestra Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00pm	Advent by Candlelight	Sanctuary

Monday, November 30

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room
1:00pm	Women's Prayer Gathering	Parlor
4:00pm	Young at Heart at Kennedy Center	Offsite
6:30pm	Biddison Community Group	Offsite
6:30pm	Kensington Community Group	Offsite

Tuesday, December 1

6:30am	Men of Fourth Fellowship Breakfast	Upper Room
9:30am	Community Bible Study (CBS)	Various Rooms
6:30pm	Deacon Meeting	Room 131

Wednesday, December 2

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room
7:00pm	ESOL Classes	Various Rooms
7:30pm	Session Meeting	Room 131

Thursday, December 3

8:30am	Holton & Landon Moms in Prayer	Parlor
9:00am	Classical Conversations Homeschool Group	Various Rooms
9:45am	Moms in Prayer Bible Study	Room 142 & 145
10:30am	Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study	Offsite
12:00pm	Men's Downtown Fellowship Lunch	Offsite
12:30pm	Body and Soul	Upper Room
6:30pm	YCF Leadership Meeting	River House Conference Room
7:00pm	Jones Community Group (Laytonsville)	Offsite
7:00pm	Divorce Care	Emmaus House Sunroom
7:45pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, December 4

9:30am	Body and Soul	Upper Room
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Saturday, December 5

9:00am	Women's Cookie Baking Day	Upper Room Kitchen
10:00am	Christmas Craft Workshop	Room 200, 201, & 202
3:00pm	York Nativity Play Open Dress Rehearsal	Upper Room

Family Prayer Page

For the Week of November 29- December 5

We maintain the complete list of prayer needs of the congregation via the Churchwide email system. Printed copies are available in the Media Center. Prayer needs from the Fourth family remain printed in the bulletin for up to four weeks but stay on the email list as long as needed. A complete list of those with long term health needs is printed in the bulletin monthly. Contact Charlotte FitzGerald to subscribe to these emails.

Recuperating

Lillian Acker
Ruth Graves
Chris Istrati
Marion Johnson
Seth Kreider
Susie Robinson
Von Vaughn

Long Term Health Needs

Paisley Billigmeier
Ruth Burley
Barbara Cummins
Cliff Cummins
AJ Monte
Melodie Sackett

Church Triumphant

Mr. Robert Taylor Long, November 23, 2015

Fourth's Family Roster

Bruce & Ann Keen
Cynthia Keith
Leigh Keith
Andy & Kristi Keller
Anson Keller
John & Rung Keller

Unable to Attend Regularly

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Beaumont

Missionary Prayer Requests

Randy and Martha, Asia

Pray for this couple as they teach "Spiritual Storytelling" to national believers who want to reach their own people with the gospel. Pray for their health as they recover from illness due to severe haze over their city.

Announcements for Nov 29 - Dec 5

Church-wide

TODAY is the last day to order poinsettias in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Extra forms are available in the Media Center and the Church Office. Or you may order plants online at 4thpres.org/registration

Children's Ministry

There is still time to register for the Christmas Craft Workshop for Grades 1-5 on December 5 from 10:00am till noon. Register online at 4thpres.org/registration

Mark your calendar for the York Nativity Play and Children's Celebration of Christmas, December 6 evening service in the Upper Room. Please bring a tray of healthy snacks to share. There is also an open dress rehearsal at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 5.

Congregational Care

Hope and Help in Mental Illness—Wednesday, December 2 at Emmaus House, 6:30-8pm. This support group helps family, friends, and those impacted by mental illness. Dinner will be provided.

Urban Ministries

Faith in Action will be in Halverson Hall handing out wishes for children from Central Union Mission and from Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Program. For information or names, email Pamela at faithinaction@4thpres.org

Libraries

The Media Center is a calendar clearinghouse! Bring us your unneeded 2016 calendars, and next month we'll make them available to anyone who wants one for the new year.

Share the excitement of Advent with your child. The Children's Library has Advent and Christmas books and movies available for checkout.

Outreach Ministry

Celebrate Christmas with our ESOL students—On Wednesday, December 9, 7-9pm, please join our ESOL students, teachers and their families for an International Potluck Dinner in the Upper Room. Enjoy Christmas music, international cuisine, special activities for children, and warm fellowship with students from around the world. If your last name begins with A-M. please bring a main dish; N-Z - a salad or vegetable. Dessert and drinks will be provided. RSVP by December 5.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Course will be offered Thursday evenings, 7pm-9pm, January 7 through May 5. Fourth Church will offer a class about God's calling to live a Christian life, His heart for the nations, and our purpose to further His kingdom. Perspectives is a 15-week course designed around four vantage points or "perspectives"—Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose. The Perspectives class may be taken for Key Reading, Certificate, and/or College Credit. Prices start at \$285. Scholarships are available through our Missions Office at cfitzgerald@4thpres.org or mistrati@4thpres.org. Contact Jaclyn Rosenberg for more information or to register.

Adult Discipleship

Sunday school continues through December 13, then resumes January 6. Fourth Night resumes January 10. Information on 2016 class offerings will be available by mid-December.

Men's Ministry

Men of Fourth Breakfast—Tuesday December 1, 6:30-7:30am. Enjoy a hot breakfast, brotherly fellowship, share prayer needs and praises, and hear from Dr. Todd Smedley with a timely lesson from the Scriptures.

Men of Fourth Downtown Lunch—Thursday, December 3, 12pm noon. Meet in the conference room at Morgan Lewis Law Firm (near Metro Center). Bring your own lunch or purchase from their cafeteria. For information on Men's Ministry see the webpage at 4thpres.org/men contact Terence Little.

Women's Ministry

Stop in Halverson Hall today to pick up your copy of *The Taste of Fourth* (a perfect Christmas gift for family, teachers, friends). And while you're there, register for the **Women's Luncheon or Dessert on December 9** featuring Kristie Anyabwile. Pray and consider who you might bring to hear about "Our Good Gift-Giving God!" (You can also register for the luncheon/dessert online.)

Cookie ministry—Our church has a long tradition of baking cookies (under the supervision of Morgan Wilson) on a Saturday in early December, delivering them the following day to members of our congregation who can't get to church. This year, "Cookie Days" will be December 5 and 6. If you can help, please email Morgan.

The Rockville Pregnancy Clinic needs mentor volunteers for the Effective Parenting Program. Come get involved in this great program which helps and supports new parents. If you are interested, please contact Patricia Mestas at patricia.mestas@rcpc.org or 301-770-4444 x16. Mentoring will begin in 2016, but hope to set a schedule before the holidays.

Generation to Generation (G2G) which meets on Wednesday mornings will begin a new study January 6 using the book *The God Who Is There* by D.A. Carson. Ladies of all ages and stages are welcomed! We have a nursery for little ones, a Bible study for preschoolers and a supervised room for homeschoolers. For more information email Jean or call 301-320-3600 x275.