

Advent at Fourth

2015

ADVENT EVENING SERVICES:

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, December 6

6:00pm York Nativity Play Upper Room

Monday, December 7

1:00pm Women's Prayer Gathering Parlor

6:30pm Kensington Community Group Offsite

6:30pm Biddison Community Group (Rockville) Offsite

7:00pm Lessons & Carols Rehearsal with Orchestra Choir Room, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 8

7:00pm Women's Circle - Esther Offsite

7:00pm Lessons and Carols Rehearsal with Orchestra Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 9

11:30am Women's Christmas Luncheon Upper Room

7:00pm International Christmas Potluck Dinner Upper Room

7:30pm Women's Christmas Dessert Room 131

Thursday, December 10

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

7:00pm Divorce Care Emmaus House Sunroom

7:45pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Friday, December 11

11:30am Young at Heart Christmas Lunch Upper Room

8:00pm A Festival of Lessons & Carols Sanctuary

Family Prayer Page

For the Week of December 6-12

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, cftzgerald@4thpres.org, to subscribe to these emails.

Long Term Health Needs

Harry Balukjian	Barbara Cummins	Libby Hoke
Gene Beaumont	Cliff Cummins	Charlotte Marsheck
Paisley Billigmeier	Ed Davis	AJ Monte
Ruth Burley	Joan Friberg	Jim Rowe

Recuperating

Lillian Acker	Sibyl Kitts	Von Vaughn
Ruth Graves	Seth Kreider	Jack Vrentas
Chris Istrati	Susie Robinson	Anne Wetzell
Martha Jenkins	Tom Rogers	Howard Wetzell
Marion Johnson	Lee Sauer	

Fourth's Family Roster

Angus Kelly, III
Jimmy & Susan Kemp and family
Joanne Kemp
Natalie Langford Kenealy
Larry & Carolyn Kent
Brandon Kerr
Roree & Karen Kerr

Unable to Attend Regularly

Mr. Hank Booth

Missionary Prayer Requests

Rob and Lois Thar, Wycliffe

Praise for God's provision for the Thars as they've transitioned to living in the DC area for furlough. Pray for Rob's relationship with African diplomats in DC and continued ministry of promoting the translated Scripture throughout Africa.

Announcements for Dec. 6 – 12

Children's Ministry

Come this evening to the York Nativity Play and Children's Celebration of Christmas, in the Upper Room. Please bring a tray of healthy snacks to share.

Music Ministry

Our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held this year on Friday, December 11, at 8pm and Sunday, December 13, at 6pm. Our services will include an inspiring mix of traditional and new music for the Christmas season led by our Sanctuary, Youth, and Covenant Choirs, handbells, soloists, organ, and full orchestra. Childcare will be provided and admission is free. Postcard invitations are available in the Main Office and the Media Center. Please invite your family and friends to join us in this celebration of the birth of Christ.

Congregational Care

Reminder: Young at Heart will have its Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 11, at 11:30am in the Upper Room. Lunch costs \$5.00/person payable at the door.

Urban Ministries

Faith in Action will have a cargo van in the Upper Parking Lot next Sunday, December 13, 9-11am. In addition to needing staple grocery items and paper products, we could use donations of school supplies, such as calculators, binders, paper, spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, etc. All items in good condition are appreciated.

Libraries

The Media Center is a calendar clearinghouse! Bring us your unneeded 2016 calendars, and 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.

Adult Discipleship

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

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 to esol@4thpres.org by December 6.

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 at Perspectives@4thpres.org for more information or to register.

Women's Ministry

Today is the very last day to register for the Christmas Luncheon or Dessert this coming Wednesday, December 9, featuring Kristie Anyabwile. Stop in Halverson Hall this morning! Pray and consider who you might bring to hear about "Our Good Gift-Giving God!" You can also register for the luncheon/dessert online at 4thpres.org/registration.

Bosom Buddies will meet for lunch Sunday, December 20, in Room 132, following the 11am worship service. If you've been recently diagnosed, are under treatment, or are a survivor of breast cancer, please join us. This is a wonderful hour of sharing with and encouraging one another as we journey together. Contact Janet at bosombuddies@4thpres.org to let us know you're coming or for more information.

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 contact Jean at jbronson@4thpres.org or 301-320-3600 x275.