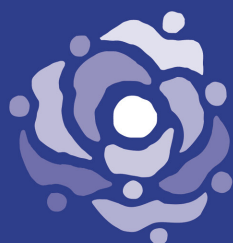


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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

ADVENT AT IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us in Advent at Irvington Presbyterian Church to explore the stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season that have been passed down throughout the generations. Like a tapestry woven throughout time, the Christmas story weaves us in to remember how God has shown up in the past, to continue the work of collective liberation, and to behold the presence of God in flesh and bone.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

1st Sunday in Advent

"There is room for every story"

10:00 a.m.

Joint Worship Service with
Witherspoon P.C.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

2nd Sunday in Advent

"God meets us in our fear"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

6:00 p.m.

Christmas Basket Filling
Westminster Neighborhood
Services

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

3rd Sunday in Advent

"We can choose a better way"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

6:00 p.m.

IPC Radio Play-- *"The Grinch"*
IPC Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

4th Sunday in Advent

"We see God in each other"

Irvington Luminaria

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

6:00 p.m.

Christmas Pageant and
Family Service

11:00 p.m.

Candlelight and Communion
Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Day

"God dwells with us"

Hymn and Carol Sing

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



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Dear Presbyterians,

"The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood." John 1:14 (The Message)

How often do you think about Christmas as Jesus moving into the neighborhood? December is filled with tradition, celebration, and anticipation around the coming of Christmas. In the retail world the Christmas rush has already arrived. We also begin to make lists and search for gifts for family, friends, and other folks in our lives. The lights, beautifully wrapped packages, and cheerful songs all add to the joy of the season. Can we find God in our neighborhood when we celebrate Christmas this year?

To be able to celebrate the gift of Jesus we need to prepare. Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of Jesus, God as a human being in our world. The problem is that Advent is out of sync with our culture. On the church calendar, the liturgical year begins with Advent which starts four Sundays before Christmas Day. On the street, however the weeks leading up to December 25 are the "Christmas season." Advent is the spiritual preparation for Christmas. We prepare for Christmas in many ways and I invite you to take meditative Advent breaks from the busyness of the festivities to focus on spiritual growth and renewal. I encourage us not to run through this season without considering what the gift of the Christ child means for our faith and our lives.

Each week our worship will use a resource from A Sanctified Art, called from Generation to Generation. An Advent devotional is available in the sanctuary to guide us in our preparations for Christmas. And to help us to prepare for Jesus' birth with scriptures and themes that invite us to take a closer at the humans involved in the story of Christmas. I encourage you to take one home and read it every week. The theme comes from Mary's song:

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

(Luke 1: 48b-50)

The First week of Advent we begin with There is room for every story.

Matthew 1:1-17 | Isaiah 2:1-5

We begin with Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. We are reminded in the stories of scripture God was able to preserve his promises and prepare the way for the Messiah through the lives of ordinary imperfect folks, like us. How do you see God working in your story?

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**IPC Adult Retreat January
27th-29th at Geneva
Center led by Dr. Webb
Parker. Cost \$115.00 a
person. Contact the office
to reserve your spot.**



RADIO SHOW

December 17th at 6:00 p.m.
The IPC Radio Show presents
"The Grinch". Join us for a
family-friendly radio show telling
of Dr. Seuss' Christmas classic
"The Grinch" filled with music,
crafts, and snacks! Tickets are
suggested donations of \$10.00
per adult and \$5.00 for children
12 and under. All proceeds go
to support Faith Ministries in
Reynosa Mexico.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 6 P.M.

We can all participate in telling the Christmas story!

Did you ever want to be Mary in a Christmas pageant? Or Joseph, shepherd, or maybe a cow? This year can be your moment!

Children, youth, and adults - come dressed as Mary (maybe bring a baby doll), Joseph, shepherd, Wise Man, or a barn animal.

We will probably have more than one Mary, baby Jesus, or Joseph. That will make our story even better.

All ages - if you want to select a costume from our supply at church, come to church 15 minutes early. In worship when we tell the Christmas story, you will be invited to come forward.

Help make this Christmas Eve a different way to tell the story!

Questions? Contact Hannah Braun at hbraun@irvpresby.org or Martha McDonald at martha.mcdonald@indy@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS

White Elephant
(under \$15.00 value)
December 13th at 6:00
p.m. at Jockamos
Contact Rev. Wilson to
request child watch.



YOUTH GROUP

The youth of IPC was busy in October and November. They all showed up for Trunk or Treat, and there are already plans in the works for next year. Several finished up confirmation class, they all participated in leading worship, and many went to PYOCA Fall Retreat. We are looking forward to a great Advent and Christmas season.

YOUTH DECEMBER SCHEDULE

- December 4th 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- December 11th 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- December 18th NO YOUTH GROUP
- December 25th NO YOUTH GROUP (but if your parents let you, come to a.m. worship and wear your PJs)
- December 30th New Year's Eve Eve Party Lock-in 6 p.m.-8 a.m.



**Deacons' Meeting:
December 4th after Worship in
the Sanctuary.**



Intergenerational art
and devotional time.
Begins at 9:00 a.m. in
the parlor.



Path to Pulpit

- New Pastor begins, Reception, & Celebration
- Signing the Pastoral Terms of Call for our New Pastor
- Nominee approved by the Congregation
- Presenting Nominee to the Congregation for vote
- Presbytery Approval of Call
- Negotiating the Terms of Call
- Select Nominee
- Arranging with Presbytery for Necessary Examinations and Approvals of Finalists
- Interviewing Finalists
- Receive and Evaluate PIF's
- ✓ Enter MIF online with Church Leadership Connection (CLC)
- ✓ MIF approved
- ✓ MIF submitted to Presbytery for approval
- ✓ MIF approved by IPC Session
- ✓ MIF submitted to IPC Session for approval
- ✓ MIF completed
- ✓ PNC begins work on MIF
- ✓ PNC meets with Presbytery Liaisons
- ✓ PNC Created

PNC - Pastor Nominating Committee
MIF - Ministry Information Form
PIF - Personal Information Form

PNC UPDATE

The PNC has begun to receive Personal Information Forms (PIF's), which are similar to a resume, from potential candidates. The PNC anticipates that we will receive numerous PIF's.

Although there may not be much to report during this time, the PNC continues to work diligently as we review the PIF's received and begin to conduct interviews. Your continued prayers for the PNC and candidates are essential in this time of discernment.

The PNC will continue to update the congregation on the work of the PNC by the monthly IPC newsletters and the "Path to the Pulpit" posters outside of the sanctuary. The PNC includes the following individuals: Emily Digos, Lynda Dunlevy, Melissa Jester, David Hansen, Frank Hurdis, Kathy Moorhead, Sheri Patterson, Justin Stauffer and Patrick Wooden.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Charles Joray will once again present a program of Christmas music on Thursday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us for this Yuletide concert. All are welcome!

GIVING THANKS OFFERING

The name "13th month offering" is no more. It has been renamed "Giving Thanks Offering!" 13th month inferred that someone should give an "extra" month's pledge. Giving Thanks Offering will be whatever you considering contributing to help the church's budget end on a positive note. You can contribute anytime during the month of December. For those that receive envelopes, an envelope is included for December. There will be Giving Thanks Offering envelopes in the pews and on tables throughout the church. The church wishes to "thank you" for all your gifts during 2022.

IN MEMORIAM AND IN SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Barbara Hays in the death of her brother, Henry Hobbs, Jr. this past week.

IN MEMORIAM

Patricia Alvis—October 28, 2022

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends and to Pam Ritter, the daughter of Patricia Alvis who died recently.



LIFT CHRISTMAS PARTY & COOKIE EXCHANGE--DECEMBER 5TH

Do you need to take a breath from the hectic pace of holiday preparations? Are you looking for some fellowship, fun and relaxation? You're invited to the LIFT Christmas gathering. Due to Christmas, we will be gathering on Monday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Road English Garden (1105 N. Post Road, Indianapolis 46219.) The Post Road English Garden will be opening the doors to all their cottages for us to tour and enjoy their festive décor for the season.

We will also be enjoying our annual Christmas party and cookie exchange. It is perfectly fine not to participate in the cookie exchange. This is not to add one more thing to your to-do-list. For those who wish to exchange cookies, please bring a large batch of your favorite cookie. Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us. Mark this date on your calendar for a fun evening of fellowship together. Please bring a snack or beverage to share. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products for Westminster. Contact Janet Wilzbacher (317-459-2400) or Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions.

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The Second week of Advent we are reminded God meets us in our fear.

Luke 1:26-38 | Isaiah 11:1-10

The Angel Gabriel comes to Mary and says "Do not be Afraid" in the midst of confusion, fear, and not knowing how to move forward in her difficult situation. How many times do we respond out of fear? How often does someone try to make you act out of fear? Every time a Messenger of God, an angel, shows up in scripture the message is do not be afraid. How can we learn to live in trust and peace instead of acting out of fear?

The Third week of Advent we are encouraged To choose a better way.

Matthew 1:18-25 | Isaiah 35:1-10

Joseph suspects Mary has broken their marriage contract. And yet, instead he chooses not to publicly disgrace or humiliate her. This interruption in his life becomes a holy invitation when the angel comes to him in a dream and says, "Do not be afraid." When he awakes, Joseph has the courage to choose a better way. When have you experienced God's grace because someone chose a better way with you? When have you chosen a better way and offered grace to someone?

The Fourth week of Advent we are shown how we can See God in each other

Luke 1:39-45; 56-58 | Luke 1:46-55

Mary goes to visit Elizabeth and Elizabeth doesn't just welcome her she is filled with the Holy Spirit and speaks a blessing upon Mary as her own child leaps and kicks within her womb. Elizabeth sees how God is at work and names it out loud. She says "Blessed are you among women." Do you see God in the people around you? When we see God's presence in each other it impacts how we live in this world. Tell someone how they have been a blessing to you this Advent!

Our advent worship extends a personal invitation to each of us to walk in the light of Jesus' love, joy, hope and peace. We are also invited to let our light shine, to be a witness to the light of Jesus.

Let's join together in celebrating the greatest gift we can receive and give to the world!

Bob

Congratulations to the Thompson and Hansen families on the baptism of Lucy Thompson on November 6, 2022!



Thank you to Bob Lewis for his 45 years of contributions and leadership as an integral part of the Penni J. Lewis Handbell Choir!



CONGRATULATIONS TO IPC'S 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS!



(left to right) Bri Wooden, Charlotte Swick, Katie Wooden, Caiden Harris, Caleb Wolf

Thank you to all who joined us for the Thanksgiving Meal! A special thanks to the Hospitality and Evangelism Committee for preparing the main course!



All Souls' Concert--November 6th, 2022



Worship Service with Witherspoon P.C.

11-27-22





Please read carefully for changes:

3B will now meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 11:00 am.

Three benefits of chair yoga:

- Increased Flexibility. ...
- Improves Muscle Strength. ...
- Helps with Balance and Coordination.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4: 16-17

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Groups is in-person at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Parlor. These meetings support caregivers of persons with a cognitive impairment diagnosis. The support groups are open to the public. Please check with Denise Harrington at dharringtonipc@gmail.com for the latest update.

Check out the following resources on Dementia and Alzheimer's.

<https://www.dementiafriendsindiana.org/resources/>

And <https://www.alz.org/>

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SLICE OF LIFE

SLICE OF LIFE gathers on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the parlor at 12:30 pm. The topics provide open discussions. Each session will have a different contemporary topic for discussion and how it relates to our faith. The topics are rich and thought provoking. Please call the office to RSVP if you plan to attend at

317-356-7225. Pizza will be provided by Jockamo Pizza. We will provide drinks. We are looking forward to seeing you for a rich conversation!



Finance Committee update on member contributions needed to support the work and ministry of IPC:

Budgeted through September: \$243,750

Received through September: \$229,800

Member Contribution YTD Gap:

(\$13,950)

Current YTD gap to eliminate budget deficit:

(\$55,724)

Please payerfully consider what you are able to do to help us close the gap.

Thank you for all you do for IPC!

SUNDOWNERS

During this season of more darkness than light some older adults are affected with a condition called Sundowners. It can affect people with dementia and persons without a dementia diagnosis. This is often caused due to a comparative shrunken brain not being able to cope with the daily stresses of life. An individual may become confused or disoriented when the sunsets. Caregivers often notice a change in behaviors. There is no real prevention but there are things you can do to help a loved one. Here are some suggestions from the National Institute on Aging.

Coping with Sundowning:

Reduce noise, clutter, or the number of people in the room. Try to distract the person with a favorite snack, object, or activity.

Make early evening a quiet time of day.

Adjust lighting, letting in natural light during the day, if possible, and try softer room lighting in the evening.

Tips for Coping with Sundowning | National Institute on Aging
<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/tips-coping-sundowning>

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JACK'S O R N E R

Jack Simpson, IPC member, explores the archives for stories of the church, its past members and other bits of interesting information and lore.

Did You Know?

Did you know fresh snow absorbs sound, lowering ambient noise over a landscape because the trapped air between snowflakes attenuates vibration. That's why it gets quiet when it snows.

Did you know if you have blue eyes, you share an ancestor with all other blue-eyed people on the planet? That's because blue eyes are a genetic mutation that appeared more than 6,000 years ago.

All humans originally had brown eyes.

Did you know that in Japan the hand wash sink is attached to the toilet, so that you can wash your hands and reuse the water for the next flush. In this way Japan saves millions of liters of water every year.

Did you know only 2% of the world's population have naturally red hair, making it the rarest hair color in the world.

Did you know Queen Victoria of England stated the white dress trend when she wore a white lace dress at her wedding on February 10, 1840. Before then brides only wore their best dress.

