

## PCPH Calendar

### Sunday, December 24 - **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10:15a      Worship (Sanctuary)  
 10:30a      Children's Sunday School (Room 112 – Children's Worship Center)  
 11:30a      Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation  
 4:00p      Christmas Eve Family Service  
 3:30p      Live Nativity  
 6:00p      Christmas Eve Traditional Service

### Monday, December 25 – **Office Closed** **Merry Christmas!**

### Tuesday, December 26 – **Office Closed**

### Thursday, December 28

6:00p      Brownie Troop #605 (FH)  
 7:00p      Choir (Choir Room)

### Sunday, December 31

10:15a      Worship (Sanctuary)  
 10:30a      Children's Sunday School (Room 112 – Children's Worship Center)  
 11:30a      Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

<b>Worship Attendance</b>	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17
	140	174	161	166



## Worship

**Welcome guests!** You are special because God brought you into our presence. Together, we rejoice and worship God.

**Thank you** to all who donated poinsettias. Your generosity results in a full tree of gorgeous poinsettias. Thanks to all who erected the tree and placed the plants. Please see the insert for the list of people who have donated in honor or memory of loved ones.

The congregation is invited to the **Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation** time held in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Be a friend, and make a friend as you enjoy the treats provided by the Fellowship Ministry.

## Pray

**Members and Friends:** Dick and Iris Thomas, Mike Craig, Belinda, Bill, George M., The McGuire Family, The Brady Family, Greg, Russ, Sam, Robert P., Gail K., Mike S., Davis K., Marsha G., Ginger S., Teddy B., Kathy B., Mary Lou, Lee, John, Clyde & Jan, Jimmy, Bud, Perry, JoAnne, Laurie, Jeff M., Adam G., Kylie & Family, John M., Jeanette M., Bob, Marcy P., Thom, Tyler, Chris M., Sarah C., Henry M., Samantha, Rob, Terri V., Lorraine B., Doug, Donna, Pauline, Ro A., Trish G., Shirley, Terri, Lorraine, Mollie M.

**Military men and women:** Brian Jacobson, Bryson Boyd, David Wallingford, Georgette Encinia, Patrick Bannon, Chris Hargis, Rosie Mundhenk, Adam Armstrong, Ashley Miller, Alex Durstein, John Albright, Gary Leonard, Jr., Tom Whissel, Nick Lozar, Hillary and Richard Durstein, Samuel Leyford, Tyler Meade, Atticus Meier

## Church Life

**F.E.A.S.T.:** The requested food for December is Jell-O regular or sugar-free.

**Women's Mission Project for F.E.A.S.T.:** As a reminder of the PCPH Women's Missions, the Coordinating Team is once again asking your support for **greatly needed** non-food items for F.E.A.S.T. Many of the requested items are those that cannot be purchased with food stamps. As previously suggested, you can purchase many of these items at Dollar General or Dollar Tree at a nominal cost. In **December** we are requesting bar soap and any cleaning agent.

**The church staff** prays that you will have a memorable Christmas celebration. For those who are traveling this Christmas season, we hope you will be safe.

**Church office will be closed** on Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Christmas.

**Save the Date!** We will be celebrating Dr. Tallman's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on January 7<sup>th</sup> following worship. See Huiran for details!

**Attention:** What goes up must come down!!! We need help undecorating the Sanctuary Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. We hope to see you there. We do need a few good strong men to help carry the tree up to the attic. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Cookie Exchange:** Thank you to all who baked cookies for our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Cookie Exchange. It was a great success and let's make next year even better! Thank you to Kathy, Vince, and Heather Murphy for setting up the tables, and taking charge of this event!

**Chili Cook-off:** On January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off. There will be a sign-up sheet so we know how many to set up for, and also a sign up for Cooks and Judges. This was a great event last year and hope even better this year. I hear Malissa and the Youth have been working on some recipes too! So bring your chili and your appetite and be ready for a fun night.

**2017 Pledges:** Please keep in mind that 2017 is quickly coming to an end and pledges should be paid in full by year-end. The church office will be open on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 2:30pm. The office is closed on Fridays. If you have any questions please contact Linda Burton.

**2018 Pledges:** If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2018, please do so. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or the church office. The cards may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Even if you do not pledge and would like envelopes, please call the office or sign up in the Narthex.

### **Christmas Eve Services**

**Christmas Eve Family Service December 24, 4:00pm:** A Family oriented Christmas Eve Service designed for all ages will be filled with Christmas Carols and a Contemporary Christmas Message. PCPH's youth group as well as The Growing Tree Preschool will play a special part in this service. We hope to see you all there!

**Live Nativity, December 24, Between Services 3:30pm – 5:45pm:** The Living Nativity is a recreation of the beloved nativity scene. Come experience our live nativity filled with animals, Mary, Joseph, the wise men, shepherds and baby Jesus.

**Christmas Eve Traditional Service, December 24, 6:00pm:** This service is filled with Christmas carols, a special Christmas message and a Silent Night Candle Lighting.

## **Children**

**Nursery (Birth - Age 3) "Frolic":** A curriculum created for babies and toddlers that was developed by early childhood experts, Frolic resources introduce little ones to faith concepts in age-appropriate ways. Our hope at PCPH is to equip all families with children of any age with the right materials to start their faith journey at a young age.

**Sunday School (Age 4 – 11) Advent Curriculum:** Immediately following the Children's Message, children between the ages of 4 yrs and 11 yrs leave the Sanctuary with our Sunday School Teachers to continue with their curriculum. The children will be practicing Christmas carols, making crafts, learning about Jesus' Birthday, and preparing for Christmas Eve. Children may be picked up after worship in the Old Narthex.

### **Children Upcoming Events**

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:00pm

## **Student Ministry at PCPH**

**Sunday Youth Fellowship:** (Thrive and Alive) We invite all students who are in our youth ministry and their friends to participate in our weekly worship service at 10:15am on a weekly basis. After worship is over we welcome all students to attend a fellowship gathering from 11:15am - 12:30pm. During this hour, we may grab a cup of coffee, pizza, and talk about what Pastor Bruce said in his sermon, how your week is going, and time to be with each other in the name of Jesus. Contact Malissa Garcia with any other questions.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship: (Thrive and Alive) 6:00pm - 8:00pm** Wednesday nights are back! We welcome all students who are in grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> to join us for youth group on Wednesday night as we fellowship, learn, discover, join small groups, and become a community that is founded in Christ. Please contact Malissa Garcia with any questions in regards to our student ministry programs at PCPH.

**Christmas Eve Service:** At 4:00pm there is a Family oriented Christmas Eve Service designed for all ages filled with Christmas Carols and a Contemporary Christmas Message. PCPH's youth group as well as The Growing Tree Preschool will play a special part in this service. We hope to see you all there!

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. - Isaiah 9:6-7

## GATHER JOYFULLY

**Prelude** Vocalists: Bianca McChesney and Kaitlyn Doukas

**Welcome, Announcements, Quiet Time** Bruce Mulder

**\*Call to Worship** Liturgist: Lee Lahr

Leader: The Word became flesh

**People: And lived among us**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!

**People: And we are filled with joy!**

Leader: Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

**People: our tears into songs of joy!**

Leader: O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

**People: and remain in us forever.**

**\*Song** (wall) "Jesus Comes With Clouds Descending" Hymn 6

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Leader: While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!

**People: Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance**

Leader: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

**People: Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.**

**\*Praise Response** (all sing) "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

**PCPH Christmas Traditions** Melanie Haslam  
(Christmas Greenery and Poinsettia Plants)

**Lighting of the Fourth Candle in the Advent Wreath** Garcia Family  
(Children will go to Sunday School after the Lighting of the Candle.)

**Song** Choir

**Prayer of God's People, Lord's Prayer, Choral Response**

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.

**Call for Offering**

**\*Doxology** (together)

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Anthem**

**Scripture** Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 NRSV  
Luke 1:46-55

**Message** "Mary's Magnificent Response" Rev. Bruce Mulder

**\*Song** (wall) "Song of Mary" Hymn 600

## GO FAITHFULLY

**\*Benediction** Rev. Bruce Mulder

**\*Response** Choir

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*\*Congregation stands. If standing is difficult, please remain seated.*

Large print bulletins are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Listening devices are available. They are in the center entryway to the Sanctuary. A small step-by-step instruction page is there to help you.