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Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

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1st Sunday  
December

# Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

## *Advent, Worship and Education*

12/1		Midweek Devotion First Week of Advent available on the weekly email and church website.
12/5	9:00am 10:30am 10:15am 11:15am-12	In-Person Worship with Communion Zoom Worship with Communion Youth Foundations of Personal Finance on Zoom Zoom Education Hour, Advent Bible Study, Coffee Hour <i>(No In-person Education Hour activities)</i>
12/8		Midweek Devotion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent-available on the weekly email and church website.
12/12	9:00am 10:00-11am	In-Person Worship In-Person Advent Activity-materials could be available for pick up Advent Bible Study, Youth Foundations of Personal Finance <b>Speaker: Tom Otte, President of the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Fond du Lac Chapter, will share the ways you can impact children's lives in our community so that no kid sleeps on the floor in our community.</b>
12/15		Midweek Devotion 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent-available on the weekly email and church website.
12/19	9:00am 10:00-11am	In-Person Worship In-Person Advent Activity-materials could be available for pick up Advent Bible Study, Youth Foundations of Personal Finance, <b>Speaker: Bob Hartzheim will share the ways that you can impact our community by your support of the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter.</b>
12/22		Midweek Devotion 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Advent-available on the weekly email and church website.
12/24		5pm In-Person Worship 7pm Zoom Worship
12/26	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	In-Person Worship Youth Foundations of Personal Finance Zoom Education Hour, Advent Bible Study, Coffee Hour <i>(No In-person Education Hour activities)</i>

Many opportunities, in multiple formats, will allow our congregation to participate as they feel comfortable. In-person social distancing and masks are required to protect everyone during this time.

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Looking Forward

## Christmas EVE

### **Cookie Bakers**

We are looking for helpers to bake heart-shaped sugar cookies with sprinkles for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jennifer:

[jzander@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:jzander@fdlpresbyterian.org)

### **Christmas Eve 5:00pm Worship**

This year our 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service will be in person. Due to the need for physical distancing, we ask that you please let us know if you are planning to attend and how many will be attending with you. Please register [here](#). Weather permitting, we are hoping to end the service outside to sing Silent Night by candlelight.

Members of the congregation are putting together a skit entitled "Nativi-TV." If you know someone willing to videotape the entire service, please let Ms. Kris know at:

[musicministryfpc@gmail.com](mailto:musicministryfpc@gmail.com).

We have permission to upload the video to our YouTube channel for sharing within the 12 days of Christmas.

### **Christmas Eve 7:00pm ZOOM Worship**

This year our 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service will be on ZOOM. The format will be Lessons and Carols. If anyone wishes to read (preferably in person that night) and or submit a music video, please contact Ms. Kris at: [musicministryfpc@gmail.com](mailto:musicministryfpc@gmail.com) .

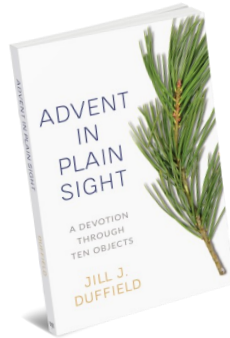
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## Coming Up in Worship

- 12.05.2021 Rev. Richard Moore  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Communion Sunday
- 12.12.2021 Rev. Mary Council-Austin  
3rd Sunday of Advent
- 12.19.2021 Rev. Paul Zoschke  
4th Sunday of Advent
- 12.24.2021 Congregational Leaders  
Christmas Eve
- 12.26.2021 Rev. Dan Schultz  
1st Sunday of Christmas

If you have any questions, please contact Kris Bartelt @ musicministryfpc.com

## Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects



### IN-PERSON GROUPS

- Sunday 10:00-11:00am**  
December 12  
December 19
- Wednesday 10:30-11:30am**  
December 8  
December 15  
December 22  
December 29  
January 5

### ZOOM GROUPS

- Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm**  
December 7  
December 14  
December 21  
December 28  
January 4

## December Worship



Our Sunday morning schedule is as follows:

- 9:00am In-Person Worship  
First Presbyterian  
Church - Fond du Lac

YouTube Worship is available [here](#). It is "live" at 10:00am on Sunday morning. The same link provides previously recorded worship services.

This is what in-person worship looks like:

- Masks are required.
- Physical distancing is required.
- Nursery care is not available.



Virtual livestream worship, at 10:00am, can be found here: <http://firstpreswausau.org/>



Bring gifts to church by  
**Sunday, December 12 or**

Drop off gifts on  
**Friday, December 10**  
**5:00-6:00pm or**  
**Saturday, December 11**  
**10:00-11:00am.**



Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am - Noon

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## Information @ Church

December 5 -  
Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candles of  
HOPE and PEACE



December 8, December 15  
Noon Concert and Lunch

Church of Our Saviour Lutheran (363 S. Main St., Fond du Lac) will host two special noon concerts, followed by a pizza lunch. Both the concert and lunch are free and open to the community. Seasonal music will be performed. No reservations are necessary.

The first concert is Wednesday, December 8 at 12:00pm. It features the Brass Menagerie, a brass quintet directed by Jill Wagner.

The second concert is Wednesday, December 15 at 12:00pm. The Fond du Lac High School Cardinal Singers will perform. This auditioned ensemble consists of junior and senior students and is directed by Cory Schneider.

A free-will donations will be accepted.

For more information, please contact Janet Radke:  
[music@oursavioursfdl.org](mailto:music@oursavioursfdl.org).

December 9 - Ruby's Pantry



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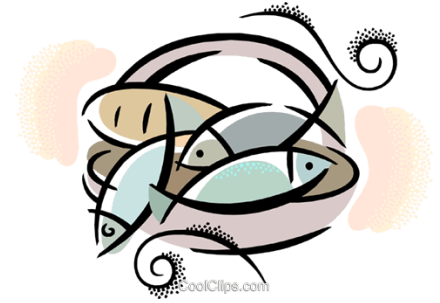
- Food distribution will take place at **GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**. Please enter on the **EAST** side. Park on the South side of the building.
- Online registration is available [here](#). Please arrive at your appointed time.
- All guests must enter the building to register and receive their pick-up number.
- Further instructions will be available, once guests have registered.
- Two food shares are allowed, per vehicle.
- Trunk must be empty
- Food will be loaded into trunks by our volunteers
- Do not bring boxes, bags, etc. for food
- Bathroom facilities are not available to the public

<b>Where</b>	Grace Christian
<b>When</b>	December 9
<b>Open</b>	4:30-6:00pm
<b>Donation</b>	\$22.00 Cash Only

If you have any questions contact Grace Christian Church at:  
920.923.5292 or  
[rachelrudzik@gccfdl.org](mailto:rachelrudzik@gccfdl.org)

If you are interested in volunteering, at Ruby's Pantry please complete an application at:  
[www.rubyspantry.org](http://www.rubyspantry.org).

December 13 -  
[Loaves and Fishes](#)



We will be serving a carry-out meal at Loaves and Fishes again on Monday, December 13 from 4:00-6:00pm. If you are available to help prepare, serve, or clean up after the meal, please contact the office.

Dessert donations are always needed! Desserts can be brought to First Presbyterian Church on Monday, December 13 by 3:00Ppm.

Thank you to everyone who can help us serve the community in need. Contact the church office if you would like to help us, or if you have any questions



# Christians Serving, Learning and Loving



This year we will sponsor **55 recipients**, mostly children and their family members.

## Things to remember:

- We will continue the virtual sign-up process.
- Someone will also be available on Sundays to help navigate sign-up process.
- Access the list of gift items via our website:

[www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org)

- Write the number and letter of your gift recipient in **BIG** print and attach them **SECURELY** to your gifts. This information identifies the gift recipient. Do this before delivering your gifts to church.
- Gifts should be unwrapped.
- Bring your unwrapped gifts to church by December 12.
- Or, drop-off your gifts at the church on:

**Friday, December 10**

**5:00-6:00pm or**

**Saturday, December 11**

**10:00-11:00am.**

Donations of wrapping paper, tape and bows are also appreciated.

If you would like to help organize and deliver gifts, to Head Start, please contact Mary Ellen or Nancy H.



Each of the four purple candles around the periphery of the wreath marks one of the Sundays in Advent; the white Christ candle in the center is lit on Christmas Eve. Some Advent wreaths include a pink candle. This custom can be traced to medieval practice that set aside the third Sunday in Lent (and later, Advent) as an occasion of joy and a respite from the rigors of the penitential season.

Over the years, some have attached particular interpretations to individual candles, such as shepherds, angels, wise men and Mary; or hope, faith, love and joy.

Far more important than any direct correlation of a candle to a special meaning, however, is our growing celebration of Jesus' birth and anticipation of Christ's coming again.

For more information on Advent, please click [here](#).

December 8 -  
Women in Faith



***A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.***

Join us for fun and fellowship on Wednesday, December 8 from 6:30-7:30pm. We will be meeting, in person, in Fellowship Hall.

We will check in with each other share some fun Christmas/Winter crafts.

We hope you can join us! If you have any ideas for future meetings, please let us know. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer.



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December 15 - Virtual Bingo



**Day**            **Wednesday**  
**Date**           **December 15**  
**Time**           **6:30pm**

Please click [here](#) to register.

A ZOOM link will be emailed to you, **after you register.**

All ages are welcome to join us.

December 19 -  
Christmas Joy Offering



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color - offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their skills to serve the Church and the world for years to come.

Please click [here](#) for additional information.

Please give generously.



**ATTENTION**  
**All Knitters and Crocheters**

We are looking for people to make scarves for our college students. We are also looking for people to make prayer shawls.

If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer:  
[jzander@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:jzander@fdlpresbyterian.org).

## MERRY Christmas



Friday	December 24	Christmas Eve	5:00-6:00pm 7:00-8:00pm	In-person Worship ZOOM Worship
Saturday	December 25	Christmas Day	Celebrating the Birth of Jesus with family and friends	
Sunday	December 26	1st Sunday of Christmas	9:00-9:45am 10:30-11:30am	In-person Worship ZOOM Coffee Hour ZOOM Education Hour <sup>7</sup>

# Christians Serving, Learning and Loving

## 2021 Alternative Gift Fair Shopping List

We want to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community, our country, and the world. A big part of our work is enabling members of our church and community to serve others.

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

Organization		\$
<p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: #4F81BD;">St. Katharine Drexel Shelter</p>	<p>Homelessness can happen to anyone. Thousands of hardworking individuals and families in Fond du Lac County are one health, economic or family crisis away from losing their home. St. Katharine Drexel Shelter in Fond du Lac will provide a safe and structured living environment for singles and families experiencing homelessness. Once in our stable environment, they will have access to programs and support that offer short-term crisis intervention and long-term goal planning with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency.</p>	
	<p>We fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.</p> <p>Sleep in Heavenly Peace® in Fond du Lac is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. If a child needs a bed, we want to make sure they get one. <b>No kid sleeps on the floor in our town®.</b></p>	
	<p>Water Mission is a non-profit, Christian based organization. The need for safer water is enormous. One person dies every 37 seconds from water-related illnesses.</p> <p>Water Mission has been providing sustainable safe water solutions since 1998. This organization has served more than 7,000,000 people, in 57 countries, providing them with lasting safe water solutions.</p>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>
<p>Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church Contributions are tax-deductible.</p>		





## Save the Date Fond du Lac MobilePack

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

So much changed in 2020–21, however Feed My Starving Children’s commitment stayed true to feeding God’s children - hungry in body and spirit. We are excited to announce **Saturday, April 2, 2022** is the date of next the Fond du Lac MobilePack.

**Your efforts and contributions are even more critical in these unprecedented times.**

Undernourished children are more susceptible, than ever to infectious diseases, like COVID-19. At this point, the global pandemic, and its economic impact, have left 265 million people on the brink of starvation.

Please include our event number 2204-051SC to your donations to ensure that they will be added to **our** pack on April 2, 2022.

You can submit donations electronically at [FMSC https://www.fmsc.org](https://www.fmsc.org), or you can mail donations to:

Feed My Starving Children  
(ATTN: MobilePack #2204-051SC)  
401 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Please make checks be payable to:  
FMSC, memo line MobilePack #2204-051SC



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## December 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10:30a-11:30a Advent in Plain Sight-In Person	<b>2</b> 6:30p-7:30p Serving Team via Zoom	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9a-9:45a In-Person Worship 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class on Zoom 10:30a-11:15a Zoom Worship-FPC Fond du Lac 11:15a-12p Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom 6:30p-7:30p Boy Scout Committee Mtg on Zoom	<b>6</b> 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 1p-2:30p Deacon Meeting	<b>7</b> 7p-8p Advent in Plain Sight on Zoom	<b>8</b> 10:30a-11:30a Advent in Plain Sight-In Person 6:30p-7:30p Women in Faith In-Person	<b>9</b> 5p-6p Loving Team Virtual Meeting	<b>10</b> 5p-6p Angel Tree Gift Drop Off	<b>11</b> 10a-11a Angel Tree Gift Drop Off
<b>12</b> 9a-9:45a In-Person Worship 10a-11a In-Person Advent Activities 10a-11a Virtual Worship 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	<b>13</b> 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting 4p-6p Loaves and Fishes Meal 6:30p-7:30p Virtual Session Meeting	<b>14</b> 7p-8p Advent in Plain Sight on Zoom	<b>15</b> 10:30a-11:30a Advent in Plain Sight-In Person 6:30p-7:30p Bingo Via Zoom	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9a-9:45a In-Person Worship 10a-11a In-Person Advent Activities 10a-10:30a Puppet Rehearsal 10a-11a Virtual Worship 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 6:30p-8p Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg	<b>20</b> 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting	<b>21</b> Winter Solstice 7p-8p Advent in Plain Sight on Zoom	<b>22</b> 10:30a-11:30a Advent in Plain Sight-In Person 7p-8p Christmas Rehearsal 5pm Worship Service	<b>23</b> 9a-11a Financial Team Meeting (Parlor)	<b>24</b> 5p-6p In-Person Worship 7p-8p Zoom Worship-FPC Fond du Lac	<b>25</b> Christmas
<b>26</b> 9a-9:45a In-Person Worship 10a-11a Virtual Worship 10:15a-11:15a Youth Financial Class In-Person and on Zoom 10:30a-11:30a Coffee Hour/Education Hour on Zoom	<b>27</b> 10a-11:30a Staff Meeting	<b>28</b> 7p-8p Advent in Plain Sight on Zoom	<b>29</b> 10:30a-11:30a Advent in Plain Sight-In Person	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>

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## In December

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Please send submissions for the  
Newsletter to:

[fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org).

## Prayers\* and Praises

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Pam C.  
Bonnie H.

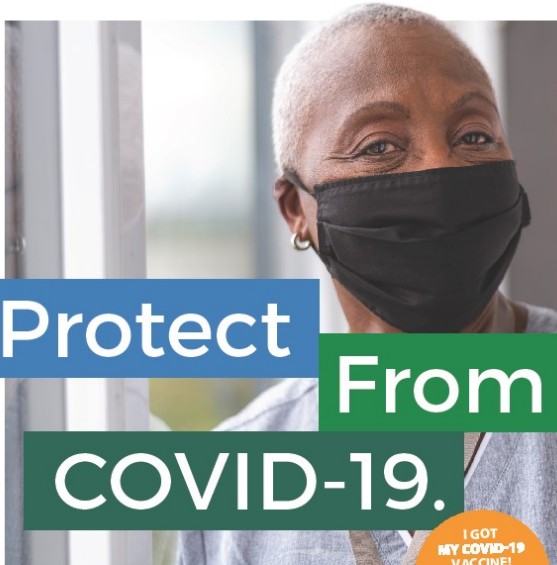
Pat D.  
Gib D.  
Arnold L.  
Ruth S.  
Lincoln D.  
Jesse F.  
Silas W.  
Jane D.  
Joyce J.  
Jerry and Mary H.  
Chastity G. and Joan S.

## Prayer Partners

Send prayer requests to  
[fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org](mailto:fdloffice@fdlpresbyterian.org)

Rejoice: The gift of growing  
together in the body of Christ.

\*Names will remain on the prayer list for  
2 weeks. Please contact the office if a name  
should be on the list for a longer length of time.



Getting a COVID-19 vaccine adds  
one more layer of protection.



A safe and effective vaccine to protect  
against COVID-19 is now available.  
Learn more: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines)

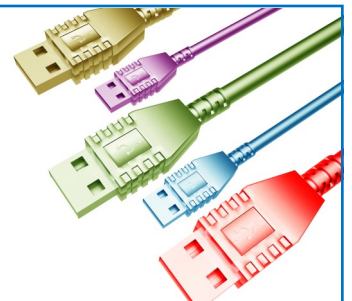
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Website [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org)

Facebook First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac

YouTube First Presbyterian Church Fond du Lac

Zoom There is more information on our website: [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org)



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