



Clinton Presbyterian Church

ADVENT &
CHRISTMAS
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Dear Friends,

Advent invites us to slow down, to breathe deeply, and to make room once again for the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings. In the midst of a world that often rushes past the sacred, this season gently calls us to watch, wait, and prepare.

I warmly invite you to spend time at CPC often during these holy weeks, for worship, fellowship and times of connection with God and each other and our community. Come with your hopes, your burdens, your questions, and your joys. There is a place for you here.

May this Advent be a time of renewal for us all, and may the light of Christ shine brightly in our homes, our relationships, and our world.

In hope,

Tracy





ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

DRAW NEAR

Following the traditional Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, this devotional from the Presbyterian Outlook will offer Scripture, reflection, prayer and a simple practice to guide your days. Alongside these reflections, you'll find artwork from children — tender and imaginative interpretations of sacred texts. Their drawings serve not just as illustration, but illumination, reminding us what it means to receive the kingdom like a child. This resource is available in printed format at the back of the sanctuary and will also be available in our weekly email. Use the button below to access the full booklet.

 [Click Here](#)

DECEMBER SERMON SERIES: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY



This Advent, we'll step across the welcome mat of each Gospel—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—and discover the unique way they tell the story of Jesus: Matthew's promises kept, Mark's urgent good news, Luke's joyful table, and John's glowing mystery. Four homes. Four voices. One Savior. This Christmas, the door is open, the lights are on, and there's a place for you.

ADVENT IN A BOX FOR FAMILIES

Get ready for some Advent fun! This year we're giving families a hands-on Advent-in-a-Box filled with simple activities to help you celebrate the season together. It's easy, meaningful, and made for cozy family moments all month long!



ADVENT MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Tune in to a short midweek video each week as our congregation members share stories, memories, and traditions that bring the warmth of family, welcome, and God's love into our homes. Each week, discover a new way that the spirit of Christmas transforms the ordinary into the sacred. Midweek messages will be delivered to your inbox each Wednesday during Advent. Not on our email list? Contact [Ali](#) in the church office and we will be happy to add you.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.
NO CLASSES ON DECEMBER 21, 28 AND JANUARY 4.

NOVEMBER



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ADVENT 1 WORSHIP 9:30AM

We begin our journey this week with a visit to Matthew's house where we'll take a look through the family album —faces, names, generations of waiting. We'll light the candle of hope on our Advent wreath as we start the season together.

December



CHRISTMAS PARADE - 7PM

We love being a part of the annual Clinton Christmas Parade and once again this year we are inviting all our CPC kids to ride on the float! Please email Vania @ vstevenson@clintonpresbyterian.net if your child would like to ride with us! We also need creative hands and cheerful hearts to help design and decorate the float. If this sounds like you, please let us know by [clicking here](#)!



ADVENT 2 WORSHIP 9:30AM

We'll stop by Mark's house, and he doesn't waste any words - the Good News rushes in! We'll celebrate a baptism and also share in communion as our Praise Team leads us in worship.



DEACON PRAYER

After our worship service, our deacons will be available to listen and pray with you as you navigate the challenges of life during this holy season. They will be stationed at the back of the sanctuary ready to offer support and comfort. Please take a moment to receive the gift of prayer as we walk alongside one another.



COFFEE, COOKIES, AND CHRISTMAS CHEER! EVENING EDITION 7PM

Ladies of the church - join us for a sweet pause in the season — cookies , coffee, and fellowship at the manse. Choose this evening gathering to relax and unwind with each other.

RSVP



COFFEE, COOKIES, AND CHRISTMAS CHEER! MORNING EDITION 9AM

OR....Choose a morning gathering to start your day with sweets and friends and a break from the holiday rush. Don't bring a thing - just show up.

RSVP



HOLIDAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 6:30PM

During this Christmas season, we invite anyone grieving the loss of a loved one to a special candlelit service at Martin's Funeral Home. Rev. Henry will lead this gathering as we honor and remember those we've lost and lean into the hope of our faith.



NEW MEMBER CLASS - 7:30PM

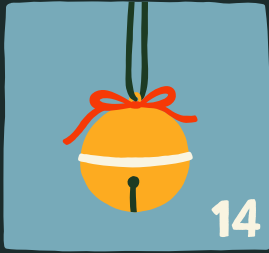
Curious about joining CPC? Join us for this informal online gathering to learn about our community, meet others, and explore what it means to be part of our church family. Everyone is welcome! New Members will be received during worship on December 14.

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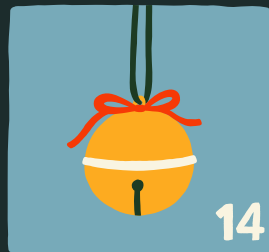
ADVENT 3 WORSHIP 9:30AM

"The Word became flesh," John writes—and everything changes. This Sunday, we'll listen for that light in word and song as we welcome the Presentation Brass ensemble, led by our own Larry Kursar, to lead us in worship. Join us for a joy filled celebration Christmas draws near.



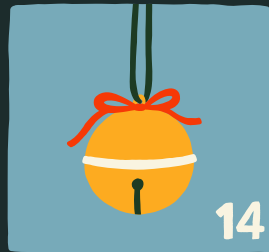
SUNDAY FUNDAY JINGLE JAM

We'll be having a little holiday party to celebrate the season together! Please reach out to Vania at vstevenson@clintonpresbyterian.net to let her know if your child will be attending!



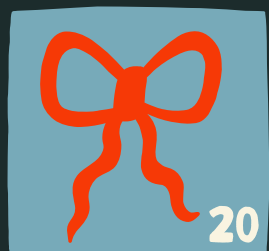
ADVENT CAFE 10:30-12PM

After worship, stop by Fellowship Hall to learn more about ministry teams, sign up for volunteer opportunities, update your photo for our Realm directory and more. You'll even have a chance to do a little Christmas shopping while enjoying some festive snacks and music! Join us for this intentional time of connection



CHAOS CHRISTMAS PARTY 6-8PM

Join us for a night of festive fun at our Reindeer Games Youth Christmas Party! We'll have silly holiday competitions, a sock swap, and sweet treats at the ice cream sundae bar. Bring the wackiest pair of socks you can find (wrapped like a gift) for the sock swap and come ready to laugh, compete, and celebrate the joy of Christmas with friends!



LIVE NATIVITY 5-6:30PM

Celebrate the wonder of Christmas with us and step right into the story! This year, our Live Nativity features Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels — and a very special guest: a real camel! Bring your friends, neighbors, and family to experience the magic up close, share in the joy, and make memories together. It's a fun, family-friendly, and unforgettable way to celebrate the birth of Christ — don't miss it! Want to volunteer and help make the night amazing? 🌟

[CLICK HERE](#)



ADVENT 4 WORSHIP 9:30AM

PAGEANT & BREAKFAST

Come join us for a special morning as our kids share the Christmas story in their own joyful way.

Following the pageant, we invite everyone to stay for an all-church breakfast — a time to connect, enjoy good food, and celebrate the season together. Click the button to sign up to bring a dish!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

*"The door is open, the lights are on,
and there's a place for you."
Join us as we gather around Luke's
story of Jesus' birth—a tale
filled with angels, shepherds,
and songs of peace.
Come and share the wonder.*



5PM FAMILY SERVICE

Join us for a lively Family Service—an interactive retelling of the Nativity that invites children and adults alike into the story of Jesus' birth.



9PM CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

At 9 p.m., our Candlelight Communion Service offers quiet joy, timeless carols, and the beauty of candlelight as we welcome the Light of the World.

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WORSHIP 9:30AM

Between Christmas and the New Year, we invite you to a calm, peaceful service of scripture, song, and prayer — a chance to breathe, be present, and welcome God's light into the quiet of winter.



Opportunities to Give

THE GIVING TREE

Our annual tree is in the back of the Sanctuary! This is your opportunity to help our friends and neighbors in need, many of whom we support during the year through our mission outreach.

Please take one or several tags and purchase the items needed. Return UNWRAPPED gifts WITH TAGS TAPED ON TOP by Sunday, November 30th (including wrapping paper and tape is always welcome!) Questions? Contact the church office at office@clintonpresbyterian.net



CHRISTMAS EVE DIAPER DRIVE

We're excited to host a Diaper Drive again during our Christmas Eve services to support families in our community. For parents who are struggling something as simple as a package of diapers can be a true blessing. Your gift will help care for the little ones in our community and reflect the love and compassion of Jesus who came among as a little one himself. Diapers of all sizes are welcomed. These will be distributed by the Flemington Area Food Pantry.



January

EPIPHANY

A new year is a chance to pause, reflect, and notice what really matters. From the star that guided the wise ones to the moments that guide us today, this Epiphany we'll follow the Light—discovering hope, renewal, and joy along the way.

