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Advent Begins November 28, the Sunday after Thanksgiving!

This year, our Advent Worship theme is **Close to Home**. During this season of Advent, Scripture, music, and visual art invites us to reflect on metaphors and imagery centered around the idea of home. As we wait for the coming of Jesus, may we find our home, our rest, and our comfort in God.



1st Sunday of Advent, November 28 – Homesick (Hope)

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 5 – Laying the Foundation (Peace)

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 12 – A Home For All (Joy)

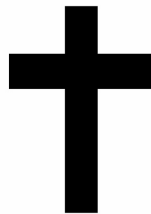
This worship service will include a nativity presentation by our children and youth and music from the sanctuary choir.

4th Sunday of Advent, December 19 – Seeking Sanctuary (Love)

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 5 pm – Invited Home

CLOSE to
HOME

Join us for Advent worship on Sundays at 10:45 am, in the sanctuary or online. The service is livestreamed on Facebook each week and later uploaded to YouTube. Whether you worship at church, at home, on Sunday morning, or another time, may you experience God's presence through weekly worship.



Special Events for Advent & Christmas

Decorate church after worship – Sun, Nov 28

Wednesday Night Advent Bible Study – Dec 1, 8, and 15 from 6:30-7:15 pm in Room 306 and on Zoom

Church Christmas Dinner – Wed, Dec 15 at 5:45 pm (make reservations by Dec 13)

Wreaths Across America – Sat, Dec 18 at noon at Old Stone Church

If you need a daily devotional, pick up a copy of *Reflections* or *Open Windows* from the church, or contact the church office and we can send it to you in the mail.

Children and Youth & Families Fall Gathering

We had a **Children and Youth & Families Fall Gathering** on November 7. Thank you to Rick and Jane Massey for hosting a great fall event for youth and children and their families!



Budget Approved at Called Church Conference



Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Called Church Conference** meeting and voting regarding the 2022 Ministry Plan (Budget). On a motion to approve the budget, the vote was 32 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention. The proposed budget has been approved.

*Thank
you*

Church family,

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers during my recent illness and after my fall and injury. They are much appreciated!

Gloria Lowe

Rev. Dr. Dan Vincent · Guest Preacher on Nov 21



We look forward to seeing and hearing **Rev. Dr. Dan Vincent** as our Guest Preacher on Sunday, Nov 21. Dan will be preaching on the theme of "Thankfulness." Dan served as Interim Pastor at FBCP in 2016-17. Welcome back, Dan!

Thanksgiving Schedule at FBC Pendleton



- We will not have any Wednesday night activities at church on Nov 24.
- The church office will be closed on Thu, Nov 25 and Fri, Nov 26.

Happy Thanksgiving!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:1

Shopping and Giving with AmazonSmile

In the past three months, FBCP has received over \$300 in donations through Amazon's charity program, Amazon Smile! If you shop on Amazon.com, be sure to set up **First Baptist Church of Pendleton** as your charity, and the church will receive .5% of all of your purchases – at no additional cost to you!

The first step is to enable Amazon Smile on your account and select First Baptist Church of Pendleton as your designated charity, but in order to be sure your purchases are included in this charitable program, you also need to do the following:

Always shop through smile.amazon.com (instead of the regular Amazon page). You should see the Amazon smile logo at the top of the page.

If using the app, be sure to enable Amazon Smile on the app; it must be renewed twice a year, so check your settings periodically to be sure you are still signed up for AmazonSmile. Thank you for taking these extra steps to support FBCP!

Next "Young" Adult Game Night · Sunday, Dec 5



Our last "Young" Adult Game Night for 2021 will be Dec 5 from 3-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Save the date and plan to join us for board games, food, and fun! Childcare will be provided.

Church Decorating

Please make plans to help us decorate the church on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28, after worship. We will pull out the decorations for the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and entrances, and serve pizza and snacks for lunch. The young and not-as-young are encouraged to come and do what you are able.

Christmas Nativity Program

The Children and Youth will present a **Nativity Program** on Sunday, December 12 during worship with music by the Sanctuary Choir. We hope you will plan to attend.

Children and Youth will have rehearsals Wednesday evenings on Nov 17 and Dec 1. Dress rehearsal will be Dec 8.



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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Coffee, Tea, & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live

We hope you can join us for in-person worship, but if you can't come or aren't ready to attend in person, worship will also be on Facebook Live using our live streaming system.

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