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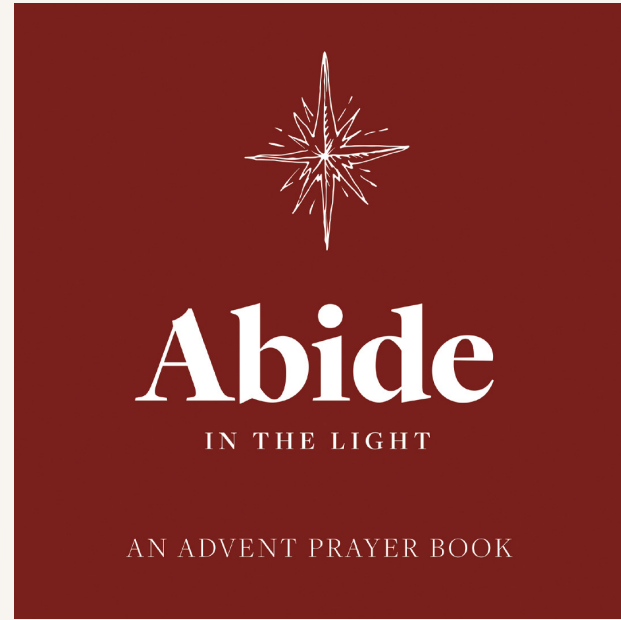
**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.**  
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"He who testifies  
to these things  
says, 'Surely  
I am coming soon.'  
Amen.  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
The grace of the  
Lord Jesus be  
with all. Amen."

Revelation 22:20-21

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## CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

### ABIDE IN THE LIGHT: AN ADVENT PRAYER BOOK

Download or pick up a free copy of our latest prayer book. The daily Scripture readings walk through God's redemptive actions in history as revealed through key movements in the biblical story. Each Sunday of Advent is centered on prophecies and events that speak to Jesus's arrival and serve like trail markers along the path to Christmas. May God use this Advent prayer book to draw you into the light of His presence, renewing you in the good news of great joy, Jesus our Savior.

[pcpc.org/resources](https://pcpc.org/resources)

### BOXES OF BLESSING

DECEMBER 2 | 8:30 A.M.-11:30 P.M. | BCW WAREHOUSE

Bring your family, small group, and friends to help us extend the Kingdom of Christ to our city by filling 10,000 boxes of food. These boxes are a wonderful gift to our ministry partners that allows them to minister to their communities in a unique way.

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### ADVENT CELEBRATION FOR FAMILIES

DECEMBER 3 | 4:30 P.M.

PCPC Kids Ministry invites you to celebrate the Advent season as a family! We will host an evening of family worship, fun, fellowship, and food beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and ending with dinner in the Fellowship Hall. There is no childcare for this event. Registration is open until November 29 at 3:00 p.m. Middle schoolers, come to The Loft at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with us! We will have food, games, and fun!

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### ADVENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

DECEMBER 6 | 5:30 P.M. | CHAPEL

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS FELLOWSHIP

DECEMBER 8 | 5:30-11:30 P.M. | THE LOFT (PLEASE REGISTER)

### NOEL: CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 17 | 4:30 & 7:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY (TICKETS REQUIRED)

### CHRISTMAS EVE & NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:00 (CHAPEL), 9:30, & 11:00 A.M. (SANCTUARY)

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 & 8:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Who will you invite this year? The Christmas Eve Family service, where we encourage families to bring children of all ages, is at 4:00 p.m with special music and a children's message. And the Christmas Eve Evening Service is at 8:00 p.m. with an adult choir and message.

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### YEAR-END GIVING

In order to comply with IRS regulations, Sunday, Dec. 31, is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2023. Other than offerings given in worship or online, you may mail checks postmarked by Saturday, Dec. 30. The offices will be closed from Dec. 25 through Jan. 1, but donations can be hand-delivered to the secure drop box in the portico at the south entrance when the church offices are closed for the holidays. Thank you for your generosity in supporting all that God is doing at PCPC.

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#### ANDREW PETERSON

Award-winning author (*The Wingfeather Saga*, *The God of the Garden*, *Adorning the Dark*) & singer-songwriter of songs that ache with sorrow, joy and integrity [andrew-peterson.com](http://andrew-peterson.com)



#### KEVIN DEYOUNG

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*Winter Grace* is an annual in-house retreat at Park Cities Presbyterian Church for renewal in God's grace. This year, our theme will be, "God's Grace in Suffering." We will have breakout sessions, a luncheon, children's programming, a concert, and worship services together the weekend of February 3-4. For more details including the schedule, please scan the QR code to visit [pcpc.org/wintergrace/](http://pcpc.org/wintergrace/).

## BOOKS

FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT



#### Little Hearts, Prepare Him Room

HOLLY MACKLE

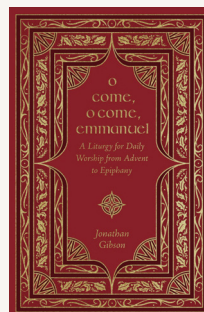
This Advent devotional, published by the PCA, gets an A+. Designed to meet the age range of every child in your household, Holly combines the Scriptures of Advent with the doctrinal truths of the Westminster Confession. Begin or conclude by hanging the day's ornament on your tree.



#### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

JONATHAN GIBSON

Crafted specifically for November 28 through January 6, each day includes a portion of the creeds, wisdom from church history, Scripture, adoration, confession, prayer, and praise. These meditations are meant to be read as a personal devotion or used as family worship.

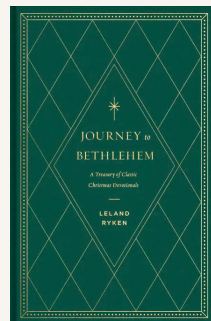


#### Journey to Bethlehem:

A Treasury of Classic Christmas Devotionals

LELAND RYKEN

A perfect read or gift for the literary or history lover. Ryken's newest anthology is beautifully packaged and includes Christmas Hymns, Classic Prose Devotionals, and Christmas Poems.



These books are available for purchase in the PCPC Bookstore (Lower Level). Also pick up a free copy of PCPC's *Abide in the Light: An Advent Prayer Book* in the Grand Hall.



# MATCHES MADE IN HEAVEN

Teacher Testimonies  
by Jeanie Cox  
Ministry Leader of Preschool

Psalms 145:4 says, "One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." Through the Preschool classes that PCPC offers during A Mother's Heart and Thursday Morning Bible Study, the Lord has forged forever friendships between two groups of teachers as they teach the next generation of God's marvelous work and Word. This is their story and testimony, which we hope brings joy and encouragement in the Gospel.

All four of these women bring their creativity and availability to the weekly Preschool lessons for God's glory and the good of the young children at PCPC. Each lesson they teach forges their own faith a bit deeper and brings them back to the basics of what we believe. It gives our church moms such comfort to know that their children are being taught the same truths they are learning in their own Bible studies. Read about what God has done!



#### A Mother's Heart

Eunice Martin and Betsy Curnes began teaching together five years ago. Eunice had just moved to Dallas from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Betsy had been teaching with PCPC Women's A Mother's Heart Bible Study for several years. Betsy had been challenged by PCPC pastors to start teaching after the loss of her daughter Callie as a way to focus on others and begin to heal. Her mother modeled a life of pouring her heart into our children's ministry at PCPC during its founding years, so Betsy had learned from the best. She quickly bonded with Eunice, and they have been a dynamic duo ever since. Through the fellowship that serving each week affords, they have done book studies and even learned new ways of communicating through Covid via Zoom by creating videos of all their lessons for the Preschoolers to use during the months we could not meet in person. Eunice and Betsy are famous for their creative routines that build consistency in the classroom, for their sweet rapport with their students, and for "the Turtle." Their most often-used tagline is, "Nothing is impossible with God."

#### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Karen Koop and D'Ann Moxley teach Bible and art during PCPC Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study. They met while their children were at the same elementary school and became friends, but teaching together has taken that friendship to a new level. Karen said, "Sharing about the Lord with Preschoolers is just fun. They embrace Jesus with joy and curiosity that reminds me of how lovely and amazing Jesus is. Although some may think 'it's just Preschoolers,' we care that each story is theologically/biblically accurate. That has given me many times of deep study and reflection as I try to share the truth of the Bible simply." D'Ann shares, "Serving is a joy and blessing—the duty becomes a delight as you get to know the children, and they get to know you. Kids bring back the awe and wonder we sometimes lose as adults. Seeing 'aha' moments in the creative process at the Preschool age is precious! For example, I love hearing the glee-filled exclamation, 'I just made purple!!!' There's a 'wow' factor when you show them a real butterfly or the beauty of sea shell lines and flower designs. We are teaching them to look closely at the goodness and beauty of God's creation. When we serve, we are fulfilling our vow to nurture our covenant children at PCPC. We are all a family in Christ."



Find your place to serve at [pcpc.org/kids](http://pcpc.org/kids)