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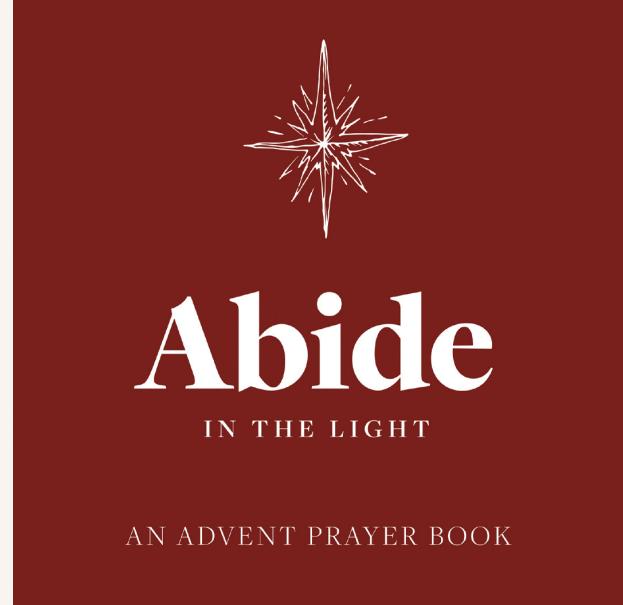
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"The people who  
walked in darkness  
have seen a great  
light; those who  
dwelt in a land  
of deep darkness,  
on them has  
light shone."

Isaiah 9:2



## CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

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

Download online or pick up a free copy! The daily Scripture readings walk through God's redemptive actions in history as revealed through key movements in the biblical story, the good news of great joy, Jesus our Savior.

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### THIRDTHIRD LUNCHEON ON RETIREMENT

SUNDAY, DEC. 1 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

### WOMEN'S ADVENT PRAYER

TUESDAY, DEC. 3 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

### ADVENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4 | 5:30 P.M. | CHAPEL

### BOXES OF BLESSING

SATURDAY, DEC. 7 | 8:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M. | BCW WAREHOUSE  
Bring your family, small group, and friends to help us extend the Kingdom of Christ to our city by filling 11,000 boxes of food. These boxes are a wonderful gift to our ministry partners for their communities. New addition to 2024—We are looking for people with trucks or large SUVs to help with deliveries.

[pcpc.org/christmas-service-opportunities](http://pcpc.org/christmas-service-opportunities)

### FAMILY ADVENT SERVICE

SUNDAY, DEC. 8 | 4:30 P.M.

Incorporating costumes (provided by us), live music, reading parts, and engaging your children as participants make for an interactive Advent celebration your family will certainly want to make a tradition. There is no childcare for this event. Please join us for worship & dinner (reservations close on December 4).

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### GLORIA: CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY, DEC. 15 | 4:30 & 7:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY (TICKETS REQUIRED)

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 P.M. (FAMILY) & 8:00 P.M. (EVENING) | 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. No tickets required for admission. Plan to arrive early for parking and seating.

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### YEAR-END GIVING

In order to comply with IRS regulations, Tuesday, December 31, is the deadline for donations to be received for 2024. Other than offerings given in worship or online, you may mail checks postmarked by December 31. The offices will be closed from December 23 through January 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. For stock donation instructions, contact Cheli Conejo (cheli.conejo@pcpc.org). Please note that mutual fund donations can take up to one month to process. Thank you for your generosity in supporting all that God is doing at PCPC.

[pcpc.org/give](http://pcpc.org/give)

[pcpc.org/impact-report](http://pcpc.org/impact-report)

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

During this season where we remember and celebrate the One who was sent into the hurt and brokenness of our world, we invite you to join us as we follow in Christ's footsteps, moving towards those who are suffering to share the Good News of God.

If you have free time over the holidays, consider joining us at Boxes of Blessing or one of our Ministry Partners (Thrive Women's Clinic, Vickery Trading Company, Exodus Ministries) this season where we might share the Good News in our city.



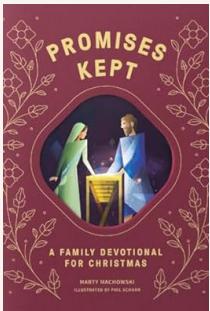
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# BOOKS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

## *Promises Made Promises Kept*

BY MARTY MACHOWSKI

This devotional shows families how the birth and life of Jesus fulfilled God's Old Testament promises of a Savior. This "upside-down" book includes fourteen Bible stories.



## *A Wonderous Mystery* Daily Advent Devotions

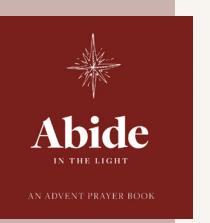
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Be filled by the wonder of Christmas with thirty days of devotionals from the sermons of Charles H. Spurgeon, reminding us of the Incarnation to be marveled at all year round.



These books are available for purchase in the PCPC Bookstore (Lower Level).

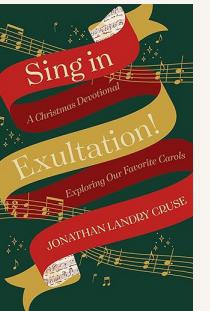
Also pick up a free copy of PCPC's *Abide in the Light: An Advent Prayer Book* in the Grand Hall or download a PDF version at [pcpc.org/resources/](http://pcpc.org/resources/).



## *Sing in Exultation!*

BY JONATHAN LANDRY CRUSE

This book contains 25 Advent devotions, each unpacking a verse from a well-known carol, uncovering riches in the familiar words we love to sing each December. Cruse has written a history and devotional treatment with application questions to mull over.



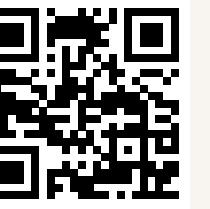
## WINTER GRACE

### GOD'S GRACE IN CHRIST ALONE

Please be sure to save the date for our annual WinterGrace event on Saturday and Sunday, **February 1-2, 2025**. WinterGrace is an on-campus retreat for our whole congregation to be refreshed in God's grace through fellowship, learning, music, and worship.

Dr. Sinclair Ferguson will be our guest speaker. He is a Ligonier Ministries teaching fellow, vice-chairman of Ligonier Ministries, and Chancellor's Professor of Systematic Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary. He is also host of the *Things Unseen* podcast.

[pcpc.org/wintergrace](http://pcpc.org/wintergrace)



# FRONT ROW SEAT

**Observing God's Work through Serving Others** by Jane Edson, Communications Specialist with testimony from John & Ready Bateman, Diane Steele, & Bond Beams

One woman speaking in the pew behind me that day was the daughter of a previously very active woman at PCPC who had become homebound. The other lady asked her how she was doing, and the daughter made the comment that she felt like her mother had been forgotten. This was a divine appointment that I should sit in front of those two ladies. I was so convicted in my spirit that I called Jane Beasley, who was on staff with PCPC senior adult ministry. From that conversation, we began to identify other members who were homebound and to organize members who wanted to visit them. I have been doing this now for about 13 years and have developed so many sweet relationships.



Diane encourages others to take advantage of this front row seat to God's handiwork by listening to the Lord's call and responding according to Isaiah 6:8, "Here I am! Send me."

### Helping Hands, Bond Beams

Bond Beams has served with PCPC Helping Hands since its beginning. Similarly, it all began with a conversation and a need. Bond said:



I began serving over 20 years ago following a discussion with a single mom about helping her and other single moms put up Christmas trees and decorations. Shortly thereafter this morphed into "Honey Do Day," where the deacons volunteered to help the single moms 3-4 times a year performing a variety of jobs needing to be addressed at their residences. Now we call it "Helping Hands," and have expanded it to include seniors and other members in need of assistance. It's a great opportunity for the congregation to serve alongside the diaconate.

Bond continues to serve today because "This ministry has provided me a front row seat to observe God's hand at work providing for the needs of His sheep. It has also served to initiate and/or develop relationships within the congregation. All of which has strengthened my faith in Him."



There are many stories like these of God's faithfulness through people's willingness to serve others at PCPC. Find your place to serve at [pcpc.org/volunteer/](http://pcpc.org/volunteer/).