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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.  
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"For now we see  
in a mirror dimly,  
but then face to  
face. Now I know  
in part; then  
I shall know fully,  
even as I have  
been fully known."

1 Corinthians 13:12

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## CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

### WOMEN'S ADVENT PRAYER

TUESDAY, DEC. 2 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

### ADVENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3 | 5:30 P.M. | CHAPEL

### SERVE SATURDAY: BOXES OF BLESSING

SATURDAY, DEC. 6 | 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. We are also looking for people with trucks or large SUVs to help with deliveries. Please sign up to serve, be a driver, or a driver team.

[pcpc.org/serve-saturday](http://pcpc.org/serve-saturday)

### COMMUNICANTS: PARENT INTRO MEETING

SUNDAYS, DEC. 7 OR 14 | 11:00 A.M. | THE CHAPEL

PCPC will offer Communicant classes (January 11–February 15) for children 3rd–8th grades and high school students 9th–12th grades. This meeting is a pre-requisite for parents of children 3rd–8th grade and highly recommended for parents of high school students who would like to participate in the 6-week Communicants class and seek admission to the Lord's Table at PCPC.

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

### FAMILY ADVENT

SUNDAY, DEC. 7 | 4:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Children of all ages and their families are invited to attend a special evening worship service followed by a family-friendly dinner and fellowship at 5:15 p.m. There is no childcare for this event (dinner reservations close on December 5).

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

### O COME: CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY, DEC. 14 | 4:00 & 7:00 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. The Christmas Eve Evening Service is at 8:00 p.m. No tickets required for admission.

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

### YEAR-END GIVING

In order to comply with IRS regulations, Wednesday, December 31, is the deadline for donations to be receipted for 2025. Other than offerings given in worship or online, you may mail checks postmarked by December 31. The church offices will be closed from December 24 through January 2, but donations can be hand-delivered to the secure drop box in the portico at the south entrance. For stock donation instructions, contact Cheli Conejo ([cheli.conejo@pcpc.org](mailto:cheli.conejo@pcpc.org) or 214-224-2504). 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)



# Winter Grace

## GOD'S GRACE IN FELLOWSHIP

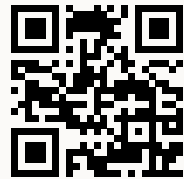
Featuring Sandra McCracken & David Gibson  
January 31 – February 1



**David Gibson**  
Minister of Trinity Church in Aberdeen, Scotland who has published a number of articles and books including *The LORD of Psalm 23* among others.



**Sandra McCracken**  
GRAMMY-nominated and Dove Award-winning Singer-Songwriter known for recasting sacred Scripture texts into theologically rich yet accessible songs—[sandramccracken.com](http://sandramccracken.com)



*Winter Grace* is an annual in-house retreat at Park Cities Presbyterian Church for renewal in God's grace. This year's theme is "God's Grace in Fellowship." We will have breakout sessions, a breakfast with David Gibson, children's programming, a concert with Sandra McCracken, and worship services together the weekend of January 31–February 1. For more details including the schedule, please scan the QR code to visit: [pcpc.org/wintergrace/](http://pcpc.org/wintergrace/).

# BOOKS

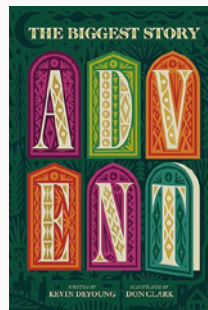
## FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT



### *The Biggest Story Advent:* *25 Lift the Flap Devotions for Families*

BY KEVIN DEYOUNG

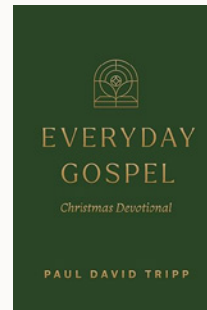
This devotional helps kids understand God's redemption story from Genesis to Jesus' birth. It is a fun, interactive way to center your holiday traditions on Christ and to see how He is the fulfillment of promises God made throughout Scripture.



### *Everyday Gospel:* *Christmas Devotional*

BY PAUL DAVID TRIPP

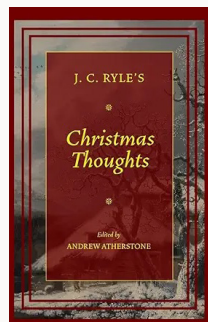
Count down to Christmas Day with Tripp's heartfelt reflections and contemplate the beauty and significance of the Savior's birth. This edition features 25 selected readings and study questions, making it ideal for personal or family devotions.



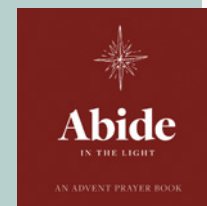
### *Christmas Thoughts*

BY J.C. RYLE

Ryle urges us—in the midst of our Christmas festivities and family reunions—to make time to consider our spiritual state and our relationship with God.



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/).



# SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

## WHERE WILL YOU GO IN 2026?

At PCPC, we envision every member as a world Christian who understands the "global-ness" of the Church's mission. Consider participating in a mission trip with us! Apply online today.

### COLOMBIA WOMEN'S TRIP (APRIL 15-21)

Serve missionaries Lauren and Peter Dishman by hosting a women's conference for the Spanish speaking Presbyterian churches in Bogota (with translators).

### MIDDLE EAST TRIP (JUNE 13-20)

Host a community kids camp, participate in evangelism, and serve a local church in meaningful ways. Step out of your comfort zone and grow in your faith!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION DALLAS (JUNE 15-18)

Rising 6-8th graders, serve local city mission partners for four days of missions, community, and fun! Afternoons will include Dallas area activities.

### ITALY TRIP (JUNE - DATES TBD)

Join this Summer English Camp for young adults in Northern Italy.

### GERMANY MISSION TRIP (JUNE 19-28 - TENTATIVE DATES)

Prayer walking trip for singles or couples in partnership with MTW Munich. Partner with PCPC missionaries, Ben and Anna Graber, and spend time praying for and getting to know the city.

### HIGH SCHOOL SENEGAL TRIP (JUNE 19-27)

Once again, our High School Senegal trip will partner with a Presbyterian ministry in Djilas, Senegal. Serve local Muslim kids by running a VBS day-camp.

### HIGH SCHOOL COLOMBIA TRIP (JUNE 20-27)

Spend a week in Cartagena distributing clean water filters and sharing the gospel in partnership with our local church planting partners.

### SENEGAL FAMILY MISSION TRIP (JUNE 26–JULY 4)

Enjoy fellowship with church leaders in Senegal. Ruling and teaching elders train West African pastors and run a VBS for their kids.

### BAHAMAS FAMILY MISSION TRIP (JUNE 26–JULY 3)

Host a children's camp in the Yellow Elder area with missionaries Christiana and Julian Russell. Enjoy going to the beach, fellowshiping with other families, and bringing the hope and love of Jesus to the kids of the Bahamas!

### CUSCO TRIP (DATES TBD)

Participate in a medical trip to work alongside a MTW missionary clinic in Peru.

### COLOMBIA THANKSGIVING TRIP (DATES TBD)

Join this family trip to install clean water filters and share the gospel.



Apply today at [pcpc.org/short-term](http://pcpc.org/short-term)

