

Please join us at 9:30 or 11:00 on this 1st Sunday of Advent. Pastor's sermon is titled "Fear and Foreboding" from [Luke 21: 25-36](#).

Pastor is looking for volunteers to assist throughout the season with the readings during the lighting of the Advent wreath. If you are willing to read during either service, please contact the office.

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Pastor Tom is in the office Tuesday through Friday. If you need to get in touch with him at any other time, he can be reached at 856/935-9140 (home), 609/970-0865 (cell) or by email at tpurchasesnj@comcast.net; (fax 856/935-9145).

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The church office will be closed Nov. 26, 27 and 30 for the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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For those going on the FUNdraiser bus trip to Sight & Sound in Lancaster Friday 11/27, the itinerary is as follows:

- 9:45AM - Arrive at church and load on to bus (Please be on time)
- 10:00AM - Depart from church
- 12:00-1:30PM - at Kitchen Kettle Village - snacks or lunch on your own
- 2:00PM - Arrive Sight & Sound (2:45 show)
- 6:00PM - Group dinner reservation at Dutch Way Family Restaurant
- 7:30PM - Depart for church
- by 10:00PM - Arrive Absecon Presbyterian Church

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Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, December 6, at 10:35 a.m. This meeting has been called for the election of officers and to introduce the Mission Study process. No other business will be conducted.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to report the following full slate of nominees for election.

Elder, 3 yr. term: Kirk Conover, Linda Gillis, Anna Mae Werner

Trustee, 3 yr. term: Nancy Conover, Ed Little

Deacon, 3 yr. term: Russ Adkisson, Jr, Laurie McManus, Loretta Metz

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There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for donations of refreshments to be served after the Congregational Concert on Dec 12th.

Be sure to see Joanie if you haven't purchased your tickets!

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King of Kings Youth Program is looking for someone who can play piano and is willing to lead our young people in praising God through contemporary or traditional Christian songs for approximately 15 minutes each week from 4:15 - 4:30 **or** 6:25-6:40. If you are interested in this ministry or know someone who might be, please contact Priscilla at 641-4877.

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A CAROLING WE'LL GO! . . . Saturday, December 5th, 5-7:30 PM. Departing from Priscilla's home (325 West Church Street) at 5 PM. Priscilla will be driving church van. Refreshments will follow at Priscilla's home. Please sign up with JoAnn Sabo 233-8952.

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HOME-BAKED REFRESHMENTS NEEDED FOR THE CAROLERS: Please see Priscilla if you have something to share & to make arrangements for the drop off at her house. Thanks so much you!

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HATS & GLOVES FOR SISTER JEAN'S are due Sunday, Dec. 6th. Gift bags and tissue paper are available today in Madden Hall.

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The Angel Tree will be up and the tags on the tree by Sunday. Select a tag and buy a gift or two and give a child a Merry Christmas. The deadline to return gifts is

December 13th. Bring them in anytime during that time. We will take them over to the Salvation Army right after that. Pick a tag, buy a gift, wrap it, and MAKE SURE THE TAG IS SECURELY ON the gift! Any questions ask any member of the mission committee. The mission team and the Salvation Army appreciate your help in making Christmas merrier for many children.

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Sunday is the deadline for the church-wide questionnaire. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so now. (Copies are available in the vestibule.) Your answers will benefit not only our denomination, but our church as well as we write our mission study and plan for our future.

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During this Thanksgiving season, we have so much to be thankful for, but there are many in our region that are not as fortunate. The Deacons continue collecting food items for the Food Bank, and we ask that you continue your generosity. Please bring any non-perishable items to church and place them in the foyer. We are so grateful for any items that you donate. Enjoy this blessed holiday season!! - Kris Jenoriki, Moderator

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BOWLING AT THE STRIKE ZONE IN EGG HARBOR CITY - If you would like to join us on December 6th from 1-3 PM, please sign up on the bulletin board. Priscilla has offered to drive the church van. Please sign up on her sheet as well. Cost = \$35 per lane (shoes, pizza and beverage included). If you get 6 people on your lane, that's only \$6 each. Hope to see you there. Fondly, JoAnn Sabo (cell # 233-8952)

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Community Holiday Events!

November 30 – Absecon Manor’s Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (6:00 p.m.) 1020 Pitney Road, Absecon. Special guest of honor – Mayor John Armstrong; caroling by Mainland Baptist Choir and Absecon School Clarinet Ensemble. Refreshments will be available.

December 05 – Kris Kringle Craft and Gift Show (9:00-4:00), Zion Lutheran Church, 312 Philadelphia Ave., Egg Harbor City. Along with crafts and other items for sale there will be a silent auction of gift baskets as part of this fund raiser for Family Promise.

December 12 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Cookie Walk (9:00 - ?), Parish Hall, 591 New Jersey Ave., Absecon. Buy homemade Christmas cookies for \$8.00 per pound. Cookie Walk begins at 9:00am and ends when cookies are sold out. Over 100 bakers. Plus over 100 gift baskets available at \$5, \$10, & \$15. Visit the Cocoa Café. For more info: Carol, 609/703-2802

December 12 – Christmas Extravaganza! (10:00 – 5:00) Victory First Presbyterian, Pennsylvania & Pacific, Atlantic City. Purchase your gifts for your loved ones and friends from the best local vendors! For more info: 609/674-1235

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Sunday Servants

Lay Assistants

9:30 Kirk Conover
11:00 Dawn Duran

Head Ushers

9:30 David Burgess, Bud Burgess
11:00 Tina Brown, Nancy Swank

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9:30 Bud Burgess

Offering

9:30 Dan Hughes, Greg Hamaty

Nursery

9:30 Gloria Achamizo

Deacons Guest Book

Bob Hudak

Refreshments

Louise Speitel, Robin McBrearty

Van Driver

Ed Little

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

Set-up – Linda Adkisson

Cook – Russ Adkisson

Clean-up – Gayle Ackerman

Please Remember in Prayer

Irene Hunter
Julie Seltzer
Bob Gillis
Joanna Howell
Rose Scott
Virginia Loeb
John Harvey
Mildred Felsberg
Ilsa Smith

This Week in Our Church . . .

Sunday ***First Sunday in Advent***

8:45 Breakfast

9:30 Sunday School & Worship

10:30 Refreshments

11:00 Worship

12:15 Worship Committee Meeting in Cobb Lounge

Monday ***Office Closed***

Tuesday

1:30 Bible Study in the lounge

4:00 King of Kings

7:00 Session

Wednesday

7:00 Bible Study at the manse

Thursday

12:00 Serve at Sister Jean's

6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday

1:00 Ruth Circle at Betsy Cunius'

Saturday

9:00 Deacons Meeting

9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry