

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT COMMUNION SUNDAY

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

VOLUNTARY: Veni, Veni Emmanuel.....Gerald Near (b. 1942)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Newton Cowan

* CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Sarah Carr and Charlie Keeley

Leader: For unto us a child was born,
For this world ... Jesus, who is Wonderful Counsellor.

**All: Hope was proclaimed,
Wisdom and guidance were promised.**

Leader: Jesus, Wonderful Counsellor, meet us this day,
For we wait on you.
Guide us as we pray.

(Silence is observed. The first candle is lit.)

**All: Jesus, Wonderful Counsellor,
With your wisdom, transform this world.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 88 – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*..... VENI EMMANUEL

Please sing verses 1, 4, 6, and 7

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)	Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)	Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)
Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)	Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)	
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)	Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)	

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Matt Bussell

**God of the future,
You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgement.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world.**

– from Book of Common Worship

A brief period of silence is observed for personal confession.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

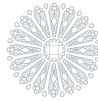
People: **And also with you.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* RESPONSE TO THE PEACE: *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* HELMSLEY

Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand, thou - sand
saints at - tend - ing join to sing the glad re - frain;

Al - le - le - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.



WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Jeremiah 33:14-16*..... Evelyn Hare

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A MOMENT OF GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Donna Chase

THE WORD READ: *Luke 21:25-36*

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *Comfort and Joy?*

Give Me a Sign Newton Cowan



362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 362 – *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*LLANGLOFFAN

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLENewton Cowan

GREAT THANKSGIVING Matt Bussell

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes

God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son ...
Remembering the risen Christ, we take from your creation
this bread and this wine as we live for the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer you now the sacrifice of our lives,
for great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION.....Newton Cowan

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme mv. 4

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Zoë Upton, violin

Tenors of the Chancel Choir

*Zion hört die Wächter singen,
das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
Ihr Freund kommt von Himmel prächtig,
von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.
Nun komm, du werthe Kron',
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn,
Hosianna!
Wir folgen all
zum Freudensaal
und halten mit das Abendmahl.*

Zion hears the watchmen sing,
her heart leaps for joy within her,
she wakens and hastily arises.
Her glorious beloved comes from heaven,
strong in mercy, powerful in truth,
her light becomes bright, her star rises.
Now come, precious crown,
Lord Jesus, the Son of God!
Hosannah!
We all follow
to the hall of joy
and hold the evening meal together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Matt Bussell

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

You may also participate in the offering using the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. Information for giving by other options, including text, app, and regular mail, can be found there as well.

OFFERTORY: *Keep Your Lamps* arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)
Chancel Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary,
Children, don't get weary
'til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian, journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's son, in - car - nate Word!



To the ho - ly Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Newton Cowan

* RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 105 – *People, Look East* BESANÇON

VOLUNTARY: *Wachet Auf* Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)
John Alexander, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Newton Cowan, *Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*
 Matt Bussell, *Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission*
 Donna Chase, *Director of Christian Formation*
 Evelyn Hare, *Lay Reader*
 Sarah Carr and Charlie Keele, *FPC Family*
 Charlotte Freeze, *Acolyte*
 John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*
 Zoë Upton, *Violin*
 Chancel Choir

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Text: Latin prose, pre-9th century; Music: Plainsong.

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Thomas Olivers.

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers” Text: Laurentius Laurenti; Music: Welsh folk melody.

“Savior of the Nations, Come” Text: Ambrose of Milan, 4th century; Music: *Erfurt Enchiridion*, 1524.

“People, Look East” Text: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: French folk melody.

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

east and sing to - day:

Peo-ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo-ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

THIS MORNING WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF ADVENT,

a time of preparation for God's gift of Christ to our world. We light the first candle of Advent at the beginning of this morning's service. During Advent we actively prepare for and anticipate the coming of Jesus into our world. While the culture busies itself for Christmas, we as Christians reflect upon the need for the Christ child in our lives as we anticipate Christ's birth with excitement and awareness anew.



OUR ADVENT SYMBOLS INCLUDE:

- *The color blue* of the paraments and pastors' stoles reminds us of our joyful anticipation as we sing songs of waiting, hear stories and scriptures of preparation, and ready ourselves for the birth of the One who was sent to give us the gift of new life.
- *The advent wreath*: its greenery symbolizing eternal life;
- *The four blue candles* are lit to remind us of the light of Christ that we are to bear into the world;
- *The white Christ candle* that is lit on Christmas eve is a reminder that Christ is the light to the world.

ADVENT WORSHIP & MUSIC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- *SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE*
Noon, sanctuary
Pastoral Care offers a time of solace amid grief and loss for anyone who seeks it.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- *SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT*
9 am Rejoice! & 11 am Sanctuary
Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6
- *A LITTLE ADVENT MUSIC: RALEIGH RINGERS*
5 pm, sanctuary
A Little Advent Music opens with this internationally acclaimed, Emmy-nominated group!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- *CAROLING AND COCOA WITH GRIMSLEY MADRIGAL SINGERS*
7 pm, sanctuary.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- *THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT*
9 am Rejoice! & 11 am Sanctuary
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Luke 3:7-18
- *A LITTLE ADVENT MUSIC: A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS*
5 pm, sanctuary
This beautiful service, rooted in the late 19th century, combines short scripture readings with carols and anthems. With orchestra, Canticle Choir, and handbell prelude.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- *FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT*
9 am Rejoice! & 11 am Sanctuary
Readings: Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:39-55
- *A LITTLE ADVENT MUSIC: ORGAN RECITAL*
5 pm, sanctuary
A Little Advent music closes with John Alexander.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- *CHRISTMAS EVE*
– *FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE*, 10 am
– *CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICES* at 5:30 and 11 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- *CHRISTMAS DAY*
CAROLING AND COMMUNION, 10 am, sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- *ONE SERVICE*, 10 am, sanctuary



WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith.
We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship
is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.



TAKING ATTENDANCE: The QR code, left, directs you to an online form; just open your smartphone camera, hold it over the code, and follow the prompts. If you do not have a smartphone, you can pick up a physical copy of an attendance card as you enter the Life Center or




Sanctuary. If using the paper form, place it in the offering at the end of the service. On the back of the card is a prayer request form. Your submitted prayers will be prayed for by staff members and kept in strict confidence.

NURSERY CARE IS PROVIDED for infants through age 4 on the first floor of Mullin Life Center. Our Child Protection Policy helps ensure our care is safe, loving and appropriate.

WHAT TO DO – UNWELLNESS AND MEDICAL

EMERGENCIES: If during the service you or someone who is with you begins to feel unwell, or is having a medical emergency; or if you notice someone else having a medical event; please contact the closest usher, who can assist in the situation.

FIND FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ON SOCIAL MEDIA –

Members are sharing great photos, comments and more! Follow and Like us on **Facebook**  (search “First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro”), **YouTube**  (“fpcgreensboro”) and **Instagram**  (“1stpresgso”) to get more of our posts in your newsfeed.

FOR MORE INFO ON CHURCH SCHOOL, UPCOMING SERVICES, AND OTHER EVENTS • Check out the “Coming Up” insert in your bulletin • Subscribe to our e-news and Sunday preview emails at fpcgreensboro.org/connect • Visit fpcgreensboro.org/events.

PARKING MINISTRY: This ministry helps members with mobility issues get from their cars to the sanctuary for the 11 am service on Sundays. Two volunteers work on Greene Street 10:30-11:15 am. Passengers may be dropped off at the Greene Street door and will be escorted into the sanctuary. Drivers will be directed to a reserved space as needed. One volunteer is needed after the service until 12:15 pm. *Want to help?* Choose a Sunday at fpcgreensboro.org/signup.

ABOUT TODAY’S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Miriam Staton by the Staton family.

PASTOR ON CALL: When church offices are closed and you have an emergency, call 336.908.8615. Leave a message with your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.

USHERS AND ACOLYTES NEEDED: Contact Anne Albert, aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4711.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to the in-person offering, you may also give by mail, web, app, or text. Scan the QR code *to the left* to make a pledge, or scan the QR code *to the right* to give to the offering online. You can also go to

fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text

to download the FellowshipOne Giving mobile app (Apple  or Android ) and for instructions for giving via text.

You may also mail your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give for more ways to give.



KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN SPOT A LEADER?

WThe Appointments Committee needs your help. Who would you like to see on your next Nominating Committee? Nominating creates the slate of elders you elect each spring to help govern our church. You have the opportunity to elect ten members of Nominating (another five are selected by our governing Session). The committee should reflect our congregation’s gender, age and experience. Nominating forms are available at entrances, online, and in the Welcome Center. Mail forms to Debby Foster, FPC, 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401, OR email names to Debby Foster (dfoster@fpcgreensboro.org) or Randy Jackson, chair of the Appointments Committee (srfjackson@gmail.com). Send suggestions to the Appointments Committee by Friday, December 20.



COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WEEK OF DECEMBER 1 | See our full calendar at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

FOR RSVP & REGISTRATIONS GO TO FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP



COMFORT AND JOY?

Advent 2024 at FPC

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

- **ON CAMPUS TODAY:** Devotionals for all ages, and copies of our Advent Preview. Advent books and Hot Dish & Hope honor cards for purchase in the Welcome Center. Handouts on keeping your serenity during the holidays, provided by the Mental Health Ministry. Look for the “thankful & blessed” posters in the Welcome Center and the Life Center.
- **DEADLINE FOR MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS** – Honor family and friends with a contribution to our hunger ministries or a poinsettia plant in our Sanctuary for Christmas. Order forms are around campus, and in our Advent preview. **Due Tuesday.**
- **THANKS!** to all who adopted one of our 50 FaithAction International kids. Gifts are due to the Welcome Center by **Wednesday.**

SHETLER BUILDING TO OFFER SHELTER FROM COLD

More than a decade ago FPC partnered with Greensboro Urban



Ministry to provide a place to sleep and a meal to eat on cold nights. Because of great need we will again serve as a Winter Emergency Shelter for 15 unhoused men assigned by GUM.



We start December 8, so we need volunteers ASAP! Provide a meal, help with check-in, stay overnight, or serve as one of several coordinators. Use the QR Code or contact Matt Bussell, MBUSSELL@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG or 336-478-4705.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY: Circle of Friends – Christmas fellowship for young adults and Peacehaven Farm friends. 6:30-7:30 pm in the Solarium.

WEDNESDAY: *RSVP deadline for Presbyterian Women luncheon* – being held December 9, noon in Mullin Life Center. Weekday Preschool children will present a Christmas program. \$10. Make a paid reservation at the front desk or online at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP

THURSDAY: *Service Of Remembrance* – Pastoral Care offers a time of solace amid grief and loss for anyone who seeks it. Noon in the sanctuary.

FRIDAY: *First Families Christmas Gathering* – Adults only! 6-8 pm. Contact Lorie Jones, LORIEJONES88@GMAIL.COM.

FRIDAY: *Friday Night Live* – Kate and Tom Gillespie host a monthly couples’ gathering at their home. 7-8:30 pm. To attend, contact KATEHUDELSON@ICLOUD.COM.

SATURDAY: *Memorial service for Williams Flord Washington* 2 pm, sanctuary. Mr. Washington was a member of our custodial staff.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Jill Duffield continues our worship series with *Clear the Way*, 9 and 11 am.

Coffee & Discipleship: Come to the Solarium, 10 am, for an informal chat with Rev. Newton Cowan.

CHURCH SCHOOL, 10 am:

- *Journey to the Manger*, Life Center. Children hear scripture, sing carols, eat cookies, and put together our life-sized nativity figures.
- *Youth*: Doughnuts-Dialogue-Devotion in Memorial 303.
- *Confirmation Class*: Jill Duffield leads in Memorial 300.
- Member Chip Bristol continues a class based on his new devotional, *Advent: A Spiritual Walk Toward Christmas*, illustrated by member Kelly Rightsell. Garden Room, 10 am. Copies in the Welcome Center for \$25, benefits Crayons Matter.
- *Guest speaker John Willet*, YMBC and Agape classes, in Redhead Hall.
- Seekers continue *Gospel of John*. In Main 125.

AND LATER IN THE DAY:

Kids Disciple Club Christmas Party: Grades 3-5 meet in the Life Center, 3-4:30 pm.

Youth Group: Middle School, 5-6 pm. Dinner for all, 6-6:30. High School, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Raleigh Ringers:

A Little Advent Music opens with this internationally acclaimed, Emmy-nominated group. 5 pm in the sanctuary. Free.



MORE OUTREACH

DO IT FOR DOLLY FOOD DRIVE-BY:

Each December we remember our beloved Rev. Dolly Jacobs with a special food collection for Urban Ministry. Dolly was from New Orleans, and this year we'll have a Mardi Gras theme! Drop off canned and nonperishable food in front of Redhead Hall **December 11** from 11 am to 1 pm.



COLD WEATHER GIFT FAIR: Donate sleeping bags, blankets, tarps, ponchos, warm gloves, hand and toe warmers for our Hot Dish guests. (No hats or scarves – the Community Service Group has provided 250 sets). Drop off in the Welcome Center by **December 15**.

MORE MUSIC

GRIMSLEY MADRIGAL SINGERS CAROLING AND COCOA: Monday, **December 9**, 7-8 pm in the sanctuary.



SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS: This beautiful service, rooted in the late 19th century, combines short scripture readings with carols and anthems. With orchestra, Canticle Choir, and handbell prelude, **December 15** at 5 pm.

CHRISTMAS IN REDHEAD HALL: Carols, solos and duets, with Julie Celona-VanGorden, Anne Albert, Ralph Davison, Will Edwards and Lane Ridenhour. 10 am, Redhead Hall.

ORGAN RECITAL: A Little Advent music closes with John Alexander, **December 22** at 5 pm.

FOR CHILDREN

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS: **December 15**, 10 am in the Life Center.