

**Our Own Original Advent Devotional**  
“Expectations”

Created by our congregation, available in the Gathering Area  
beginning Sunday, December 3

**THIS ADVENT...FAITH 5**

**SHARE** highs and lows

**READ** a Bible verse or story

**TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to your  
highs and lows

**PRAY** for one another’s highs and lows

**BLESS** one another



**Opportunities for Christmas Giving**



**Church World Service Blankets**—All Season  
Remember or honor loved ones and fill our “Ty  
Headley Tree of Warmth.” Some blankets will be kept

in our community; others will cover the cold throughout the world.

Bows will be placed on the Chrismon Tree for blankets donated.

Donate \$5 per blanket in memory or in honor of loved ones. Deadline  
for recognition booklet is Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Joy Offering**—Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Special Offering

Helping retired servants of the church

Supporting our racial/ethnic colleges

“Out of Gratitude, We Give”

# “Expectations”



## ADVENT—CHRISTMAS 2017

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## ADVENT WORSHIP—8:30 & 11:00 am

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent—December 3—Hope

Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: "Expectations!"

Communion, CCAP, New Members (8:30)

G.I. F. T. Event for All—9:45 am

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent—December 10—Peace

Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8

Sermon: "Holding On to Hope!"

New Members (11:00), LOGOS Worship Groups (11:00)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent—December 17—Joy

Sanctuary Choir Cantata: *"Sing Joy to All the World"*

Fellowship Cookie Reception

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent—December 24—Love—10:00 am ONLY

Service of Lessons and Carols, Special Music

Four Cents a Meal, Christmas Joy Offering

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES—December 24

### 5:00 p.m. Family Service—Sanctuary

Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20

Children's Conversation: "The Baby Is Coming!"

Children's Choir

### 7:30 p.m. Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: "Mend Our Hearts"

Sanctuary Choir, Communion

### 11:00 p.m. Late Night Service—Memorial Sanctuary

Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: "Down to Earth"

PS150 Praise Band, Communion



## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day—December 31—8:30 & 11:00 am

Isaiah 52:7-10, Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: "The Extraordinary from the Ordinary"

Habitat for Humanity Paint Can Offering

## SPECIAL GATHERINGS

### Youth Midnight Gladness

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>—6:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

### Shenandoah Valley Chorus Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>—3:00 p.m.

### "Blue Christmas—The Longest Night"

#### Service of Remembrance and Healing

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>—2:00 p.m.—Memorial Sanctuary

Supporting Those Who Grieve and Giving Extra Encouragement through the Holidays

### Youth Christmas Dinner/Thieves' Christmas

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>—Fellowship Hall—5:00 p.m.

### MOO-Men of Opequon Christmas Gathering

Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>—6:00 p.m.—Woolen Mills Grill

"Thieves' Christmas"

### GLOW-God-Loving Opequon Women Christmas Gathering

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>—7:00 p.m.

### Happy Days (Older Adults) Christmas Celebration

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>—12:00 Noon—Fellowship Hall

Covered Dish Lunch, Carol Sing, Christmas Activities

### Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Meet in the Fellowship Hall—4:30 p.m.

Carol to Shut-ins and Retirement/Nursing Homes  
Soup and Sandwich Meal Follows