

December 2, 2018

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of WYOMING CONNECTING with GOD, EACH OTHER & the WORLD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hope



PRAISE & WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Readers: Bethany Baar & Family

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:24-37

MESSAGE

"Stay Awake"

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

OFFERING

CLOSING SONG

CHARGE & BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are always glad to have visitors in worship at The Presbyterian Church of Wyoming (we call it PCW)! If you would like to know more about PCW, pick up a copy of our newsletter, "Crossroads", in the Gathering Area or visit our website at www.pcwyoming.org. For information about upcoming events follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pcwyoming/ and Instagram: [pcwyoming](https://www.instagram.com/pcwyoming). Welcome to PCW! We are so happy you are with us today!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF PCW?

If you feel called to explore membership at PCW, you are invited to join in a special membership class. We will reflect on our faith, answer questions about what it means to be Presbyterian and more. We will meet on Sunday, **Dec. 16th** from 4-6.30 p.m. That will include a light dinner (free of charge), and child care will be available. Please register by calling 513-821-8735 ex. 106 or email Pastor Bob at boba@pcwyoming.org.

VALLEY CONCERT - THIS AFTERNOON

Join us for our Traditional Advent and Christmas concert **this afternoon, at 4 p.m.** Music of the season will be performed by soloists, choir, organ, and piano. We will close with our annual singing of "Night of Silence" by Daniel Kantor. Bring your friends for this lovely event.

SINGLE COMMUNION SERVICE - NEXT WEEK

Mark your calendars and get ready for a morning to remember! On **December 9th** we will have a single service at 10 a.m. Our brand-new Children's Cherub Choir will sing Christmas songs, we will share Communion, and we will say goodbye and celebrate Pastor Lisa. After the service Mary Jo Peairs, along with the Thursday morning Bible study group, will host lunch for everyone. We hope you and your family will plan to join us!

DRIVE THRU PRAYER

Drive Thru Prayer is happening **Dec. 17-20 from 7-9 p.m.** All are welcome to come pray, drive through or just visit. We will be rejoicing and praying for you. Just stop by the front circle driveway of the Church. You will be blessed, and you might just go out and be a blessing to others.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

During this Advent Season we will be reading and sharing from a newly released 31-day devotional titled, "**The First Songs of Christmas - Meditations on Luke 1 & 2.**" Let us share in this good news of great joy together at 10 a.m. in the Library. All are welcome!

THE GIFTS OF IMPERFECT PARENTING

Our monthly meeting will be held in the Founders' Room on **December 5th** from 6:30-8 p.m. Join us as we support one another, practice practical ways of loving parenting, and learn from Brene Brown's wisdom. Rev. Mary Laymon guides our discussions, which have been very helpful as we seek to parent a new generation of God's people. All are welcome!

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

During this season of giving, the Personnel Team is once again requesting that you consider making a Christmas gift to the pastors and staff at PCW. We made this request last year and the result was quite remarkable, both from the amount given and from the sincere appreciation of the gifts received. We are hoping for a similar response this year. If you would like to offer a gift to the staff this year, please give it to Ron Stoerker prior to **Dec. 18th**. Or drop a check in the collection plate and designate "Staff Christmas Gift". Thank you!

LABYRINTH WALK FOR HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Join us in **Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.** in the Great Room for a facilitated Labyrinth Walk as we anticipate a new year, family gatherings and all that they entail, and bring our hopes together. Bring socks, as shoes or bare feet are not permitted. Join Mar Feder and Pastor Lisa as we walk "alone together" and anticipate a new year with hope.

THE SHARING TREE

Reminder: All of The Sharing Tree wrapped gifts are due back to PCW by **Dec. 5th**. Thank you to everyone who took a card and bought a gift for a child in need. You will make such a huge difference for a family this Christmas!

NEW LIFE COVENANT

After two years of nesting with PCW, New Life Covenant will be moving on to what God has next for them. They plan to be moved by December 31st. Please keep Sherman, Sadell and the other members of NLC in your prayers.

PCW NEEDS YOUR HELP

With the passing of Bob Feedback we find ourselves short-handed in the care of our building. We are in need of a few volunteers to complete some simple tasks. Please contact Ron Stoerker if you have a little time to offer. We also ask that when you have a meeting or an event at PCW you would please help out by cleaning up and resetting the space after your event. We appreciate your help and support during this time. Thank you so much!

THE HEALING SPACE

How do you treat the beloved people in your family or relationships? Do you keep in touch, listen to them, enjoy light-hearted times together?

This week's question: do I treat myself as I treat my best friends? Paraphrasing the words of Jesus, the great commandments: Love God, Love your neighbor as yourself. If I am commanded to love my neighbor as myself, I am commanded to love myself and share that with my neighbor. Consider going to thehealingspacecincinnati.org to find options on becoming your own best friend.

PCW Office Hours:
 Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Phone: (513) 821-8735

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 a calendar of events.*

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Christmas Poinsettias

Please send your order with a check to the church no later than Mon., Dec. 10th. Make checks payable to PCW, designate "Flower Fund Christmas".

I wish to order _____ red poinsettias, \$14/plant.

I wish to order _____ white poinsettias, \$14/plant.

Name for bulletin _____

I will pick up my order after the 5:30 service in the Great Room or the 11:00 p.m. service in the Sanctuary, Dec. 24th.

Please deliver my order to shut-ins.

Recipient's Name _____

Recipient's Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

FOR PRAYER

PRAISE!

Valley Advent & Christmas concert this afternoon!

THIS WEEK

Tim Cummings - hospitalized after a fall,
cousin of Bill Seale

Officers - **Leslie Mowry**, Elder
Thomas Stickney, Deacon

Church Staff - **William Seale**

CANCER

Judy Radorick - cancer, relative of Patsy Gaines-

Susan Roebuck - melanoma

Adam Miller - chemotherapy, member of
New Life Covenant

Phil and Catherine - both have brain cancer, father
and sister-in-law of Rev. Andy Meeker

Jackie Foster - blood cancer

Anne Miller Hernandez

Eric - stomach cancer, friend of Adrienne
Palermo

Bob Thomas - Norm and Marilyn Thomas' son

Cynthia Towne - brain tumor

Bruce Bonner - diagnosed with stage 4 colon
cancer, brother of Brian Bonner

Gracie - 11-year-old with relapse of leukemia,
friend of Katie Towne

CONTINUED PRAYER

Emily Manning - cousin of Jen Ferrell, breast
cancer, having surgery Nov. 20th

Our Missionaries - The Benadums and Myhres
Prayers for all with ongoing situations

REMEMBERING

Nan Reitz - Wife of Bart Reitz. Please list Nan's
family and friends in prayer.

PRAYER SCRIPTURES

Matthew 7:7

*Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you
will find; knock, and the door will be opened
for you.*

Deuteronomy 33:27

*The eternal God is your dwelling place,
and underneath the everlasting arms.*

Joshua 1:9

*Be strong and courageous; do not be
frightened or dismayed, for the LORD
your God is with you wherever you go.*

Psalms 23:1, 4

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
For you are with me; Your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

It is a privilege to hold you or your loved ones in prayer.

*Please let us know if you would like to have someone placed on our prayer list.
In order to keep our prayer list current, the name will remain there for four weeks.
If after that time there has been no updated information received, the name will be
removed. The name may be re-submitted for another four weeks if so requested.*