

Children's Formation

Let's keep Advent in our hearts through this holy season. Advent marks the beginning of the church year... a new starting point, a new beginning. The word Advent comes from *adventus*, the Latin word for "coming." As we make preparations with much on our to-do lists, may the gentle reminder of Emmanuel, God with us, guide us through these holy days opening our eyes to how Jesus the Christ is being born in our hearts and our world once again this year. We have wonderful offerings this month to help us keep Advent in our hearts.

Sunday School

Each Sunday of Advent we will begin Sunday School by singing Christmas carols with Jane Click. We continue with the Love First project creating an Advent calendar and reenacting the Nativity continuing to learn how we are loved and how we can share God's love with others. Through Jesus' example we show love to others thus giving the greatest gift to Jesus we can.

St. Nicolas Day

We will celebrate the feast day of Saint Nicolas, Bishop of Smyrna, Sunday, December 9. Saint Nicolas is known as Nicolas the Wonderworker and his habit of secret giftgiving. Children are invited to lay out their shoes in the narthex to receive a gift from St. Nicholas.

Las Posadas

Join us as we journey from place to place around the GSP campus looking for a room for Mary and Joseph to spend the night. Once the "innkeepers" of McBride Hall allow us to enter, we will have a party with food, Christmas carols, hopefully Mariachis, and the traditional piñata filled with treats and sweets! Date will be announced soon!

Christmas Eve Pageant

A pick-up pageant is planned this year, which hopes to be simple and fun for the children! Mistakes and confusion are expected so the intention is to put everyone at ease including the congregation. The family service begins Christmas Eve, December 24, at 5 p.m.

Contact Pastor Kimberlee for more information!