



## Holiday Edition of Children's Ministry News

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### Christmas Eve Services

**11 am:** 4th Sunday in Advent: One morning worship at 11 am only.  
(No Sunday School. Childcare available.)

**4 pm** Christmas Eve lessons & carols service for all ages, designed with children in mind. (No childcare.)

4th & 5th Graders are invited to lead worship with speaking roles.

2nd & 3rd Graders are invited to meet at 3:45 in the Student Center to start the service with a star processional. Parents will pick up children at the front of the sanctuary after the first hymn/star processional. We need a few 1st Graders and parents to serve as ushers. Arrive at 3:30. (greet/hand out bulletins, collect offering, working together adult/child)



**To participate in these opportunities, please contact Jenny Alexander. Just reply to this email.**  
This is an opportunity for children to lead worship— making the service extra special and memorable for them. More information will be provided.

**7:30 pm** Christmas Eve service for all ages. (Nursery care available.)  
This is the traditional candlelight service.

**11 pm** Christmas Eve service with communion (No childcare.)



### Advent

As you "dec the halls" and hear Christmas music, consider preparing your heart for Christ as well. Advent is our time of active waiting and getting ready for the Christ child. Here at DCPC, there are many resources to help bring your focus back to the meaning of Christmas. Click [here](#) for a family (all ages- children and youth) Advent calendar with simple scripture and mission-oriented activities.

Additional resources (below) are available in Faith Formation classes and on bulletin boards. Let's journey together through this Holy season.



### Advent Devotions for Children

Look for these Advent Devotion options in Sunday School classrooms and on bulletin boards. We have angel sticker advent calendars and the traditional daily message Advent calendar.



### Faith Formation for Kids

Join us for a Sunday School or Wednesday Kids Club class! Sunday mornings at 9:45 and Wednesday afternoons at 4 pm are precious hours of fun, scripture, community, learning and growing here at DCPC. Come check it out. Contact [Jenny Alexander](#) for additional information. We have classes for children preschool through 5th Grade.



## Wednesday Nights at DCPC

What would re-charge your battery? All hearts and voices welcome.

3:45 Playground/Jetton Hall for elementary children, snack  
4:15 Elementary Kids Club classes **or** handbells  
5 pm Choir (age 4-6th gr) **or** homework room **or** childcare  
5:45 Dinner at Congregation House  
6:30 Devotion

More information on Faith Formation? [Jenny Alexander](#)

More information on Choir program? [Jane Cain](#)

Register for dinner? [Church office](#)

**No Wednesday Night Live programs on Dec. 20 or 27.**

**Jan 3 there will be children's bells, choir and dinner but  
NO Kids Club/faith formation K-5 classes.**



## Calling 3rd - 8th Graders

Acolytes are needed to bring the light of Christ into our 11 am worship service. This is an opportunity to serve God, lead worship, and learn more about the symbolism and customs of our faith tradition.

Contact [Phil Batten](#) for more information or to schedule training.

Click [here](#) to sign up.



## The holidays hold challenges too

Holidays can be a time of remembering, questioning or even sadness. If you or someone you know could use some support during the holidays or after, Stephen Ministers are here to listen. We provide confidential one-to-one listening and Christian care. Email [stephenministry@dcpc.org](mailto:stephenministry@dcpc.org) or contact a pastor for additional information.

## Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Click [here](#) for a current list of needs.

**Did you get your Children's Ministry Guidebook** for 2017-2018? More are available at the Faith Formation bulletin board (main floor) and Children's Ministry bulletin board (Elem Sunday School hallway upstairs). Pick up one for your family or a guest to DCPC!

## Dates for your calendar

December 10 White Gift Christmas Pageant at 5 pm & dinner (childcare available)

December 20 & 27 No Wednesday Night Live

December 24 Worship at 11 am only (childcare), No Sunday School

Christmas Eve 4 pm (no childcare), 7:30 pm (childcare), 11 pm (no childcare)

December 31 No Sunday School

January 3 WNL resumes (children's bells & choirs, dinner/devotion) NO KIDS CLUB