# **Advent Resource Suggestions From Our Pastors**

We invite you to check out these Advent suggestions in addition to the ones you will find with a search at the <u>PC(USA) Book Store</u>. So that we can include some more ideas next week, please send your favorite ideas to <u>communications@staugpres.org</u>.

### **Advent Studies for Groups**

- "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes" by Cynthia Campbell
- "Names for the Messiah" by Walter Brueggeman
- <u>Free Resources for Children and Families</u> by Jessi Higginbotham (St. Giles Presbyterian Church)

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# Liturgical Resources

"Cloth for the Cradle" Iona Community/Wild Goose Worship Group

#### **Devotional Resources**

- "Advent Devotional Guide" by Mark Roberts
- "Celebrating Abundance" by Walter Brueggeman
- Advent Devotions by Trelawney Grenfell-Muir in the journal Feminism and Religion

### Advent Podcasts from Renovare (Ecumenical)

 Renovaré USA is a Christian nonprofit that models, resources, and advocates fullness of life with God experienced, by grace, through the spiritual practices of Jesus and of the historical Church.

## Advent Women's Retreat with Jan Richardson (Free)

• Jan Richardson is an artist, author, and pastor. This year's theme is called "A Path with Solace."

We thank the Rev. Charles Freeman (Grace Presbyterian Church) for these hymns he has written and has given permission for churches of our presbytery to use these hymn texts in worship for the Advent season, including reprint and streaming permission.

- Advent 1 (Hope): When the world tells us
- Advent 2 (Joy): <u>A voice cries out in the wilderness</u>
- Advent 3 (Peace): Now the world says to worry (Rejoice! Always rejoice!)
- Advent 4 (Love): When Isaiah spoke a word
- Christmas Eve: <u>Hope is born</u>

These resources by the Rev. Jessi Higginbotham (St. Giles) are available on Etsy:

- Liturgies for Advent Wreath Lighting
- Youth Group Lessons and More Resources