



Advent Sermon Series: Dec. 1-22 "Prophecies of Christmas"

Christmas is a joyous celebration with a deeply prophetic history. As the single greatest prophecy fulfilled, the birth of Jesus as Messiah was foretold long before it happened. In this series, we will explore prophecies that point to Christ's birth on Christmas. In uncovering the story, our understanding will shed new light on Christmas and illuminate our faith.



Adult Education: "The Glory of God in the Season of Advent"

Sundays, Dec. 8-22 – 10:30 a.m.
Led by Pastor Steve Kellough

Advent is a wonderful time to explore the glorious attributes of our triune God. A. W. Tozer in his book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, writes: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." In this series, we will explore biblical texts describing some of God's many divine qualities.



Lessons & Carols Services

Sunday, December 15

Be sure to join us on December 15 as we prepare to remember our savior's birth and look forward to His second return through a service of Lessons and Carols. Using Holy Scripture, congregational song, choir anthems, and instrumental music, we will recall the prophecies and the fulfillment thereof through Christ our Lord.

Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, December 24

10:30 a.m. Family Service *(one morning service only)*
A special service presented by the children of First Pres

6:00 & 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Services
Childcare available at 6:00 p.m.

Services will be livestreamed at firstpreswheaton.org/Livestream

Christmas Eve Sermon: "Heavenly Forces" Luke 2:1-20

As we come again to Bethlehem and witness the Savior's birth, it's impossible to ignore the afterglow lingering two millennia later. At the arrival of Jesus in the world, an assembly of angelic forces brought the glory and peace of heaven to earth. In this Christmas Eve message of hope, Pastor Kellen will lift our hearts heavenward as we consider the lasting impact of the holiest of nights.



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Please note there will be one service at 10:30 only
on Sunday, December 29 & Sunday, January 5.



December Events

Fri. Dec. 6 Gingerbread Nativity Night
6:00 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 4 & 11 The Table
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 8 WF Progressive Dinner
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 8 Women's Ministry
Holiday Gathering
4:00 p.m.

Dec. 8 - 13 Christmas Sharing
Drop Off Days
8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 13 Men's Christmas Breakfast
7:00-8:00 a.m.

Sat. Dec. 14 Christmas Sharing Event
8:00 a.m.-noon

Sun. Dec. 15 Lessons and Carols Services
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Poinsettia Dedications are due by Dec. 18 at firstpreswheaton.org/Poinsettias2024.

Sun. Dec. 15 Genesis Christmas Party
10:30 a.m.

Wed. Dec. 18 Christmas Dinner
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Thur. Dec. 19 Preschool Christmas Concert
11:00 a.m.
2:30 p.m.
– morning 4's
– afternoon 4's/Pre-K

Fri. Dec. 20 Outreach Senior Luncheon
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Tue. Dec. 24 A professional photographer
10:00 a.m.-noon will be available in the Rotunda
before and after the 10:30 a.m.
service to take family portraits
with a seasonal background
and professional lighting.

Sun. Dec. 29 Winter Concert with the
4:00 p.m. Stephen Lynerd Group

Christmas Missions

2024 Christmas Sharing is Saturday, Dec. 14
Our annual drive to help District 200 families in need

New Items Most Needed (drop off Dec. 8-13):

- Twin / Queen / King sheet sets.
- Gifts for children age 12 and up (athletic balls, blue tooth headphones, bluetooth speakers \$20 or less)

Sundry boxes and content lists are available for pick-up in the Rotunda. Filled boxes should be returned from December 8-13.

Volunteer help is needed and appreciated! Sign up to volunteer at firstpreswheaton.org/CSVolunteer.

Financial donations can be made at firstpreswheaton.org/onlinegiving, using the Christmas Sharing drop down.

Questions can be directed to [Sharon Carroll](mailto:Sharon.Carroll).

Christmas Giving Trees – Through Dec. 8

Giving trees are on the ramp near the Rotunda, where you can select a tag from a tree, purchase a gift, and return it UNWRAPPED under the tree by Sunday, December 8. Monetary donations accepted [online](#) by selecting "Giving Trees Mission."

DuPage PADS Christmas Donations

– Bring items to church by noon on Wed. Dec. 18
Special holiday requests for PADs families

Items needed are: homemade Christmas cookies, new socks, and activity books/markers/crayons. Contact the church office for details.

Outreach Senior Luncheon – Fri. Dec. 20

The annual Christmas luncheon for the Older Adults supported by Outreach.

Volunteers and monetary donations are needed to make this a special day for 125 senior guests.