

ADVENT WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE SUNDAY

Sunday, 12/1

Theme:

We will **PREPARE** to tell the Story. That means greening the sanctuary. That means reminding ourselves of the prophecies. That means claiming the ancient traditions in modern ways. As we prepare, we'll remind ourselves of why we prepare.

Hanging of the Greens Worship Service, Sunday 12/1 @ 11:00 am

Join us as we green the sanctuary, and recall the legends of the candle, the evergreens, the poinsettia, the Chrismon tree, and even the candy cane!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE SUNDAY

Sunday, 12/8

Theme:

We will **PROCLAIM** the Story. We'll never learn the story if we fail to tell it. Again and again. And what better way to tell the story than to share it in song! Join us for our Christmas Cantata, as the Chancel Choir performs *This is Christmas* by Mary McDonald.

Christmas Cantata, 11:00 am

Be wowed, as the Millbrook Chancel Choir shares the Christmas story in song.

Community Potluck, Immediately following Worship in the Fellowship Hall
Bring your favorite main dish, side dish, or dessert, and enjoy the fullness of fellowship.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY SUNDAY

Sunday, 12/15

Theme:

We will **HOST** the Story. Stories can't take root without space to grow, to thrive, and to find community. It's fitting then, that the third Sunday of Advent includes the Institution of Communion. Let's listen for the story, and find God and one another at a table.

Morning Worship, Including Communion, 11:00 am

All are welcome at Christ's Table

Evensong on the Millbrook Labyrinth, 5:00 pm

Finish your Sunday at sunset as we sing, pray, and find joy on the Millbrook Labyrinth

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: LOVE SUNDAY

Sunday, 12/22

Theme:

We will **SHARE** the story. Stories are only transcendent if people can see themselves in the narrative, identify with the characters. Join us for a participatory pageant as children of all ages help us tell the story. And afterwards, we'll sing all our favorite Christmas carols.

The Second Craziest Christmas Pageant Ever, 10:00 am

(Note: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

We're doing it again! Children of all ages will lead us in the telling of Luke's and Matthew's Christmas stories. Whistling Josephs, laughing donkeys, skipping shepherds, and much, much more. Wear your most festive attire. Ugly Christmas sweaters are entirely appropriate. At the conclusion of the pageant, we'll sing our favorite Christmas Carols.

Christmas Cozies, Fellowship Hall, Immediately following worship

Come across the hallway and have a cup of cocoa, coffee, or cheer. Greet friends new and old. Have all the Christmas feels!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 12/24

Theme:

We will **EXPERIENCE** the story. Anticipation and expectancy transform into realization. Join us by candlelight on Christmas Eve, and let the star lead you to your own Bethlehem in a village full of Millbrookers.

Christmas Eve Reception, Fellowship Hall, 4:00 pm

Come a little early, enjoy light refreshments and fellowship, snap a family picture in front of the tree. Ease into the Christmas Spirit.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm

Hear the ancient stories. Sing the familiar songs. Welcome the Christchild. This will be a family-friendly service that we expect to last less than 45 minutes.