



ELMHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Five Spiritual Practices for Advent

The Spiritual gift of Advent is the gift of waiting for the incarnation. The incarnation is God, wrapped up in flesh, as a baby boy, come down to earth. What does it mean for God to become one of us? What does it mean for God to give up all of God's power to be born as a baby? These are the questions we ask ourselves during Advent. I encourage you to find a spiritual practice that will nurture you this Advent Season. Here are a few:

1. The spiritual practice of giving. Perhaps you'll want to help us *fill the stable* by bringing in diapers or food to be given to our partner ministries. Maybe you'll want to give financially to ministries that mean a lot to you and your family.

2. The spiritual practice of hospitality. Invite Mary and Joseph to come to your house! Sign up here: https://bit.ly/EPCMaryAndJoseph — It's a simple practice, to receive Mary and Joseph and send them on their way. This practice is a reminder of the journey we all take as we seek to follow God. It's also a reminder of what it means to be a gracious host. Who might come to visit you this year?

3. The practice of prayer — I think the d365 devotionals are a great place to start. Visit www.d365.org for more!

May all the Advent values be with you this year: hope, peace, joy, and love.

With gratitude.

Pastor Traci



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will be passing out order envelopes the next several Sundays.

Kindly check the boxes for your color preference, total, how you would like your contribution listed, and if you prefer to pick up your plant this year or donate it for deacon delivery.

ORDER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 12TH

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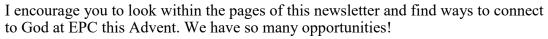
Newsletter

A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ELMHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



REV. TRACI SMITH





UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AT ELMHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?



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TRAVELING WITH MARY & JOSEPH





the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry and our sister church in Chicago. For more information, see page 5.

HOLIDAY WITH HEARTS

We are partnering with Erie House to provide children with gifts this Christmas. Take a tag off the giving tree at church and return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached by December 4th.

WE ARE HIRING! | INTERESTED? VISIT EPC@ELMHURSTCHURCH.ORG/ABOUT-US/JOB-OPENINGS/



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Please donate diapers and nonperishable food items.

> These items will be delivered to:

Elmhurst-Yorkfield & New Deliverance in **Roseland/Chicago** Food Pantry

Stable in the Nelson 367 Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL White Room 60126

Elmhurst Presbyterian Church

Accepting Donation Through

Drop-off Location:

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HEADING INTO THE NEW YEAR...



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Bring your loved ones as we gather together to celebrate Christmas. Service starts at 10:30 AM. There will be no live stream provided for this service.



NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

Join us in worship as we welcome the new year and all its blessings! Service begins at 10:30 AM. There will be no livestream provided for this service.



EPIPHANY SERVICE

All are welcome as we celebrate Epiphany this new year on Sunday, January 8th. Service starts at 10:30 AM.

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COOKIE BAKE & EXCHANGE

Join us on Saturday, December 10th at 1 PM for a delicious evening filled with cookies! Bring your family recipes and ingredients to bake them. We will then split for shut ins. A dinner of pizza, them up amongst everyone to bring home. Bring cookie containers!

FESTIVE FAMILY NIGHTS AT EPC!

On Sunday, December 18th Bring the whole family and we will be hosting our annual help us spread holiday cheer EPC Christmas Pageant. All on Wednesday, December are welcome as we listen to 14th at 6 PM. We will be the story of Jesus' birth. decorating Christmas cookies Interested in participating? Contact the church office by veggies, and beverages will phone or email. also be served!

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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

All are welcome as we celebrate this Christmas Eve in a candlelight service. Worship will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 5 PM.