

# Eastminster Eagle

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## *MEDITATIONS AROUND THE ADVENT WREATH*

*On November 29th, we enter the First Week in Advent.* As you embrace this meditation, I invite you to play some of your favorite carols to enjoy the gift of the Christ-child and still your heart, mind and body for peace, God's peace.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:** We light the first purple candle, the Candle of Hope, to remember the voice and vision of the prophets and peoples who longed for a Savior and leader who would ease their suffering, and bring justice and well-being to their nations and communities. In the light of this candle, may we see God's hope and remember to look, hopeful, for the coming of Christ.

**MEDITATION:** As you enter into prayer today, as this season of Advent opens, what is the longing deep in your heart? Trusting that the Spirit is here to help you, read through this passage several times really slowly. You may find that reading aloud helps you slow down. Let the words move deeply into your being, like refreshing rain into dry soil. Allow a word or phrase to touch you. Listen for the Holy One to speak to you in your deep longing from Isaiah 9: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exulting when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken, as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named wonderful counsellor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

As you continue in prayer now, reflect on the word or phrase that has touched you, exploring what it means to you here and now. Let the word or phrase connect with your personal situation. Consider the communities and nations you are part of. What darkness in your community or nation needs to be eased and addressed? What might it mean to long for justice and well-being in your neighborhood, in your city? Respond to God about what you have thought, and noticed through this reading and reflection: write or pray your response, dance or paint or even sing your response: in gratitude, trust, longing, repentance or intercession. As you gaze at the Advent candle, sit quietly with God, at rest in the presence of the One who loves you. Be still, trusting that the Holy Spirit is at work in the depths of your spirit deepening your faith. Allow the Word to move from your head to your heart to dwell there in peace-full silence. Holy One, hear our prayer and may our cries come to you. Amen.

*On December 6, we enter the Second Week in Advent.* As you embrace this meditation, I invite you to play some of your favorite carols to enjoy the gift of the Christ-child and still your heart, mind and body for peace, God's peace.

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### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:**

Today, we light again the first purple candle and we light this second purple candle, the Candle of Peace, to remember Mary and Joseph, who dreamed God's dream and embraced God's vision of peace for the world. We remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding. In the light of these candles, may we see God's peace and remember to look, peace-full, for the coming of Christ.

**MEDITATION:** Usually we approach Scripture with the expectation of readings its words and thinking about their meaning. Yet when we read anything that tells a story or relates to life issues, we always use more than our intellects. Using our imaginations opens us to encounter God more directly than our intellects allow. Today you are invited to bring your whole selves to God in meditation and prayer. Ask the Holy One to guide you to be open and attentive. Read this passage through to remind yourself of Joseph's story as Matthew 1: 18-25 tells it, and use your imagination to set the scene as vividly as you can: what would you see? What would you hear? What is in the background? What is the emotional atmosphere like? Take time to let the scene unfold: Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep

he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Now let yourself become part of this scene. Without forcing anything, what are you drawn to in the story? Perhaps you identify particularly with one of the characters, and take that role. Or maybe you are a bystander, a child, a serving boy, watching what is happening. When you have found your place, allow the story to unfold: re-play the video in your imagination. Now that you are part of the scene, notice how you find yourself responding — your thoughts, actions, feelings. It may be that the narrative unfolds a little differently to the biblical account. Notice what happens and trust God to take you there. Do you find yourself interacting with one of the characters? Is there anything you want to say or ask? Is there anything another wants to say to you? How do you respond? When your imaginary journey through the story has come to an end, take some minutes to reflect. Consider how what happened might blend with your real life situation. How is the God of surprises nudging you? Allow this to lead to prayer, and journal your reflections. Linger as long as need be. Glory be to God the Creator, the Holy Human One, and the Loving Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

***On December 13, we enter the Third Week in Advent.*** As you embrace this meditation, I invite you to play some of your favorite carols to enjoy the gift of the Christ-child and still your heart, mind and body for peace, God's peace.

### **LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:**

Today, we light again the first and second purple candles, and we light the third, pink candle, the Candle of Joy, to join in the joy of the angels and the surprise of the humble shepherds who had the privilege of welcoming the baby Jesus and telling everyone of their

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amazing night in Bethlehem. In the light of this candle, may we see God's joy and remember to look, joy-full, for the coming of Christ.

**MEDITATION:** Our wreath has three candles alight now: the prophets', the parents', and now ordinary people are drawn in. Our meditations in the first week had a social justice theme, in the second week we were more personal and intimate. This week we consider how those two might resonate together in worship and contemplation. The glory of the Holy comes directly to the most humble, and their response is presence, witness, and adoration. Hear these words from Luke's gospel, chapter 2, verses 8-20: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace and goodwill among all people!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen as it had been told them.

Imagine the scenes: first these ordinary people living outdoors night after night with their animals when suddenly a messenger turns up with the

strangest of news and joined by a starry choir, and then these ordinary people finding a couple from out of town, camping with a newborn in a barn. Let yourself be one of these ordinary people, a youngster, a granddad, a simple man or woman. When the angel appears, how would you express the fear, astonishment, total amazement in your body? Stand now, move around and take up this posture. Or if you would rather, imagine yourself arriving at the fodder box, and seeing the small face of a snuggly-wrapped baby. What would your body's response be? Allow yourself to enter into the worship, the wonder, the silence as you hold this stance or posture with your body for several minutes. Be present to the events; let your spirit experience the privilege, and the mystery. Stay in the sacred space. After the time of stillness has come to its end, you may like to write a simple psalm, or a message in a birthday card, or sketch the scene in charcoal or pastels, to give witness to your own adoration, and wonder. You could leave this response beside the Advent wreath. Glory to God in the highest and peace and goodwill to all people on earth. Amen.

*On December 23, we enter the Fourth Week in Advent.* As you embrace this meditation, I invite you to play some of your favorite carols to enjoy the gift of the Christ-child and still your heart, mind and body for peace, God's peace.

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:** Today, we light again the first and second purple candles, the third pink candle, and now the fourth purple candle, the Candle of Love. Scripture tells us "There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear." God created this world in love and this world will end in the love of God. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to lovers,

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I was feeling down as I was thinking about what I was going to write about in the newsletter this month.

With many of you, I have missed the in person Worship experience, hearing you sing, the choir sing, and Melody playing along with all of us doing parts of the Liturgy and listening to the prayers and Sermon. Then I remembered that Vicki Cook had mentioned to me about a daily devotion in the October 2020 *These Days*. I found the book and read the devotion and accompanying Scripture and found my Spirits lifted. In spite of the C-virus, lock downs, lock outs, politics, the deprivation we as a congregation singing, the choir singing, Melody playing, our doing the liturgy together, the morning sun coming through the rose window, the greetings of friends and family before and after the service, the deaths of some members who now are singing in the heavenly congregation, and the loss of spiritual contact through all of that, the first line of Psalm 34 woke me up from my depression. “I will bless the Lord at all times.” We can sing or hum our praise and thanks to God anywhere by ourselves, riding in the car, many places and even as we hopefully return to in person worship we should continue our individual song to God.

The following is from *These Days* October 30, 2020. Hopefully, they will forgive me for reprinting it without permission in the hope and prayer that it

will encourage and inspire you as it did me.

*I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.  
Psalm 34:1–3*

How can I bless the Lord at all times? I already mentioned how I struggle with a constant inner monologue—how can I manage to praise God continually instead? God has provided an answer—music! Song! By singing, we can truly “bless the Lord at all times.” This is where people begin to balk and bring up their subpar singing voices—but friends, this is not a performance. This is communication with God, who made and loves us. Singing is one of the best and quickest ways to get something into your head and keep it there, and hymns are wonderful vehicles for glorifying God. Any type of music will work—whatever speaks to you and is easy to remember. There is always “Jesus Loves Me”—because he does.

God’s gift to us of music and singing provides us with the perfect way to “exalt [God’s] name together!”

*God, thank you for music.  
Please help me to sing a  
song of praise in my heart today. Amen.  
Lindy Thompson, Franklin, Tennessee*

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God's love is there. In the light of this candle, may we see God's love and remember to look, love-full, for the coming of Christ.

**MEDITATION:** We don't usually include Anna or Simeon in our nativity narratives, but these two are Wise Ones indeed. They brought gifts of praise and blessing, instead of gold and incense. Luke 2: 27-38 relates their encounters with baby Jesus: Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ... There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Somehow both Anna and Simeon were able to recognize the significance of the occasion, of the parents and child. They were tuned in to the movements of God's Spirit in their hearts; they were present and attentive to God. Is this

something you are alert to in your life? When did you last notice a nudge from the Holy One? What did you do in response? There is a prayerful practice many centuries old that can lead us to being mindful and present to the significance of our days and weeks and years, the examen. Place your hand on your heart and ask Jesus or God or the Holy Spirit to bring to your heart the moment today for which you are most grateful. Ask God to bring to your heart the moment today for which you are least grateful. Let your feelings come to the surface. You may wish to take deep breaths and let God's love fill you just the way you are. Give thanks for whatever you have experienced. You may like to journal your learnings or share them with a family member or friend. Eternal God, grant to me this day and every day, such readiness and delight in following Christ, that whether my life is short or long, I shall have lived abundantly. Amen.

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### *The Pleasant Grove Food Pantry Needs You!*

Help! Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays from approximately 9-1 p.m.

The food is delivered using a drive through method with safe distancing. Masks are worn.

Can you give up 4 hours once a week to feed people who really need the food?

Contact Michele Pappas: 214-460-4855.



	<i>Families</i>	<i>Adults</i>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
6-Oct	201	488	63	472	1,023	19,866
13-Oct	192	433	53	477	973	15,742
20-Oct	227	519	77	574	1,170	16,294
27-Oct	190	451	62	489	1,008	12,315
Totals	807	1,908	255	2,012	4,175	64,217

154 New Families

## *The heart of home*

During a road trip one dreary, drizzly December day, I thought about how traveling is an act of faith — both now and in Bible times. Unlike Mary and Joseph with a donkey, I have more horsepower, yet I still rely on God to navigate through detours and delays.

On that particular journey, some friends who were away let us stay in their home, and it was such a haven. We turned on cozy lighting, got in our pajamas and heated homemade soup I'd brought. Those simple comforts symbolized warmth, home, nourishment. It was the welcome Mary must have longed for after her difficult trip.

After our meal, God's word fed my soul and I prayed: "Lord, I want my heart to be as warm and welcoming to you as this place to stay has been for us. Make me a place where you are invited, honored and welcomed — a peaceful haven for your Son."  
—Monica Wilkinson



## *Christmas presence*

Amid the secular trappings of the holidays, we can lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas, until we lament with Charlie Brown, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?"

These reminders call us back to where it all began — in the heart of God.

"The giving of gifts is not something [people] invented. God started the giving spree when he gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of his Son."  
—Robert Flatt

"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that he gave his only Son. The only requirement is to believe in him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."  
—Corrie ten Boom

"The great challenge left to us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season that has grown increasingly secular and commercial, and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas."  
—Bill Crowder

"If we do not set aside time to focus together on what God's word tells us about the promise of Christ, on Christmas morning we can find ourselves surrounded by mounds of torn gift wrap, our laps full of presents, but with hearts that are empty and unprepared."  
—Nancy Guthrie

## *The New Security Camera System is up and Running!*

The eyes of Texas are upon you ... well, not exactly. But, now on our beautiful campus there are fourteen newly installed cameras keeping watch over the congregation, building and parking lots. The Security Task Force recently oversaw the installation of the new camera system that works in conjunction with the alarm system that was installed about a year ago. DFW Security was hired to install the new cameras, wiring and all new equipment to record and upload the images from the cameras to the web where they can be viewed real-time and on the monitor in the office. The images are clear with high resolution as you can see in the screen shot below. The cameras capture views of all parking lots, front and back, and all entrances: office, sanctuary, east entrance, pulpit and cloister doors. In addition, there are indoor cameras in the fellowship hall and two in the sanctuary. The safety and security of the congregation and the physical plant are of utmost importance to the task force as they continue to evaluate and make recommendations to the session for consideration and approval. Members of the task force include Paul McLin, Jim Lee, Fred Watkins and Bruce Turner. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask. One of them will be happy to help. We pray that God will continue to watch over us and keep us safe.



## *Have you seen the new windows yet?*

It's probably true that the windows on the east side of the education wing were most likely original to the building. Or buildings. Over the decades the east side of the church has been added on to in different stages. The windows of those times were not of a very efficient making, and over time the old windows had deteriorated to the point of needing to be replaced. In the early part of November, new windows were installed to replace those old, worn out windows and the difference in the look of the building has changed for the better. Not only aesthetically more pleasing, the new windows are more energy efficient and secure. Window World of DFW did the installation at a very reasonable cost overall. The rooms that got the upgrade are the multi-purpose room along with the two classrooms next to it, the chapel, parlor, nursery and the classroom across from the nursery. If you haven't yet seen them, go by and take a look. Members of the House and Property committee will be happy to answer any questions. Thanks be to God for His abundant generosity.



Which of the four Gospels name(s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus' birth?

- A. Only Luke
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four

Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7).

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.



## Scripture Readings for December

1 Pss. 33; 146	11 Pss. 102; 148	22 Pss. 33; 146
2 Pss. 50; 147:1-11	12 Pss. 90; 149	23 Pss. 50; 147:1-11
3 Pss. 18:1-20; 147:12-20	13 Pss. 24; 150	24 Pss. 18:1-20; 147:12-20
4 Pss. 102; 148	14 Pss. 122; 145	25 Pss. 2; 148
5 Pss. 90; 149	15 Pss. 33; 146	26 Pss. 116; 149
6 Pss. 24; 150	16 Pss. 50; 147:1-11	27 Pss. 34; 150
7 Pss. 122; 145	17 Pss. 18:1-20; 147:12-20	28 Pss. 2; 145
8 Pss. 33; 146	18 Pss. 102; 148	29 Pss. 96; 146
9 Pss. 50; 147:1-11	19 Pss. 90; 149	30 Pss. 93; 147:1-11
10 Pss. 18:1-20; 147:12-20	20 Pss. 24; 150	31 Pss. 98; 147:12-20
	21 Pss. 122; 145	

## Eastminster's Mailing Address Has Changed

Please start using  
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**Thank** To the Saints at  
Eastminster Presbyterian:

**You** Thank you so much for  
your generous gift to Ukirk  
SMU, and to all of you who watched our  
Lunch & Learn. Your support will allow us  
to continue caring for students in this  
strange and precarious time. I am so  
grateful for your partnership and can't wait  
to bring students to visit and worship with  
you all. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

With peace and hope,  
Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

## Why Advent?

Waiting can be hard, and not just for  
children. But I do love Advent: this four-  
week time when the Christian church  
prepares for Christmas.

Maybe I like Advent so much because it  
involves active waiting, not thumb-  
twiddling. It is a gift the church offers the  
world, to be active (which isn't the same as  
busy) in ways that open our hearts — and  
the hearts we touch — to the true  
meaning of Christmas.

Mother Teresa said, "At this Christmas  
when Christ comes, will he find a warm  
heart? Mark the season of Advent by  
loving and serving others with God's own  
love and concern."

When I take time during Advent to  
remember in prayer and with gifts of  
money and time those who have less food  
than I do, those who are lonely, those  
without a home; when I pause to share  
love with a child or an elder, or gratitude  
for a healthcare worker, pastor or teacher;  
when I wait for justice to replace  
oppression but, while I wait, find ways to  
work for that result ... the Spirit's warmth  
fills my waiting heart. I am ready to  
welcome Jesus. —Heidi Mann



# Puzzle!

Use the code to complete Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus, our Savior.



CODE:

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24	15	25	14	10	12	14					

ISAIAH 9:6, NIV

Answer: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6, NIV

“Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.”  
—Neal A. Maxwell

“Bless us, Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; teach us to be patient and always to be kind.”  
—Helen Steiner Rice

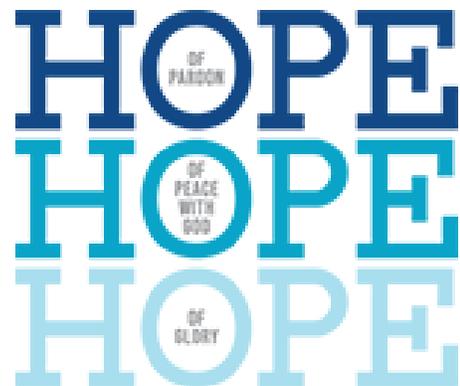
“Invisible in his own nature, [God] became visible in ours. Beyond our grasp, he chose to come within our grasp.”  
—Leo the Great

“Christmas is best pondered not with logic but with imagination.”  
—Max Lucado

“To prepare our hearts for Christmas, we must cultivate the spirit of expectancy.”  
—Handel H. Brown

“Youth is when you’re allowed to stay up late on New Year’s Eve. Middle age is when you’re forced to.”  
—Bill Vaughan

The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity — hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory — because at the Father’s will Jesus Christ became poor, and was born in a stable so that 30 years later he might hang on a cross.  
—J.I. Packer



# DECEMBER

## Birthdays

Diana Uche	12-2
Cheryl Gonzales	12-9
Melanie Litle	12-10
Naomi Davis	12-12
Sue Bender	12-14
Denise Bennett	12-15
Christine Blair	12-15
Fred P. Watkins	12-16
Jackson Crouse	12-20
Beverly Ridley	12-21
Bobbe Brown	12-30

# DECEMBER

## Anniversaries

Melody & Bill Davis	12/22
Cindy & Blair Garrett	12/29
Kelsey & Drew Whitlow	12/28



## Eastminster Session

Janice Bell  
Denise Bennett  
Tony Bennett  
Kayla Dixon  
Ronnie Dixon  
Kathy Kreger  
Paul McLin  
Janet Muller  
Michele Pappas  
Helen Randolph  
Vicki Thiebaud  
Bruce Turner



Pastor	Sherry Holloman
Director of Music	Fred P. Watkins
Organist	Melody S. Davis
Administrative Assistant	Chandra Anderson
Hostess/Housekeeper	Minerva Hernandez
Child Care Provider	Betty Crabtree

## HIGHLIGHTS from the STATED SESSION MEETING

November 15, 2020

- ♦ Motion made, seconded and approved with thanksgiving for their lives, removal of Jenelle Symns and Peggy Slaton from the register.
- ♦ Report from Re-Entry Task Force and Survey Discussion: At this time, the church will continue with alternative ways of providing remote worship for the congregation.
- ♦ Report from the ADA Task Force: The working architect plans have been received for the building remodeling. The documents will be going out for bidding soon. Motion made, seconded and approved to increase the Account ADA Architect Payable #2020 by \$500.
- ♦ Report from the Nursery Advisory Group: All construction, painting, window replacement, flooring and lighting have been completed. Final project is to order furnishings and children's decorations.
- ♦ Security Task Force: Fourteen new cameras have been installed and are completely operational for all parts of the interior and exterior of the church facilities. DFW Security completed the project with high ratings from the committee. Overall, the project was completed under the approved budget.
- ♦ Update on Christmas Village: The annual event will be adapted for the current Covid-19 conditions. A drive-through event will be held for selected families in the Presbyterian Children Homes and Services (PCHAS) programs. Charlotte Turner is heading the planning for the event, with the possibility of participation by First Presbyterian of Mesquite and St. Andrew's Presbyterian-Dallas. Clothing for the children will be provided by members of EPC. The congregation will supply books, toys, groceries, and a prepared dinner to go. Each family will be assigned a decorated parking space and all items will be distributed in the parking lot.
- ♦ Update on the Wilkinson Toy Drive: Motion made, seconded and approved to allow building use by Wilkinson Center to distribute toys for Christmas in a drive-through event to be held December 17-19, 2020. Access to the building will be limited to the Fellowship Hall. Covid-19 protocol for cleaning will be conducted by the Wilkinson Center.

### Special dates

- **Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2020**
- **Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2020**
- **Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020**
- **First day of winter, December 21, 2020**
- **Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020**
- **Christmas Day, December 25, 2020**
- **New Year's Eve/Watch Night, December 31, 2020**

