



**WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform.

Children's Ministry

Connection



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When I was younger, I was the kid in the family that simply could not wait for Christmas. I was the one who found presents before they were wrapped and told everyone about what they were getting. I was also the one who snuck out in the middle of the night on Christmas Eve to look at (and maybe shake) the presents under the tree. As I have grown older, I can't say waiting for Christmas has become any easier, but it has become something I really appreciate. I am grateful for the ways in which being so involved at church as a kid taught me the *why* behind waiting at Christmas time. And it is during the waiting of Advent this season that I have been reflecting on how God meets us in the in-between moments. Advent reminds us that waiting isn't wasted time. It's the space where hope grows, where we practice looking for God's presence in our everyday lives, and where we learn to trust that God's promises are worth the anticipation. As we continue to journey through these Advent weeks with our children, my prayer for your family is that you can slow down and make room for small sacred moments. I pray your children remember that Christmas is not just in the arrival, but also in the waiting that prepares our hearts for Jesus.

Christmas Eve Family Service



At 3pm on Wednesday, December 24 we will be holding this year's Christmas pageant as a part of our family service. All children are invited to participate, and those who wish to can sign up for a role ahead of time. Our pageant this year requires no rehearsal, so please come just a few minutes early for your child to put their costume on (available at the back of the sanctuary). Directions for children will be provided during the service. We are also excited to have the youth band lead our music. Pastor Tom will lead our Christmas message that will include the opening of the children's GIANT Christmas present. We hope to see your family there!



Thank you volunteers!

- We had a very successful Advent Worship this year thanks to everyone's help. Don't forget to stop by fellowship hall to check out the life size Nativity story book the children created – you don't want to miss it!
- And to everyone who has helped in the nursery, Wee Worship, or Sunday School this year – THANK YOU!



Check it out

Our children recently learned the Nativity story through a special snack. Can you name each of parts?

(Snack by Jack Payne)



K-2nd and 3rd-5th

Preschool

Dec 14- No Sunday School – Lessons and Carols

Dec 21- The Christmas Story

Dec 28- No Sunday School – Worship with your family

Jan 4- Preschoolers go to Wee Worship in the chapel

Dec 14- No Sunday School – Lessons and Carols

Dec 21- Jesus is Born

Dec 28- No Sunday School – Worship with your family

Jan 4- K-3rd go to Wee Worship in the chapel

*4th/5th stay in worship for Communion



The start of Advent in pictures...

Thank you to all our
Chrismon readers this
year – you were
wonderful!



Advent Workshop pictures
taken by Cohen Arthur.





We will meet on Sunday, December 21 following 10am worship in room 111 for a Christmas movie and lunch. Pick up is at 1:30pm. Don't forget to bring a friend with you!

Congratulations!

To our TNT singers on a fantastic performance this past Sunday. You did a beautiful job leading our congregation in worship and so many people are very proud of you.



Upcoming Dates



- Sunday, December 14 – Lessons and Carols worship service, no Sunday School
- Sunday, December 21 – Club 45, Christmas movie and lunch
- Wednesday, December 24 – Family Christmas Eve service at 3pm
- Sunday, December 28 – no Sunday School
- Sunday, January 4 – Wee Worship

FOR ALL AGES

TUESDAY *Nights* TOGETHER

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month

Mark your calendar!

December 9 –
Christmas party!
January 13 and 27