

Advent at Southminster

Sunday Mornings

The Case for Christmas

Pastor Andrew will be leading a study called the Case for Christmas, based on the book *The Case for Christmas: a Journalist Investigates the Identity of the Child in the Manger* by Lee Strobel. The [book](#) and [study guide](#) will be available for purchase during the class. Join us **in the Youth Lounge from 9:15-10:15**. RSVP to Andrew with childcare needs. Middle School & High School are encouraged to participate!

Worship

At Southminster we pause our current sermon series during Advent so that we can hear passages and sermons that help us prepare our hearts for Christmas. One special tradition we observe is the lighting of the Advent Wreath each Sunday. Join us for worship at 10:30.

Children

Our preschoolers will hear the story of the birth of Jesus during December in our GAP program, and our elementary children will explore hope, peace, joy and love during Children's Church.

Daily Devotionals

Behold from Frontier Fellowship

[Behold](#) was born from a prayer to recognize signs of God's Kingdom coming among the world's least-reached peoples and places. Daily entries by Frontier Fellowship staff and ministry friends reflect on the realities of God making all things new—inviting readers to look with prophetic imagination and see the world for what it will be when His Kingdom comes in all its fullness. Frontier Fellowship is a mission agency that our denominations works closely with. Devotionals begin daily on December 2nd.

The Case for Christmas Daily Bible Reading

Beginning December 2nd we will be sending out daily readings that go with the Case for Christmas study. Each day will alternate between an Old Testament prophecy and then a New Testament reading that tells how Jesus fulfilled the prophecy from the previous day. Click [here](#) to join the list to receive daily readings, or text @hk87bh to 81010 to receive the daily readings via text.

Advent: A Four-Week Guide from Christianity Today

Each year Christianity Today publishes an Advent devotional that may be used individually or with a group. This year's [Advent devotional](#) begins on December 1st and will take you through Christmas day.

Advent Bible Reading Plans on Youversion Bible App (also accessible at [bible.com](#) online)

[Advent: A Family Reflection](#) – An 18 day plan from Christianity Today for your whole family.

[The Bible Project: Advent](#) – These 4 sets of readings and [The Bible Project](#) video devotionals explore the four main themes of advent – hope, peace, joy and love. Complete 1 devotional each week.

[An Advent Playlist: Hymn-Based Devotions](#) – There are many hymns that express the wonderful promises that surround our Savior's birth. These devotions are based on several of those hymns; 5 days.

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Family Devotional

This year we're excited to provide you with some Advent resources for the whole family! Don't have time to come to a weekly program? No problem! All of these devotionals and resources can be done with your family at home, with a group of friends in your neighborhood, or however you want! The important thing is that we use Advent as a time to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Regardless of the makeup of your family we believe these resources can help you journey through the season of Advent in a meaningful way.

An Illustrated Advent For Families: Preparing The Way

This amazing resource from Illustrated Children's Ministry is a hands on devotional for the whole family – not just children. Preparing The Way contains five weekly devotionals (including Christmas Eve/Day). Each devotional contains a scripture, a reflection, a discussion, a family activity, a coloring page, and a prayer. Find a time each week to use this devotional together! Click the PDF's below to access each resource.

[Week 1 – Hope](#)

[Week 2 – Peace](#)

[Week 3 – Joy](#)

[Week 4 – Love](#)

[Christmas Eve/Day](#)

Additional Resources

[Illustrated Ornament Set](#) - Print and color five ornaments that follow along with the traditional Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love & Christmas Eve/Day. Use cardstock paper for your ornaments, and these beautiful, 3D paper ornaments will become treasures to keep for years to come.

[Illustrated Advent Calendar](#) – This advent calendar follows the Preparing The Way Devotional and gives great suggestions of things to do each day to celebrate Advent.

[2018 Advent Calendar from The Parent Cue](#) - Gather around and read God's story of compassion, one day at a time, then go and do the suggested activities and live out your own story of compassion as a family.

[25 Ways to Share Christ at Christmas](#) – A great resource from The Case for Christmas study. This is another great resource for children, youth or adults.

Special Events

12/1 – Merry Mariner Market; 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary

12/15 – Breakfast with Santa; 9:00 – 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

12/16 – GraceNotes and Choir Combined Christmas Concert; 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

12/24 – Live Nativity Christmas Eve Service; 5:30 PM outside near labyrinth

12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary; 11:00 PM