



THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Advent

Fairmount Christian Church
December 17, 2017

DEVELOPING FOLLOWERS OF **JESUS** WHO
LOVE **GOD**, LOVE PEOPLE, AND
INTRODUCE THE WORLD TO **CHRIST**.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 12/17



- Christmas Card Post Office - Last Day to Drop-Off
- Poinsettia Order Deadline; Journey to Jesus

8am-1pm: BLOOD DRIVE ~ Register in the Library

8:15 am - Traditional Worship ~ Sanctuary

- K-12th Grade ~ Worship with Parents
- Children's Ministry Team Meeting ~ Rm. 152

9:15 am - Teen & Adult Scripture Memory Station ~ Library

9:30 am - Contemporary Worship ~ Worship Center

- Bible School & Forever Friends (Inf.-3rd Gr & Adults)
- 6-12th Grade CommUNITY ~ Gym
- **Junior Church (4th-5th Grade) ~ Rm. 150**

10:45 am - Teen & Adult Scripture Memory Station ~ Library

11:00 am - Traditional Worship ~ Sanctuary

- Bible School (4th-5th Gr. & Adults)
- 6-12th Gr. ~ Worship w/Parents
- **Children's Worship Opportunities (PreK-3rd Grade)**

11:15 am - Modern Worship ~ Worship Center

4:00 pm - FCYM Card Sorting Pizza Party ~ Exit 34A

6pm: A Quiet Winter's Night ~ Worship Center

Mon 12/18

- Feed His Sheep Meal Prep & Delivery
- Helping Hands Meal

7:00 pm - Impact Jerusalem Team Mtg. ~ Library

Tues 12/19

10:30 am - Forever Young Christmas Lunch at Lowery's

6:00 pm - American Heritage Girls Meetings

7:00 pm - Women's Ministry Team Meeting ~ Library

7:30 pm - Men's Open Basketball ~ Gym

Wed 12/20

10:00 am - Adult Bible Study ~ Rm. 132

6:30 pm - Impact World Team Mtg. ~ Library

- Modern Praise Team Rehearsal ~ Worship Center

Thu 12/21

7:30 pm - Contemporary Praise Team ~ Worship Center

- Men's Open Basketball ~ Gym

Fri 12/22

Sat 12/23



December Giving Campaign

December 1st - January 7th

Goal: \$250,000

Given to Date: \$100,170

Still Needed: \$149,830

This year, our December Giving Campaign will be used for debt reduction, meeting current interest payments, and reducing loan principal. Our tithe will go to Good News Productions for a church-planting project in Mexico, and to Haiti Outreach Ministries for a church-building project in Haiti. Use the Christmas or green envelopes in the seat backs, or give through our website. Memo all checks as "Christmas Campaign".

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS TODAY.

Please visit our Guest Reception Area following your worship service to find out more about us & receive a gift.

We're glad you're here!

Welcome to our newest member: Katrina Smedley was baptized on December 10th.



Today's Events ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent (All Poinsettia Orders Due)

Blood Drive - 8am-1pm: Save a life this Christmas! Walk-ins are always welcome! **Come to the Library to begin the registration process.**

Journey to Jesus: K-5th from 9:30am-Noon; PreK from 9:30-10:45am

A Quiet Winter's Night: An evening of live Christmas music at 6pm in the Worship Ctr. (lasts approximately 2 hours)



Christmas Card Post Office Last Day to Drop Off

Today is the last day to drop cards off at the Christmas Card Post Office. Write the recipient's **first and last names** on each card, alphabetize and rubber band cards together, and write the total number of cards on top.

Remember to check each week for cards sent to your family!



The **Forever Young "Merry Christmas" Luncheon** will be held at Lowery's Seafood Restaurant in Tappahannock, Va., this **Tuesday, December 19th**. The bus will leave church at **10:30 am**.

Celebrate Christmas at Fairmount

Sunday, December 24th ~ 4th Sunday of Advent ~ Christmas Eve

Regular Sunday Morning Worship & Bible School Schedule

Christmas Card Post Office Pick-Ups Conclude - Be sure to check for any remaining cards sent to your family.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ~ 4pm in the Worship Center;
Speaker - Chris Santasiere

Sunday, December 31st ~ New Year's Eve

4th & 5th Grade New Year's Eve Party ~ 12:30-2:30pm in the new Tween Lounge (Rm. 250). Boys bring a drink, girls bring a dessert. Come enjoy lunch, play games, and hang out with your friends.



Church Office Christmas Schedule

Office closed Mon & Tue, December 25-26; & Mon, January 1, 2018
No Forecaster on 12/27 and 01/03.



Baby Recognition Sunday ~ January 21, 2018 for all children born in 2017

(Note - the date in last week's publications was incorrect.)

Baby Pictures Needed! Please submit a current photo of your 2017 baby by January 15, 2018 to cbranch@fairmountchristian.org along with baby's full name, birthdate, service you will attend, and names of any grandparents or great-grandparents to be recognized. Photos can also be brought to the church office to be scanned (and returned). **Please provide a photo and information even if you know you will not be attending on January 21st so that your child can be included in the keepsake publication.**



Mark Your Calendars! Fairmount will host CARITAS January 27th - February 3rd.

Sympathy to Nancy Parrish, David Parrish, and the family & friends of Melvin Bagby at his passing on December 9.

Sympathy to Ray Germroth, Christie Williams, and Julie Hollins & their families at the passing of Ray's wife, Christie & Julie's mother, Ruth Germroth, on December 15.

Sympathy to Ann Lang and the family & friends of Bertha Marsh, who passed away on December 15.



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Rick Raines, Senior Minister • Chris Santasiere, Associate Minister • Mike Langley, Associate Minister
Tracy Thomas, Worship/Music Minister • Josh Smith, Interim Youth Minister • Ashley Sears, Children's Director
Amber Grubbs, Early Childhood Director • Brandon Woodard, Church Executive



Order Your

Poinsettias



Poinsettias given in memory or in honor of a loved one are available for **\$14.50 each. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.**

The poinsettias will be used during the December 24th worship services and should be taken home at the end of your service that day. Full payment must be included with each order (make checks payable to FCC) and place in the offering plate or the basket in the office. **PRINT clearly and use one slip per poinsettia ordered.** Additional order forms are available from the Church Office.

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Given By: _____

I attend worship in the ___ Sanctuary ___ Worship Center



Third Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

December 17, 2017

8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Janet Gill

Special Music

All Glory

Worship Choir

***Songs of Praise**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (all 3 vs.)

133

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1 & 4)

141

Lighting of the Advent Candle

8:15 ~ Joseph, Rose, Andrew, and Austin Hendricks

11:00 ~ Jay & Marie Baumgardner

Lord's Supper ~ The Center of Worship

Hymn

Tell Me the Story of Jesus (vs. 1 & 3)

172

Meditation

The Lord's Supper

Taken in Unison

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

Perpetua

Karen Smith-Will

Message

God Bless Us, Every One, Part 3

Rick Raines

***Invitation Hymn**

Living for Jesus

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***Benediction**

*Those who are able, please stand.



"Herman Bavinck observed that Jesus "takes away our guilt and again opens the way to [God's] fatherly heart." Everything you've ever dreamed a father could be - everything you've ever wanted from your relationship with your earthly father - Jesus is and will be for you. Your Messiah will forever be perfectly father-like in the way He shepherds and leads you. In Jesus, you have a perfect father forever. Sadly, the word father doesn't always bring to mind someone who shepherds, affirms, and stays close. Instead, it connotes adjectives like distant, aloof, passive, absent, unreliable, selfish, uncaring, and cruel. Not so from Jesus. Jesus, your Everlasting Father, came down at Christmas into a broken and sinful world to fill our hearts with heaven's love, and to teach us how to love one another. He came to make sons and daughters out of His enemies. This is the Father's gift to us at Christmas. How comforting it is to read, "His name shall be called ... Everlasting Father". Once we become a child of Christ's, we are His and He is ours forever. Forever. "There is no unfathering Christ, and there is no unchilding us," Charles Spurgeon once said. "He is everlastingly a father to those who trust in Him." Praise God for our eternal security in Christ, our Everlasting Father."

David Sunday



God Bless Us, Every One

Part 3

December 17, 2017

The birth of Jesus is a wonderful gift in which _____
is blessed by God.

The words of Isaiah depict the _____ of Jesus' birth. He is
our: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, _____.

"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His
shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

The defining characteristic of our Everlasting Father is _____.

- I. Our Father provides us _____.
"Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all
the work of your hand." Isaiah 64:8
- II. Our Father provides us _____.
"When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were
harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36
- III. Our Father provides us a _____.
"... for in you the fatherless find compassion." Hosea 14:3

We can make a difference in the world by _____
_____ of our Everlasting Father.