

# Advent 2022

## “Hope, Peace, Joy & Love”

Avondale Presbyterian Church



- JOIN US THIS ADVENT SEASON -

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“Called to love God, love one another and serve community”

*Avondale*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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### Hope, Peace, Joy & Love

Join us at Avondale for the passages, programs and presents of Advent and find/share hope, peace, joy and love this season.

### Passages

Services and programs will be held in Avondale's Family Life Center unless noted otherwise.

\*Indicates additional events on this day, see Programs and Presents and detail pages.

#### Advent Devotionals & an Advent Activity

Pick-up devotionals and activities at worship or in the office beginning November 27.

#### Services of Advent:

##### November 27\* - "Hope"

Isaiah 40: 28-31  
worship service at 10 AM

##### December 4 - "Peace"

Luke 1: 26-38  
worship service at 10 AM

##### December 6 - "A Service of Remembrance"

Taizé Prayer Service  
7 PM in the Sanctuary

##### December 11\* - "Joy"

Romans 15: 4-13  
worship service at 10 AM

##### December 18\* - "Love"

"Glorious Light of Christmas"  
Cantata worship service at 10 AM

##### December 24 - Christmas Eve

"Lessons and Carols"  
worship service at 5 PM

##### December 25 - Christmas Day

"Stories of Christmas"  
worship service at 10 AM

### Programs

##### November 27 - "Avondale's Got Heart"

pick-up this Advent activity on Sundays or in the office and bring it back on/by December 18 to decorate the tree.

##### December 3 - Avondale Christmas Marketplace

9 AM-3 PM  
Come find the spirit of the season and shop with our local artisan vendors!

##### December 11 - "The Christmas Movie"

A Christmas play featuring Avondale Adventures children and adult volunteers.

##### December 11 - Avondale Adventures Children

The music of our Avondale Adventures children will be shared today before and during "The Christmas Movie" play.

##### December 11 - Congregational Meal

gather for food and fellowship at 12:15 PM following the play.

##### December 12 - Sacred Space

Art program: "Painting Our Prayers" – find holiday theme/energies and painting

##### December 15 - ASAP invites:

"Christmas Music with John Tosco & Group" – at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

##### December 18 - Cantata

"Glorious Light of Christmas" in worship at 10 AM

##### December 18 - "Avondale's Got Heart" tree decorating

##### December 18 - Crossroads Christmas Concert

at 3 PM in the Fellowship Hall

### Presents

Mission highlighted in worship:

##### November 27 - ACE Ministry Blessing Boxes

##### December 4 - Room In The Inn Ministry

##### December 11 - ACE Ministry Angel Tree & Christmas Party

##### December 18 - Christmas Joy Offering

See the following pages for more details.

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### ABOUT: Passages, Programs and Presents

**ACE Christmas Party** – Help make the Christmas season special for children and families. Help Avondale host the annual Kids Café party. The food, fun and presents always brighten the faces of the children in the ACE program. Pitch-in to help at the party on Thursday, December 15.

**Advent Devotionals** – Please pick-up copies at worship or in the office beginning November 27. For Adults: “A Wonderful Life in Christ” For Families with Children (12 and under): “Season’s Greetings: Welcoming Christ Through the Traditions of Christmas”

**Advent Activity: “Avondale’s Got Heart”** – Pick-up this Advent activity at worship or in the office beginning November 27.

The theme of the 3rd Sunday of Advent is “Love.” Demonstrate love this season by making it tangible and visible through the decorating of a tree on Love Sunday, December 18. Pick-up an “Avondale’s Got Heart” Advent activity. The kit includes supplies and directions to make two hearts – one to display in your home and one to decorate our Avondale love tree. Please bring your heart on December 18 or drop-off to the church office prior.

**ASAP invites: “Christmas Music with John Tosco & Group”** – ASAP invites you to join them on Thursday, December 15 at 12:30 PM for the holiday music of John Tosco and friends! No need to RSVP, just come! If you would also like to join for lunch at 12 PM, make a reservation with Brenda Coble and pay (\$10) when you arrive.

**Avondale’s 4th Annual Christmas Marketplace** Come find the spirit of the season and shop with our local artisan vendors. Find a variety of unique and handmade items. You’ll love the quality and value. For more details on the market, see [avondalepresbychurch.org/christmasmarket](http://avondalepresbychurch.org/christmasmarket).

**Avondale Adventures Children** – The music of our Avondale Adventures children will be shared before and during “The Christmas Movie” play. The preschoolers will share their songs about Moses *before* the play and the elementary age children will sing songs *during* the play.

### Christmas Cantata: “Glorious Light of Christmas”

The Worship Choir presents in worship this Christmas cantata full of joyful and celebratory songs about the birth of our Savior, artfully enhanced by powerful, moving narrations. Join us for a meaningful, memorable Christmas worship experience.

**“The Christmas Movie”** – A Christmas play featuring Avondale Adventures children doing the music and adult volunteer actors. Come join in on the family fun as we retell three classic Christmas movies everyone will love. Hollywood loves to cash in on a Christmas movie, but you’ll find God’s screenplay is not to be outdone!

**Congregational Meal** – Gather for food and fellowship at 12:15 PM following “The Christmas Movie” play.

**Crossroads Christmas Concert** – With the popular Crossroads group, you’ll hear your holiday favorites from many genres. Brings friends and family to enjoy the holiday music and refreshments!

**Sacred Space Art program: “Painting Our Prayers”** On December 12, the Sacred Space Art program will address holiday theme/energies in the “Painting Our Prayers” class. Nourish your creativity this Advent season. Reservations are required.

**Christmas Eve Service** – Our “Lessons and Carols” service will have a family/children focus called the “ABC’s of Christmas.” Come hear Avondale’s music ministry in this loved service of lessons and carols that originated from a 1918 Christmas Eve service at King’s College Chapel at the University of Cambridge, England.

**Christmas Day Service** – Celebrate the birth of the Christ child with us on Christmas morning as Rev. Jim Ewing and our worship and music ministries bring us, “Stories of Christmas.”

**Taizé Prayer Service: “A Service of Remembrance”** Join us in the Sanctuary for our monthly Taizé service. December brings so many memories of life’s moments. As we celebrate the Christmas season, let us light candles, pray and pause for healing and remembrance.

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With giving and supporting missions, we honor  
God's gift of Jesus Christ.

**Room In The Inn** – Through this ministry, Avondale hosts our homeless neighbors in the cold winter months. Room In The Inn begins December 4 and is held every Sunday, December through March. Each week, Avondale will host up to eight guests for shelter, food, and Avondale warmth. We need many hands to make this program possible, please sign-up to help!

**ACE Christmas Party** – The Kids Café (a program of ACE) Christmas celebration is Thursday, December 15 from 5:30-7 PM at Avondale. Congregation and friends are needed to help with this dinner! Sign-up to help with this party for families as they enjoy a meal, festive decorations, fun activities for the kids, and receive their Angel Tree gifts.

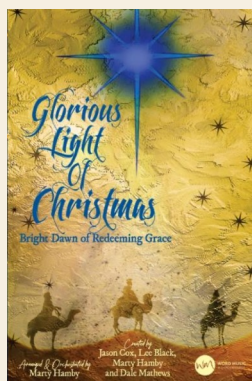
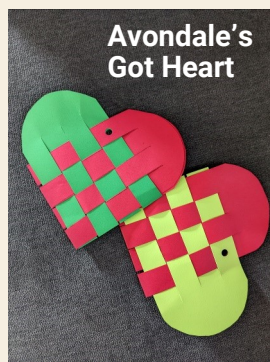
**Care Gift Bags** – For our less mobile members and Faithful Friends, care bags are crafted and delivered from Member Care and ASAP.

**Teacher Treat Bags** – Teachers and staff of Sedgefield Middle School will enjoy treats from PWA (Presbyterian Women of Avondale) in anticipation of the holidays.

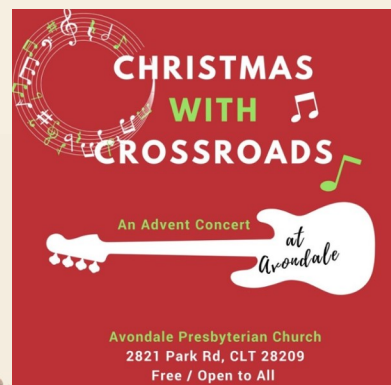
**Spirit of the Season** – ...can be found at the 4th annual Christmas Marketplace where one can enjoy holiday music and hot drinks while browsing over 15 vendors' handmade goods.

**Warm Clothing for Children** – A mission project of Avondale Adventures, all are welcome to participate in the collection of socks, gloves and hats for kids in need.

**ACE and the Avondale-ACE Ministry** – ACE is the Alliance Center for Education, a local organization that works with children and families to break the cycle of poverty by providing a continuum of high quality educational and support services. Avondale and ACE partner in several ways to support our neighbors.



Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior.



**Invite friends and family to join us this Advent.**