



## Advent: The Coming

### Advent Events 2025

- Sunday, Nov. 30    Advent 1 – HOPE
- **Young Family Advent Gathering** and Children's Program dress rehearsal after worship, 11:30 - 12:30.
- Sunday, Dec. 7    Advent 2 – PEACE
- **New members and Baptism.**
  - **Christmas Café** after worship - Come to the Chapel for festive goodies and warm Christmas conversation.
- Sunday, Dec. 14    Advent 3 – JOY
- **Children's Christmas Program** in worship.
  - **Community Carol Sing at 4:00 pm** with RUC musicians, the Choir and Handbells.
- Sunday, Dec. 21    Advent 4 – LOVE
- Wed., Dec. 24    **Christmas Eve**
- 5:00**    Worship with Choir and Handbells  
*Flame-free service*
- 6:30**    Worship with Choir and John Tessier, Soloist  
(See [john tessier.com](http://john tessier.com) for more info.)  
*Candlelight service with individual candles*
- 8:00**    Worship with Communion  
*Candlelight service with individual candles*

How will *you* prepare this year, for the birth of the one who brings light to the dark? We are invited to set aside time each day to read, reflect, pray. We're invited to create room in our hearts—to let the light find its way, to believe that the world might move a step toward peace, and to follow the star to the manger.

### Throughout Advent

*Details for each of these offerings can be found in the Front Pew Newsletter, coming soon. They are provided by the RUC Spiritual Formation Committee.  
**It all begins November 30<sup>th</sup>.***

- Unwrap the gifts of the digital **Daily Advent Calendar** created specifically for Riverbend United Church by member Carolyn Miller. Go to [riverbendunited.org](http://riverbendunited.org) to follow it and be amazed!
- Look for the **Christmas Story Trail** found on posters around the church. Scan the QR Codes on the posters to reveal Lego videos of the Christmas Story.
- See the **Advent Prayer Tree** in the narthex – take a prayer, leave a prayer.
- Traditional printed weekly Advent devotionals will also be available in the narthex: *Heaven's Earthly Life: Wendell Berry and the Poetry of Advent.*