

Dec. 1 – First Sunday in Advent	<i>Holy Communion</i>
A New Beginning Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:19-20	
Dec. 8 – Second Sunday in Advent	
A Life-Giving Leader Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-7	
Dec. 15 – Third Sunday in Advent	
Justice and Peace for All Isaiah 11:1-11; John 14:27; Ephesians 2:11-18	
Dec. 22 – Fourth Sunday in Advent	
Promise of God’s Presence Isaiah 7:1-17; Matt. 28:16-20	
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00, 7:00 & 9:00 PM	
The Purpose of It All! Isaiah 49:1-6; Luke 2:10-11	
Dec. 29 – First Sunday After Christmas	
Promise of a Future Isaiah 65:17-25; Rev. 21: 1-7	



2019 Advent and Christmas at First Presbyterian Church

Why I Love Advent . . .

One reason Christmas means so much to children is the buildup and anticipation of its coming. This word “coming” is what Advent is all about. It would be difficult to adequately celebrate the meaning of Jesus’ birth and the incarnation of God with us, if we compressed it into a single day. The four weeks of Advent provide time and space for me to attend to the wonder, excitement, and celebration of Christmas. Advent pulls me into its meaning and significance and draws me close to God.

In a world of uncertainty and struggle, Advent takes me to a place where I need to be—it stirs in me a longing for God’s presence and my need to hope in God’s power. Advent announces the coming rule of God with all its blessings. Advent calls to me and says, “Wait for it!” And the waiting is itself a form of celebration.





With anticipation,

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2019 Advent and Christmas Schedule
 First Presbyterian Church Santa Rosa

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Advent Wreath Making Festival Dec 1 ~ 4:30 PM Ingram Hall	2	3	4 	5	6	7 Presbyterian Women's Christmas Luncheon, Craft & Food Sale Dec. 7 ~ 11:00 AM Ingram Hall
8 The Music Festival of Lessons and Carols Dec. 8 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM Sanctuary	Lifetouch Pictures ~ Last chance to have your picture taken for the Church Directory!		11	12	13	14
15 Adult Ed Class 10:30 AM Walking in the Footsteps of the Messiah Dec. 1, 8, & 15	16 	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Redwood Gospel Mission's Christmas Banquet Dec. 23 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM Volunteer for an hour!	24	Christmas Eve Worship 5:00 PM ~ Children's Worship and Pageant 7:00 and 9:00 PM Candlelight Worship		26 Church Office Closed Dec. 25 & 26 	27
29 Dec. 29th Worship 9:00 & 10:30 AM Only	30	31	1 Church Office Closed	2	3 www.fpcsantarosa.org For detailed information about each event, visit our website or call 542-0205.	
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Sunday Worship Services each week at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 AM with the exception of December 29 at 9:00 and 10:30 AM only