

**THE TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**Our Mission:**

Towson Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith  
growing as disciples of Christ

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TPC is a PC(USA) *Earth Care Congregation* and...

TPC is a member of the *Covenant Network* (striving for a fully inclusive church).

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**TPC This Week**

**Sunday, December 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent - Love**

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Alternative Gift Mart – Thompson Hall  
9:15 a.m. Special Session Meeting – Conference Room  
Sunday AM Book Group – Balcony Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service- Receive New Members – Sanctuary  
Heartlights Class – Heartlights  
10:15 a.m. Church School  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship/ Alternative Gift Mart – Thompson Hall  
Cherub Choir – Room 212  
Chime Choir – Choir Room  
Advent Study – Library  
Session Team – Chapel  
12:00 p.m. Sunday Community Lunch – Thompson Hall  
3:00 p.m. Benefit Concert for TPC Music Program – Chapel  
4:30 p.m. MS Youth Group – Krueger Home  
6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group – Bickel Home

**Monday, December 11**

7:00 p.m. Circle 13 – O'Brien Home

**Tuesday, December 12**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Library  
2:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts - Library  
7:00 p.m. Property – Conference Room  
7:30 p.m. Handbells – Choir Room

**Wednesday, December 13**

7:00 p.m. Deacons – Bregel Home  
7:30 p.m. Personnel – Conference Room

**Thursday, December 14**

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room

**Saturday, December 16**

1:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Joy**

8:30 a.m. NO Early Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Sunday AM Book Group – Balcony Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary  
Heartlights Class – Heartlights  
10:15 a.m. Church School  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship & ACTC Cookie Packing – Thompson Hall  
Rehearsal for Christmas Eve – Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Sunday Community Lunch – Thompson Hall  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling  
7:30 p.m. Chili Dinner – Thompson Hall

**Please pray for:** Bob Adams, Jess Bregel, Cindy Cole, (Joann Brooks' sister), Donald Cosner, George Daneker, Barbara Davis, Elsie DeGarmo Smith, Sylvia Fenton, Betsy Griffin, Laura Howard, Jackson Herbert, Sarah Larrabee, Lois Leuba, Evelyn McLay, Bob Marta, Flo Malek (Brenda Evan's mother), Ann Merklein (Patricia Jackson's mother), Julie Mertus, Brooke Nagle, Jayne Nuttle, Ilein Pearce, John Rietz, Betty Roth, Lewis Rafael Robles, Tom Searles, Agnes Shera, and Edna Warwick.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Judith and John Rietz in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The rose on the communion table announces the birth of Amelia Jane Andrews to parents Meghan and Michael Andrews on December 1.

Assisting in worship today are Charlie Conklin, Mike Just, Cass Mairs, Jennifer Sheggrud, Patsy Stein, and Dianne Thompson.

### All God's People

**Advent Study:** Today, 12/10, join Joan Pugh at 11:15 a.m. as she explores the Advent study "Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited" in the Library. This session will explore a biblical character of Advent.

**Christmas Caroling,** Sun., 12/17, 5 – 8 p.m.: Join our annual, church-wide event as we bring Christmas cheer to some of TPC's homebound members. To reserve a spot on the bus, sign up at [www.towsonpres.org](http://www.towsonpres.org). A chili dinner will follow in Thompson Hall at 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Wreath Fundraiser:** Purchase a Christmas wreath in Thompson Hall or at [www.towsonpres.org](http://www.towsonpres.org) and help support our high school teens' summer trip to Montreat Youth Conference.

The Alternative Gift Market is open today from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. in Thompson Hall.

**Property:** Beginning tomorrow, the sidewalks in front of the church will undergo a substantial repair and replacement effort. Work will be staged to ensure Sun. access is not impacted, but it could impact access on weekdays. It should be completed before Christmas (weather permitting).

**ACTC Cookie Giving Returns!** Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 a.m. Thompson Hall. Please bring a dozen of your best and we will package the cookies for our ACTC guests..

The Stewardship Committee thanks all of who pledged for 2018 and made additional gifts for 2017. An encore presentation of the Stewardship video "Do Something" will air today in Thompson Hall during the Alternative Gift Market. Questions about your TPC Online account? Want to set up an automatic payment? A member of the Stewardship Committee will walk you through it!

**Christmas Recital | Today at 3:00 p.m. | Chapel:** Join Chancel Choir member Carol Lord Openhym, Soprano, with friends Lynn Terrell Arnold, Soprano, and Frederick Minger, Piano, for a "(Mostly) Christmas Vocal Recital". Included will be classic favorites as well as lesser known folk songs and spirituals. A free will offering will be taken to benefit TPC's music program.

**Electronic Giving:** TPC now offers electronic giving for those desiring it. [towsonpres.org](http://towsonpres.org) for details. You may also text "CheerfulGiver" to 73256 or right. →



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### Children

**Church School:** Children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will attend Church School today.

**Last Call for Readers & Angels for Christmas Eve 4 pm Service!** Please let Jenness Hall ([jhall@towsonpres.org](mailto:jhall@towsonpres.org)) know ASAP if your child wants to be involved.

**Rehearsal:** ALL volunteers attend the "ONE and ONLY put it all together" Dress Rehearsal on Sunday 12/17 at 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Youth

**Today:** MS Christmas Party at Derek and Jessica Krueger's home and the HS Christmas Party at Bob Bickel and Phyllis Gray's home.

**December 17:** We will join other TPC members for Christmas Caroling and the Chili Dinner afterwards in Thompson Hall.

**2018 Summer Trips:** Now's the time to hand in your deposit for the MS Mission Trip (June 24-29) and HS Montreat Youth Conference (July 22-28). See Pastor Joel with any questions.

#### Adults

**Waking Up White** | *Small Group Book Study*: Books are on sale in Thompson Hall, and sign-up sheets for small groups that will begin in January.

**Advent Study** | *Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited* | Today at 9 & 11:15 a.m. | *Library*: Come and meet this great prophet Isaiah whose messages speak to us today.

#### Mission

##### Care of Creation Tip of the Week: Under the Christmas Tree

Many are familiar with the mantra “reduce, re-use, recycle”. There’s a reason “reduce” comes 1<sup>st</sup> – it often has the biggest impact. In addition to “greening” your gift *wrapping* (to reduce waste), consider ways to green your gift *giving*.

- TPC’s Alternative Gift Market provides many opportunities – fair trade coffees, teas and chocolates, re-useable cloth gift bags, support for the Intergenerational Garden, Honduras Mission trip and more.
- PCUSA Mission Office offers “Ideas for Reclaiming Advent and Christmas” with some alternative gift giving ideas. [www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/enough/pdf/mt\\_advent\\_2012.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/enough/pdf/mt_advent_2012.pdf)
- In our household we’ve looked to reduce our accumulation of “stuff,” and give gifts of time and skills – a gift certificate for a meal prepared (and cleaned up!), a car wash, a computer tutorial, a bush planted, etc.