

Advent and Christmas 2017

All are welcome to attend First United's events and worship services throughout December as we wait for Christ's birth.



Advent podcasts are available on First United website, www.firstunitedoakpark.com and on Facebook, facebook.com/firstunitedoakpark

Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

Dec. 3, 1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service 11 am

Scripture: Isaiah 64: 1-9 & Mark 13: 24-37

FUSH Cookie Sale

- Order forms available in the Lounge and due by Thursday, Nov. 30, 5 pm.
- Proceeds benefit Work Camp.

Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal & Advent Event

- Saturday, Dec 2, 9 am - Noon
- Church school classes take turns rehearsing while families enjoy a photo booth, DIY nativity sets, fun crafts & book fair.

Children's Christmas Eve Pageant Sign-Up

- All children invited to participate.
- Sign up by Sunday, Dec. 3.
- Pageant held Sunday, Dec. 24, 11 am.

Children's Book Fair

- Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 am - Noon
- Sunday, Dec. 3, 9:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Faith-filled books and movies from SparkHouse available in the Library.
- 20% of the proceeds donated to First United.

Alternative Christmas Store

- Sunday, Dec. 3, before and after worship.
- An opportunity to rethink gift giving by shopping to help others.
- Beneficiaries include agencies with international outreach and the church's Mission Partners.

Hanging of the Greens

- Sunday, Dec. 3, 11 am
- Processional of church school class members with poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary. Hear our youth sing and preach the sermon in the form of a drama.



First United Church
of Oak Park



Dec. 4 - Dec. 10

Dec. 10, 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship Service 11 am

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-11 & Mark 1: 1-8

National Vigil for Victims of Gun Violence

- Thursday, Dec 7, 7 pm

Alternative Christmas Store

- Before and after worship.

Children's Book Fair

- Sunday, Dec. 10, 9:15 am - 12:30 pm

FUSH Cookie Sale Pick Up

- After worship in the Lounge.

Sing We Joyous Concert

- Saturday, Dec 9, 7:30 pm (Silent Auction and Raffle, 6:30 pm)
- Sunday, Dec. 10, 4 pm
- Oak Park's best holiday concert featuring The Rookery men's chorus, City Voices, the Pro Musica Youth Chorus, and the Sing We Joyous orchestra.
- Tickets:
Adults - \$20 • Seniors - \$15
18 and Under - Free

Dec. 17, 3rd Sunday of Advent Worship Service 11 am

Scripture: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 & John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Alternative Christmas Store

- Before and after worship.

Children's Pageant Rehearsal

- After worship.

Blue Christmas

- Thursday, Dec. 21, 7 pm
- Winter Solstice Worship Service, for those experiencing loss and grief.

Dec. 24 - Dec. 31, Christmas Week

Christmas Eve

- 11 am - "Let There Be Light" Children's Pageant
- Scripture: Luke 1: 26-28
- 8 pm - Jazz Worship
- 11 pm - Traditional Worship
- Scripture: Luke 2: 1-20

New Year's Eve Day

- 11 am - "Sticky Church" Worship
- Centennial Hall
- Pancake breakfast served.
- Family fun time.

- Church office will be closed Dec. 25 - Dec. 29. •

