



the ADVENT of Jesus

DECEMBER 4, 2022 | 9:30 AM WORSHIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a time for preparing to receive the great gift that is ours in Jesus. On the Sundays leading up to Christmas, we light the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World and the evergreens remind us that He brings life to us.

a season of
PREPARING

Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way for the Lord! Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God. Fill in the valleys, level off the hills, smooth out the ruts, clear out the rocks. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and everyone will see it. The Lord has spoken!" Isaiah 40:3-5

Communion **SUNDAY**

We celebrate communion together today, the sacrament in which we remember the Lord's sacrifice and renew our commitment to be united with Jesus and His Church. Communion should only be received by those who believe in Christ and trust in Him for the complete forgiveness of sins. Elements are passed during the service. Packaged elements may be received near the tech booth prior to worship. Communion Sunday is a family service and children are in worship with us today.

TODAY AT CP

Family Service | CPkids in worship

CP littles nursery ages 0-5 | Nursery

Ken and Jeannie Lee | 11 AM Conference Room

Connection Cafe

GEMS See's Candy Fundraiser | Lobby

HEAR FROM THE LEES TODAY

Ken and Jeannie Lee have been serving as missionaries in Japan since 1999. Their vision is to see a new generation of Japanese believers rise up as a vibrant, growing church to transform Japanese society with the hope of Christ. They do this by working with the Reformed churches in Japan to develop vital evangelistic, worship, and educational ministries focusing on young adults. They are visiting CrossPoint today. Come and hear more about this vital ministry today and thank you for your support of Ken and Jeannie. Meet the Lees at 11 AM in the Conference Room.



NEW HERE? JOIN US AT THE CONNECTION CAFE!

Welcome to CrossPoint, thank you for coming to worship with us today! We would love to meet you, so please stop by the Connection Cafe, an informal space for those visiting or new to CrossPoint. It's your chance to meet staff and make real connections. There's coffee, snacks, and an opportunity to ask any questions you might have. We invite you and your family to join us after the service in the Cafe, located just off the main lobby.

JUST OLDER YOUTH

Joy

WHAT
Join us for a Christmas celebration! Brunch, carol sing, and more.

WHEN
Thursday, December 8 | 10-11:30 AM
CrossPoint Fellowship Hall

WHO
Fellowship for ages 50-101!

RSVP
by December 5 to 909.988.4150
or sign up at the information desk

Christmas Eve Candelight Service

Saturday, December 24
5:00 PM





See's Candy Fundraiser

Support the GEMS organization through See's Candies Christmas gifts! Place your order at the GEMS table today or at the QR code or online by Dec. 7 crosspointchino.org/gems

Note: girls will not be selling candy individually this year. Candy will be available for pickup on December 14.



The Christmas Gift

To The Pointe Dance Productions
CrossPoint Church
Saturday, December 10
1 pm and 6 pm
Get tickets at
crosspointchino.org/ttp

This original production tells the story of a girl's journey to learn the greatest gift of Christmas - the birth of Jesus. Do you know someone who needs to hear this good news? Invite them to attend this beautiful show!

Christmas Invitations

People are more likely to accept a personal invitation to church during Christmas than at any other time.

Take some invitation cards today and carry them with you. Be praying for opportunities to invite those in your circle of influence to our Christmas services.

Join the choir to sing Christmas favorites at our Christmas Eve Candelight service on Saturday, December 24.
All are welcome!



Rehearsals in the Music Room
Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 AM
Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 AM

Prepare The Way | Danny Unterkofler, Pastor Of Community Life

John the Baptist is the _____ God sent to announce the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

John prepared the people for the Messiah by calling them to _____.

John demanded that their _____ reflect their repentance.

Today, we are all called to _____ repent and live lives that reflect our repentance.

READINGS
M Luke 1:5-25
T Luke 1:26-38
W Luke 1:39-56
Th Hebrews 11
F Ephesians 1:15-23
Sa Ephesians 3:14-21
Su Luke 1:26-38

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- Reflecting on the passage today, did you learn anything new about John the Baptist that strikes you? Explain.
 - Is repentance part of your daily walk with God? If not, why do you think that is?
 - Reflect on Luke 3:7-9. If you were one of the people in the crowd, what would your reaction be to John's words?
 - In Isaiah 1:16-17, God calls the people of Israel to repent, wash themselves clean, stop doing wrong and instead pursue justice for the less fortunate. What are some ways you can pursue these same things in your life?
 - Are you expectantly waiting for the second Advent of Christ? How does repentance and bearing the fruit of repentance help you await Christ's Second Coming?

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- The Day of Christ's Return: What the Bible teaches, what you need to know by Andrew Kuyvenhoven
 - An Irish Country Yuletide by Patrick Taylor
 - The Christmas Promise: A novel by Richard Paul Evans
 - Finding Father Christmas - Novel and DVD movie by Robin Jones Gunn
 - The Wish Book Christmas: A novella by Lynn Austin
 - Christmas in Kiev - 2 CDs by the Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus
 - The Very First Christmas - A picture book for children by Paul Maier
 - Electric Christmas / The Star of Christmas / The First Christmas - 3 DVDs for children