



Luminary Path

As we approach Christmas Eve, you are invited to a meditative time walking a luminary-lit path through our beloved sanctuary. Along the path will be devotional moments, scripture on which to meditate. The journey leads us to the altar and manger where we may light a candle as an act of prayer and love. Our hospitality ministers will greet you and ensure that all safety protocols are followed. Only a few people will be on the path at any given time and will be safely distanced. Dates, times, and reservation links will be shared online; check our bi-weekly emails for details.

There's Even More Online!

Advent Traditions Videos

Spotify Christmas Playlist

Virtual Giving Tree

Advent Book Group

NYE Watch Night Video

Worship Series Details

Sunday Livestream

Worship

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www.stpaulsithaca.org/advent/

www.stpaulsithaca.org/giving-tree-2020/

www.stpaulsithaca.org/streaming/

I Believe Even When...

Advent/Christmas 2020



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Film Festival: The Power of Music in the Midst of Difficult Times

We have four recommended films with devotionals, a tribute to the power of music to transform lives. Most videos are available through Amazon, either with Prime membership or for a small rental fee.

- * *Defiant Requiem*
- * *Girls on the Wall* (Advisory: strong language)
- * *Following the Ninth*
- * *Sweet Honey in the Rock: Raise Your Voice!*
- * *The Singing Revolution*

Individual Devotions:

Download from our Advent webpage. Watch each movie and move through the devotion.

Weekly Group Discussions:

Join with Pastor Teresa and fellow Advent travelers as we discuss each week's movie. The discussion group will meet each of the Sundays of Advent (11/29-12/20) at 2:00 PM ET via Zoom.

Family Film Festival:

Download from our Advent webpage or see each week's posting on SPUMC Families Facebook Group. Fun for children of ALL ages. Featuring:

- * *Charlie Brown Christmas* – **Hope**
- * *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (animated version) – **Love**
- * *Frosty the Snowman* – **Joy**
- * *The Muppet Christmas Carol* – **Peace**
- * *The Polar Express* – **Believe**

Worship Services

Blue Christmas

Sunday, 12/6, 4:00 PM Livestream

The Blue Christmas Service is a worship service that acknowledges that the holidays can be a difficult time for many people. The service of scripture, prayer, light and music seeks to meet us where we are, offer comfort and safe space, and help us encounter hope. Video will be available on our YouTube channel and Advent webpage following livestream.

Christmas Eve

Thursday, 12/24, 4:00 PM Livestream

Video will be available on our YouTube channel and social media following livestream. This service will feature Holy Communion and a reinvented "Silent Night" to close. Visit our website for more details at www.stpaulsithaca.org/advent/



The Giving Tree

Especially during a pandemic, the needs across our community and world continue. This year, St. Paul's Local and World Missions team is offering you an opportunity to make a special holiday gift through a virtual Giving Tree. Simply visit our Advent webpage to make your gift online! Your special Christmas giving makes a difference in the lives of many people, during these difficult times. Please consider prayerfully how you might be able to help these extraordinary organizations:

- * **Racker:** supporting children with special needs
- * **St. John's Community Services:** supporting persons who are homeless
- * **Ithaca Sanctuary Alliance:** supporting immigrants and refugees
- * **Agua Viva Serves:** supporting clean water supplies in Costa Rica

