



fellowship of faith

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So many things we take for granted, and in the process forget why we do them. Advent, the season before Christmas, is one of them. But what is it? What benefit did early Christians find in practicing it? And why do we do it?

This Week: Why We Celebrate Christmas

Next Week: Why Jesus Was Born

Communion Today

Death. Resurrection. Community. A foretaste of the feast to come. It's how the Bible describes communion.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request when you come up in line.

THE WEEKLY

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GENERAL INFO

We know that coming to a new church can make you feel a bit lost, and there's a lot going on at FOF. Below is our schedule for December 3:

The Rock Children's Ministry (Toddler-5th Grade)

- The Rock meets this morning @ 9am
- Stepping Stones for toddler-kindergarten @ 9 & 10:30am
- Quiet Room in the Front Office for parents with infants @ 10:30am

Boulder Student Ministry (6th-12th Grade)

- BoulderAM this morning @ 9am
- BoulderXT this afternoon @ 4:30pm
- BoulderPM tonight @ 7pm

Sunday Adult Ministry

- Women's Book Study: *Redeeming the Feminine Soul: God's Surprising Vision for Womanhood* @ 9am in The Study
- "Why Advent and Sacred Time" today @ 10:30am in The Study

Visit Our Coffee Bar

Grab a gourmet beverage and a homemade treat. Our baristas can make anything you'd like! Our coffee bar is self-supporting. We suggest \$1/adult, but give what you want. If you're new with us, it's on the house!

Hearing Assistance Available

Wireless headphones are available at the sound booth located in the back of the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS AT FOF ON SUNDAYS

Why Advent

Sundays in Advent @ 9 & 10:30am

Join us this Advent and rediscover what the season swallowed by Christmas can do to draw you closer to God.

- December 3 | *Why We Celebrate Christmas* | Hawaiian Christmas
Wear your most festive Christmas clothing, ugly Christmas sweater, or Hawaiian shirt to church as we celebrate and worship with ukeleles and all things Hawaiian! Family portraits available. Don't be lei-t!

- December 10 | *Why Jesus was Born* | Bluegrass Christmas
Rowdy Souls comes to lead us in Bluegrass style carols featuring banjos, fiddles, accordion, and more. We'll also be having our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange! Bring a "white elephant" gift and "bless" someone else during our all-church gift exchange. You may even get to leave with some FOF swag!

- December 17 | *Why a King* | Old School Gospel Christmas
Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas treats to share as we worship the King gospel style!

ANCIENT ADVENT + CHRISTMAS EVE

Ancient Advent

Wednesdays in Advent @ 7pm | Dinner served from 5:30 – 6:45
Candlelight services of lessons, carols, and contemplation. Each week progresses through the Christmas story, rooted in a classic carol and name of Jesus. Childcare provided.

- December 6 | *Seed of David*
God promised one from the house and line of David would reign over God's kingdom forever. The prophets foretold it as a time of peace on earth. Mary and Joseph were from the line of David. Jesus is coming. The long-expected heir returns. Join us at 5:30 for a lasagna dinner.
- December 13 | *Shepherd*
The shepherds of Israel failed in their task. The prophets foretold when God would come to shepherd his people. Jesus is coming. God's good shepherd is near. Join us at 5:30 for a chili and cornbread dinner.
- December 20 | *Emmanuel*
Since the 8th century, seven prayers using seven messianic titles have been prayed on the seven days before Christmas. These later became the carol "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Set your heart right before Christmas for a moment of worship rooted in these ancient names and ancient song. Join us at 5:30 for a ham and au gratin potatoes dinner.

Christmas Eve

- December 24 @ 9 & 10:30am and 9 & 11pm | *Why I Believe*
Celebrate the day Jesus was born! Morning services feature our full band with upbeat carols in a service rooted in the Christmas story. Nighttime services are by candlelight in a contemplative setting.

FAITH CHALLENGES

Take a step in your walk with Christ and engage in these personal spiritual practices. Check the "Take the Faith Challenge" box on a connection card to take a challenge!

- **Read:** Reading the Bible is a great way to learn about God and connect with him personally. Our guided plan has you reading about a chapter each week day. Pick up our Bible reading plan bookmark, or grab it online or through the daily devotional email. Read weeks 12-15 by Christmas Eve.
- **Memorize:** Nothing beats ingesting God's Word and making it your own. Memorize Luke 2:8-14 by Christmas Eve.

QUESTIONS ABOUT FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH?

Check out fellowshipoffaith.org or contact Pastor Dave:
pastor@fellowshipoffaith.org | 815.759.0739

SERVE

Wednesday Night Dinner Providers

We need volunteers to help prepare dinner for Wednesday nights this advent! Put your cooking skills to use and sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Melinda Putnam for more information.

CURRENT & UPCOMING

Sunday Morning Studies

Redeeming the Feminine Soul: God's Surprising Vision for Womanhood

- Sundays @ 9:00am in the Study
A women's group book study centered around Julie Roys' book *Redeeming the Feminine Soul*. There is no need to purchase the book or read ahead of time. We will read each chapter in class together on Sundays.

Why Advent and Sacred Time

- Sundays @ 10:30am in the Study
Why do we call the time before Christmas Advent? Why do we celebrate holidays every year? What's the point?

BoulderPM | Behind the Music [Christmas Edition]

- Sundays, December 3-17 @ 7pm
We're kicking around some of our favorite Christmas songs, discussing the history, the thinking behind the songs, and the theology in the words that we sing. There's so much more to most of our Christmas songs than we usually realize!

GIVING

Acts 2 says all the believers were together and had everything in common; selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as they had need. It's a model for us. It's why we give. It's why we serve.

Ways to Give: You can give in one of four ways: in person via offering envelopes, by mail, online, or automatic bank transfer. Visit the FOF Giving webpage or contact Sue Zika for more details.

Nov-to-date: Actual: \$46,633 | Budget: \$42,348 | Difference: \$4,285
Year-to-date: Actual: \$515,073 | Budget: \$508,176 | Difference: \$6,897

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