



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

Advent Episcopal Church ◊ 3760 Dover Center Road ◊ Westlake ◊ OH ◊ 44145

November 11, 2018 ◊ The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching this Morning at Advent

Advent welcomes Pastor Paul Laursen to our 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services today. Pastor Laursen will be with us through November and beyond.

GIFT...GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER.... At Advent “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine” (Isaiah 43:1) We are told many times in the Bible not to fear. It is necessary to keep repeating this because fear and its close relatives: (worry, stress, and terror), may be the biggest giants we face personally and in our world. As Goliath taunted the Israelites, the giant of fear looms over us, taunting us each day. We may dread going to our mailboxes as there always seems to be a new bill in there awaiting payment. There aren’t too many times, we actually get a check in the mail. We turn on the news, whether it is the television, radio, or one of our many electronic devices and we are assaulted by tragedies in our world. The news seems to downplay the good that does go on in our world. Perhaps we worry about a family member, friend, neighbor or ourselves who may need help medically, financially or spiritually. Our list of fears seems endless.

As we learned in session one of “Goliath *MUST* Fall”, the giant is dead, but it can still be deadly. Jesus’ resurrection shows us that God has power *even over death itself* and there is nothing that we will ever face that he cannot overcome. We can show those around us that we serve an all- powerful God when we refuse to give into fear, and choose to trust that Jesus has overthrown this giant! “Fear *MUST* Fall” is the topic for session two in our DVD study. With Pastor Louie Giglio’s guidance we will learn concrete steps that we can take to develop a deep trust in Jesus. David wrote these words in Psalm 34:4 “I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.”

Our next **GIFT** DVD study of “Goliath *MUST* Fall” is on November 18 from 11:30 to 12:30. Each of the sessions stand alone and will make sense even if you were unable to attend the previous month. If you wish, you may bring a packed lunch with you to have during the DVD. We hope that you join us as we grow in our faith together and hear anew that God wants us to live free and that God wants our giants to fall. For further questions about **GIFT** or this study please see Denise Geyer-Keller or Dick McCormick.

Stewardship

All of us look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving in a couple of weeks. With that in mind, please prayerfully consider your blessings and complete the stewardship card previously mailed (or ask the Ushers for one.) We ask that you return the card on or before November 18. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the Lord’s work at Advent.

Veterans’ Day Observance

Advent will honor veterans at the 10:00 a.m. service on **November 11**. If you, or an IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER, (which includes a person’s parents, spouse, children, siblings, grandparents/grandchildren, adopted children and their spouses) is a veteran, please sign up on the clipboards, leave a note in the office or email JoAnn in the church office (advent.church@sbcglobal.net), so we may include the names in our observance. The service would be a wonderful time to invite veterans, and current members of the armed forces and their families to worship with us.



Advent Episcopal Church of Westlake, Ohio, proudly presents

DAN SCHUTTE IN CONCERT
"GOD WITH US"

Join us for an evening of beautiful music, Reflections on Advent, and fellowship. Bring your family and friends as we celebrate, "GOD WITH US"

Friday, December 14, 7:00pm

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3760 Dover Center Rd

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Admission is \$10 per person (cash, check or credit card)

Call Advent Episcopal for tickets at 440 871 6685 or email us at

advent.church@sbcglobal.net

Men’s Night Out

Men of Advent, please join us at Bootleggers, on Monday November 12, at 6:30 p.m., 34550 E. Royalton Rd (Rte. 82) Columbia Station. Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending at: 440-657-5286 or nosonut5830@att.net.

How can I help promote the “God With Us” concert featuring Dan Schutte?

Go to Advent’s Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/AdventWestlake/>. “Like” the Schutte concert post. Add a “Comment”. “Share” it for others to see.

Take 5 of the flyers and hand them out to family and friends. Personally invite them.

Reserve the number of seats you want – \$10.00 each – by placing cash or check in an envelope in the collection plate. No tickets. We’ll check off paid people at the door the night of the concert.

Questions? Call JoAnn in the office. 440-871-6685

This Week at Advent

Today, November 11

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, November 12

5:30 p.m. Men's Night Out

Tuesday, November 13

Wednesday, November 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Thursday, November 15

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. GIFT

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny	Irv Frank	Marilyn Decker
Mary Lou Dixon	Joan Joye	Velta Sanborn
Bob Allen	Karen Zolar	Rose Walker
Barb Frank	Lois Zolar	Dave Luptak
Julie Cratcha	Michael Uhrich	George Belinsky
Bill & Judy Arkley	Arthur Beel	

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma
Eliza Jennings residents
Sylvia Little, Bishop Little's wife
Kaylene Say Niece of Max and Barbara Gage

Please contact the church office if you would like your name added or removed from our list.

Devotionals

Forward Day by Day November—January is now available on the table in the Narthex.

Server Schedule

Today, November 11

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer Marcia Duennes & Sharon Rice

Lector Marcia Duennes

Prayers of the People Marcia Duennes (Form 5)

Acolyte Cynthea Sabolich

Ushers/Greeters Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild Bunny Meriam

Coffee Hour

Close Advent Max Gage

Counter / Date Marcia Duennes (11/13)

Next Sunday, November 18

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Kathleen Huffman

Acolyte Alex Dzurec

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer Dick McCormick & Teddi Augustine

Lector John Crothall

Prayers of the People Anne Crothall (Form 6)

Acolyte Anna Evans

Ushers/Greeters Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Sharon Rice

Altar Guild Cynthea Sabolich & Karen Edwards

Coffee Hour GIFT

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

Counter / Date Anne Crothall (11/19)

Note: It is your responsibility to contact another volunteer directly to take your place. Please call the office with all changes. Thank you.