

Our Advent sermon series will focus on the traits of the Messiah through the words of the prophet Isaiah.

Pause and imagine with awestruck wonder the mighty majesty of our savior, Jesus.

Celebrate our roots in Christ by living in the way of Jesus who helped those in need. Respond to this understanding by caring for those in the margins this Advent season.

Local Care Mission in Allentown

<u>Ripple</u>

- Feeds 80-100 homeless people on Sunday afternoon
- Leads a worship service and prayer time for the homeless on Sundays
- Provides daytime shelter and activities for 50-80 homeless people

Sheridan Elementary School children

• Purchase a Christmas gift for a child at Sheridan Elementary School - Select your child's information in the Atrium.

National/International Mission

Trees and Water for Malawi

- Villages in Partnership (VIP) works with rural villages in Malawi to plant life-changing trees. These trees help absorb run-off and prevent erosion increasing the soil fertility. The trees also provide shade and food.
- Living Water International shares the Gospel and builds wells. The wells provide a long term solution to the need for clean water. Clean water is essential for good health.

Peace & Justice, and Missionaries

Fair Trade

- Purchase chocolate bars from Equal Exchange
- Supports small farmers in grower cooperatives in Peru, Paraguay, Panama, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic negotiate better prices for their cacao and sugar.
- Provides higher earnings for farm owners, which then benefits the community with education, women's leadership training, and medical and dental clinics.

Presbyterian Mission

Christmas Joy Offering

- Provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need
- Develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges



Visit the Atrium on December 3, 10, and 17 to make a life-changing gift or send a check to the church office marked "For Alternative Gift Giving".