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Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

Welcome to **Advent** and the beginning of the new Christian year. Advent is the season of waiting and preparing. We prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus. In addition, we prepare to receive him when he comes again.

On **Saturday, November 28th, at 8:00 a.m.** we will gather to decorate the church, in preparation for the season of God's visitation.

Sunday, November 29th, we begin our journey of waiting and preparing at the **10:00 a.m. worship service**. Each of the four Sundays of the Season will begin with the lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath. We will light the candle of **Hope**, then **Peace**, then **Love**, and, finally **Joy**. And, then at both Christmas Eve services, we will light the **Christ Candle**, celebrating God's extravagant gift to the world in the birth of our Savior.

It's time to order your **Poinsettias** to help beautify the sanctuary and to honor or remember a loved one! The plants promise to be as full and beautiful, fresh from the flower wholesaler we used last year! The cost is only \$10.00 for an 8" pot and will be available in RED blooms only. Order forms are enclosed and are also available on our website. Please send the form with your check, earmarked "Poinsettias," to the church office. The deadline is **Sunday, December 13th**.

On **Sunday morning, December 20th**, we will receive the **Christmas Joy Offering** and have an opportunity to respond to God's great gift. You may contribute by returning the enclosed envelope with your gift, checks payable to the church, earmarked "Christmas Joy Offering." Envelopes will also be provided in the pews. This offering is designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to supplement the retirement pensions of missionaries and fraternal workers who devoted their lives to sharing the gospel only to come home to live on the edge. In addition, these funds go to help support minority education — making sure that children who want an education can have one. Our goal is to raise \$1,000.

Christmas Eve plans are in the works! Please check our website and watch for a Constant Contact detailing service plans. Although we may be physically distant, we all share in the wonder and blessing of Christ's birth. May this Advent and Christmas season be a time of reflection and celebration that will bless each of us as we take our next journey into the New Year!

Grace and peace,

Simon Tse
Chair, Mission

Jim Reese
Chair, Worship & Music