

# Advent Resources

## APCE'S Pinterest Boards

- Tons of ideas for youth, kids, worship spaces, and more

100 WAYS TO MAKE THE SEASON SACRED

**FAITHFUL  
FAMILIES**  
FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



TRACI SMITH

A holiday companion to Faithful Families:  
Creating Sacred Moments at Home

## Traci Smith, Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas

- The book includes prayers, practices, and stories, grouped by different themes of the Advent and Christmas season, from Decorating, to Family Time, to Giving, to Telling the Story, and more. Practices include: Making an Advent Wreath, Christmas Card prayers, Hot Chocolate Gratitude Party, Year Round Christmas Gift, Silent Night Star Walk, Birthday Party for Jesus, Leaving Hay for Camels, Memory Box for the Year to Come, and many, many more!

## Gathering to Write: An Intergenerational Advent Practice

- Gathering to Write is intended to be a multi-generational, four-week Advent practice for small groups. It uses the Advent C lectionary texts, but is adaptable for Advent A or B. Writing prompts and activities are offered for the 'Young' and 'Grown' each week, but all are invited to follow the Spirit's nudges and to choose what inspires them.

## Preparing our Hearts for Advent: An Intergenerational Celebration

- Oh, the joys of the season of lights! We decorate our parishes and homes and open our hearts with expectation of what this new season will bring. But can there really be a quiet season anymore in the midst of the chaos? Can we really focus our hearts on the greatest gift of grace the world has known? I have to believe that we can and that part of my place in this world is to help others to find that peace in the midst of it all. So, last year I curated an event for the First Sunday of Advent to set the tone for the rest of the season.

## A Sanctified Art: From Generation to Generation

- From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go.

## Illustrated Ministry's 2022 Advent: Now in Flesh Appearing



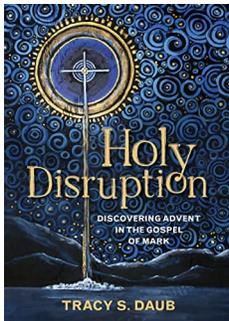
**Advent 2022: Now in Flesh Appearing...**

Illustrated Ministry's Advent 2022 theme is Now In Flesh Appearing. Later in October, we will release the following products for this theme:

- An Illustrated Advent for Families: Now in Flesh Appearing
- Now in Flesh Appearing: An Advent Devotional (Illustrated edition)
- Now in Flesh Appearing: An Advent Devotional (Text-only edition)
- Now in Flesh Appearing: An Advent Worship Liturgy

## PCUSA Store 2022 Advent Resource Guide

- You'll find everything you need to fully honor and experience the season of Advent. If you are viewing this on your computer or other device, you can click on any title or cover to be taken to the product page on PC(USA) Store. Also, look for the dark blue blocks to download resource samples throughout. You can also email or print this to use for personal research or with committees.

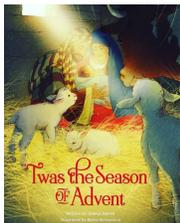


### Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark by Tracy S. Daub

- The Gospel of Mark doesn't have a nativity story—so where's the Advent message? It's in every aspect of Jesus' life, to his death and beyond. The Incarnation—God come to earth in human form to be baptized, teach, heal, eat, and die—is what we celebrate at Christmas, and Mark shows us just how radical and celebration-worthy it is! Holy Disruption presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel which invites its readers to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world.
- [Free digital download with resources for congregations](#)

## Kahoot! Christmas Quiz

- Use this fun quiz with a group to start a Bible study around the birth narratives.



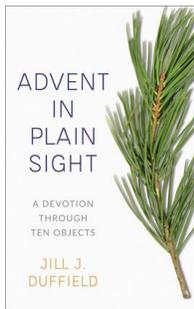
### Twas the Season of Advent by Glennis Nellist

- This beautiful book has a daily scripture, devotional, and prayer beginning December 1.
- Link contains a free activity pack as well.



### [Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Daily Advent Devotional](#)

- Free Daily Devotionals written by students and alum
- You can embed them on your church website for free.
- There's also an app!



### [Advent in Plain Sight](#)

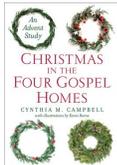
A Devotion through Ten Objects

Jill J. Duffield

- [Free downloadable resources](#)

- At Christmas, God came into our ordinary world in the form of a child, and still today, God is at work through the ordinary stuff of life, if we train our eyes to see. Advent in Plain Sight draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in the biblical narratives of messianic prophesy and incarnation. Through focusing on these objects, we can see the near kingdom

of heaven on earth and ponder what that divine proximity enables and asks us to do and be.



### [Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes by Cynthia Campbell](#)

- How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes, beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a "house," which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel. Suitable for individual or group study, Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes creatively reimagines the season and inspires new and exciting reflection for Advent.

### [People Look East: A Study Pack on Advent Hymns](#)

- Mel introduces the study by reminding us that hymns have histories: they were written by particular people, often in response to particular circumstances in the writers' lives. More than this, hymns teach history. By paying attention to their back stories, we learn of joys and struggles that have occupied our ancestors in the faith from biblical times to our own. So, come, learn about these songs, and enjoy singing your way through Advent.

## General Ideas

- Have people bring their own nativity sets. Write a card that explains the history of the set and the name of the owner.
  - Going along with that: Have people take a piece from a set that isn't their own. Bring up pieces during worship as the nativity story is read.
- Have groups do the candle lighting each week (i.e. choir, deacons, a Bible study group) instead of choosing households.