



Northwest News for December 2023

An Advent Sermon Series

“Room at the Inn” will be the focus of a sermon series by Dr. Matt Cook. The underlying focus of “Room at the Inn” is asking what it looks like for our lives to be open to the coming of Christ. As the story of Christmas suggests, Jesus often appears in surprising ways and so part of what we have to learn to do is be open to such sacred surprises if we’re going to experience the peace, the hope, the joy, and the love of Christ.

12/3 Room at the Inn: Making Space for Christ (Luke 2:1-7)

12/10 Silent Night?: Looking for God in the Chaos (Luke 2:1-5)

12/17 Welcome to Our World: Looking for God in the Stranger (Matthew 1:18-25)

12/24 In the Quiet of the Night: God is with us! (John 1:1-5, 9-14)

Join us each Sunday in Advent as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah.

Pastor Search Team News

As you know, the pastor search team has been having conversations with candidates through Zoom allowing us to get to know one another and build relationships. We have shared how we feel God has led our church up to this point and why we believe in our future. We are working on more in-depth conversations with questioning to help us discern their ability to be an effective pastor for our church.

Matt has helped us in his last two sermons helping the church discern what a candidate expects from our church and what we can expect from a candidate for pastor. If you missed those Sunday sermons, you can check our FaceBook page (Northwest Baptist Church of Ardmore), and watch the last two sermons.

We know it seems like a very long process. We can all attest that it is a long process. We are working and praying and waiting on God’s timing. Please continue to pray for God to lead us with the necessary wisdom and discernment to make the decision that follows His will for our church.

Poinsettias



Once again this year we will dress our sanctuary with poinsettias. The cost for each plant is \$25. They may be purchased in honor of someone or in memory of someone. You can order by calling the church (580-223-1691), by emailing linda@nwbcardmore.com, or by filling out the bulletin insert and dropping it in the offering plate. Please order and pay by December 6. The poinsettias will be in our sanctuary on December 10.

Mystery Dinner Tour

Another delightful evening is planned for Friday, [December 15](#), with the next installment of the Mystery Dinner Tour. We will leave the church at [5:30 p.m.](#) Glenn will fire up the church van and we will enjoy another evening of good food and good fellowship. Climb aboard and join in the fun.



The Community Choral Society, Inc.
Presents
**It's the Most Wonderful
Time of the Year**

Under the Direction of
Dr. David Hobbs

Accompanist
Diane Boland

Dec. 3rd 2:30
Dec. 4th 7:00

Tickets available at the door
Adults \$10.00 Students Our Honored Guests

At the Northwest Baptist Church
1609 Robison, Ardmore

****Madill Girls Home Christmas Party****

This year's party for the girls from Madill is scheduled for December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A gift list will be available later in November. When you select a child's name, be certain to sign the list so we know someone is shopping for that child. Please limit gifts to \$35. Please have your gifts at the church by December 6 so that we can be certain every child will have a gift. Then, Sunday evening, come meet the girls and share in pizza, a talent show, and caroling!

Veterans' Center Christmas

As in the past we celebrate Christmas at the Veterans Center by providing a gift of a sweatshirt for our Veteran family. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please purchase a regular crewneck sweatshirt in the size range of Large, XL, and 2X and bring to church by December 13. Please bring the sweatshirts unwrapped—we will wrap so all the gifts look the same. Also, we would love for you to join us at our Christmas service where we share our gifts and love with our Veteran family. I promise you it will speak to your heart. The Veterans Christmas Service will be held December 24th at 8:00 a.m.

Church Calendar

December 3/ The First Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Ardmore Community Chorale Concert

December 4/ Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Ardmore Community Chorale Concert

December 6/ Wednesday—Madill Girls' gifts are due

- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

December 10/ The Second Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Madill Girls' Home Christmas Party

To give online go to

<https://onrealm.org/nwbcardmore/Give>

December 13/ Wednesday— gifts for veterans are due

- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Finance

December 15/ Friday

- 5:30 p.m. Mystery Dinner Tour

December 17/ The Third Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

December 20/ Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Business and Prayer Meeting

December 24/ The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 35/ Monday— Merry Christmas! The office will be closed.

December 27/ Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

December 31/ The First Sunday of Christmastide

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

January 1/ Monday- Happy New Year! The office will be closed.

Office hours: Monday- Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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