

Prince Street Church *Experience*

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Calendar of Events

Sat., December 5

Baby Shower for
Pregnancy Ministries

Sun., December 13

"A Christmas
Offering"

Tues., December 15

Primetimer's Christmas
Breakfast

Wed., December 16

PSUth Christmas Party

Sat., December 19

PSC Family Christmas
Dinner

Sun., December 20

Christmas Caroling

Thurs., December 24

Christmas Eve Services

Prince Street Church Celebrates Christmas

by Lori Stine

Christmas has an amazing way of stirring emotions and memories. The excitement of seeing Christmas lights, heart felt reflections of those we no longer get to see, are all seemingly present at the same time.

Fortunately, the PSC family is here to help us stay focused. Michelle Weaver, Worship Commission Chair and Worship Leader for the 8:30 am service, has planned an inspiring evening of music and narration, celebrating what Christ has done for us. On Sunday, December 13th, at 6:30 pm, the PSC choir will present, "A Christmas Offering." Michelle is excited to have a few new voices added to the choir for this year's musical. She says, "We have 16 voices, including me, and as a choir, we are all expressing our personal feelings to God. The circumstances of today may be difficult, but God is always here for us. Through Jesus, He has given us hope and He will help us through." God's economy is not broke, nor is He emotionally bankrupt.



According to Michelle, the program will be interactive. "Whether I am leading the congregation or not, I encourage them to sing along," says Michelle. This is also an opportunity to invite friends, family members, or co-workers. We are friends helping friends follow Jesus. Maybe we do not have the means to purchase gifts, but we can spend, give, and share time.

If someone was to ask you "What was the very first Christmas gift?" what would be your answer? I think it was love. John 3:16 says, "for God so Loved the world that He gave....." The times maybe unsettling, but the birth of Jesus gives us assurance, peace, hope and strength to live life fully. The perfect re-gifting item that never breaks, or goes out of style.

PSC also has other opportunities to share the true meaning of Christmas this season. Pastor Jim is presenting a series entitled, "Christmas is For-giving." Helping a friend learn how to forgive someone, or to ask for forgiveness is possibly the most important way one can be used by God.

The PSC Family Christmas Dinner is on Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 pm. This will be a time of celebrating Christ's birth as one big family.



Christmas caroling for the folks who are on our Home Care list will take place on Sunday, December 20 at 3:30 in the afternoon. This is an opportunity to spread Christmas cheer to those members of our congregation who are no longer able to come out and worship with us.

We will be having two Christmas Eve services again this year; a contemporary service at 5:00 pm, and a traditional service at 7:00 pm. We feel this is a "something for everyone" arrangement.

No one should be alone, especially during the Christmas season. Speaking from experience, there is nothing like Sundays and holidays to let one know how lonely or hurting they really are. Thankfully, we have lots of opportunities to fellowship and enjoy each other's company as we focus on the birth of the Christ child.

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In order to get to know them better, Prince Street Experience sat down with Lance & Chrissy Hoover.

PSE: Tell us about your family.

Hoovers: Our family is Lance and Chrissy and our daughters, one of whom will be 6 years old at the end of Dec., and our youngest who is 14 months old. And, of course, there is our oldest, Sophie, an 8-year old spoiled cocker spaniel.

PCE: What brought you to Prince Street Church? How long have you been attending? What keeps you here?

Hoovers: For myself (Chrissy), I really only know this church. I was born and raised here, from baptism to marriage. My great grandparents went to

PSC. Lance started attending when we were dating (We'll be married 10 years this month.). We keep coming because we are active in the Children's Dept. and we just enjoy the people.

PSE: In what ministries have you participated? In what ministries would you like to participate?

Hoovers: We both serve in the Nursery. Chrissy is on the Children & Youth Commission, and Lance has participated in numerous children's programs. When the children are older, Chrissy would like to do some parish nursing.

PSE: What church activities do you most enjoy?

Hoovers: We both enjoy working with the children; they love church and it is wonderful to see how they



react when you tell them a new story or do a new activity with them.

PSE: Do you both work outside the home?

Hoovers: Chrissy works part time as a registered nurse. Lance works for Glace Associates.

PSE: What are some of your hobbies?

Hoovers: Our hobbies are doing anything and everything with our girls, family and friends. We love going camping, and trips to the beach. And watching or attending games at the only college football team, Penn State. We are usually up for about any adventure that comes our way.

PeaJay's Place
by
Pastor Jim



I hate waiting. I hate waiting in line. I hate waiting for a meal. I hate waiting for an email. I hate waiting...period.

That's what makes Advent an uncomfortable season for me. I want Christmas to get here. I want to celebrate Immanuel...God with us. But Advent gets in the way and says, "Wait".

Advent is what we call the season leading up to Christmas. Over these four weeks, Advent asks us to remember the thousands of years God's people spent anticipating and longing for the coming of God's salvation, for Jesus.

Actually, that's what Advent means...it means coming. Even the prophets who foretold the grace that was to come didn't know "the person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating" (1 Peter 1:10-11). They were waiting, but they didn't know what God's salvation would look like.

But, praise God! Our salvation has been revealed. We are a blessed people because we know God's plan. The ancient waiting is over. We have the greatest reason to celebrate.

So, as you wait for Christmas day... as the anticipation builds... as you struggle with the waiting... remember, we've already received the greatest gift we'll ever receive.

Jesus... God's gift of amazing grace!

Walter's House Revisited

