

## Small Church Christmas Eve 2020 - Resource List

[Faithful Families For Advent and Christmas](#) – by Traci Smith

- Simple, powerful activities for all ages
- Bulk discounts from Chalice Press
- If you buy the book, you can use/reproduce up to 5 practices with your congregation.

Visual Faith Ministry – Jesse Tree

- [Readings and Ornaments](#)
- [Devotional Booklet English](#)
- [Devotional Booklet Spanish](#)

Illustrated Ministry

- Do Not Be Afraid - [Advent Devotional](#)
- Do Not Be Afraid – [Christmas Pageant](#)

Practical Resource for Churches

- [Advent/Christmas Online Resource Center](#)
- [Christmas Pageants 2020 Booklet](#) (lots of resources combined)
- [Christmas Pageants 2020 Webinar](#)

The Work of The People – [www.theworkofthepeople.com](http://www.theworkofthepeople.com)

- glorious Advent visual benedictions, prayers, liturgy, teaching
- “I Am Present in the Wait” – used in webinar
- \$25 monthly subscription, 9 downloads per month, cancel anytime

### Luminarias

Supplies: “lunch size” paper bags (white or brown); sand; votive candles

*Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’ – John 8:12*

Luminarias are traditionally lit on Christmas Eve to guide the spirit of the Christ child into a home or church. People line the streets and walkways creating elaborate displays by placing a candle and some sand inside a paper bag. Use the paper bags to pour out your heart to God. Write the words that are in your heart. Write the names of loved ones who cannot be with you. These simple bags will be our sack cloth. The sand we place within them will be our ashes. Weighing us down. Holding us in place. Within our sackcloth, nestled among the ashes, there is a light - a light that shines in the darkness, a light of peace, a light of hope, a light of love, a light to lead the way, or simply a light to mark your existence in this place.

- Create the luminarias as part of worship – this could be particularly powerful as part of a “Longest Night” or “Blue Christmas” service.
- Have each congregation member place their luminaria on their front porch, or you can let them pick up enough supplies to line the front walk or driveway.
- If you use the “one candle” liturgy, they could put their one candle inside the luminaria to symbolize Christ as the light of the world.
- Light the luminarias at the end of worship, with your Christmas eve candle.
- You could also pass the light through neighborhoods with a car driving from house to house. (Make sure you use a glass, hurricane style candle holder, or just use a lighter.)