

As we wait faithfully
for God's time, we light
the candle of Hope.

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev Julie Peterson

The heavens are being torn open!

The mountains quake at God's presence.

The face of God is soon to shine among us.

Even the stars cannot hold God's glory!

OPENING HYMN

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

GTG #347, Blue #5

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the shadow clears away.**

**At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE¹

We light this candle in hope.

Hansen & Melinda

The word says, “all is lost.”

God says, “All is loved.”

The darkness says “the light is dying.”

The light says, “the fire is catching.”

Fear says, “cover you eyes and your ears.”

Hope says, “Wait, watch, and listen.”

Paul assures us, “*God will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” (1Co 1:8)

**As we light our first Advent candle, we pray for the holy hope of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Hope. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stu T.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Restore us, O God of hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be saved. Save us, O Lord, from traps of our own creating: from fear that blocks the way of love, from worry that blocks the way of joy, from isolation that blocks the way of relationship, from structural injustices that keep the world bound. Forgive us, O God of hosts, until the stars fall from heaven and we live as people transformed.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONDING TO GRACE

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo!”

GTG #113 *refrain only*

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

Stu T.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:24-37

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Advent Hope”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

Stu T.

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;
 2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
 3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;
 though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
 be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
 yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
 "Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
 for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

BENEDICTION

¹Call to Worship 54.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
 pgs13-14, 18

Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please email or text Pastor Julie

Avonne (Laura's mother)
Joyce A (friend of George R)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Sushma B
Andree C
Chuck C (Laura D's brother)
Chris (Jim M's sister)
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Tom C (Ann M's brother-in-law)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister)
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Donna F (Jim/Sue's aunt)
Karen F
Lori F (George R's OES friend)
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Hice Family (Jane & Dave's daughter's family)
James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
José K (Adelaide's friend)
Marge K (George R's OES friend)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Steve (father-in-law of Glennas's daughter)
Bob L (husband of Judie T's friend)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Phyllis L
McKenzie (daughter of Michelle V's friend)
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Letty (Laura D's friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Rachel M (Rutter's granddaughter)
Jim M
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann M's brother)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Maria R (Laura D's friend)
Jessie R (Julie/Jeff's niece)
Ann & Geoff S
Jane S (Jim L's daughter's grandmother-in-law)
Marnie S (Glenna M's friend)
Shirley (Cathy W's aunt)
Cassie V (friend of Mike/Chris)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Those who are caregivers
Those devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Those affected by the devastating forest fires
Those who grieve

- **Bob Olson** (extended family of Jim/Sue)
- **Ralph Sorenson** (extended family of Jim/Sue)



CONGREGATION MEETING

Join us on Sunday, December 6 after the Worship

**A Special Congregational Meeting for Church of the Cross
is called for December 6, 2020 @ 11 am on Zoom.**

The meeting is called for the sole purpose of electing new officers for the
positions of Deacon and Elder.

How to connect to Zoom for the meeting (including phone call-in information)
has been sent to all members of Church of the Cross.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE

Our Annual Poinsettia sale is here! The order form is on our website.

The cost is \$15 per poinsettia and colors are: red (20 available), speckled (10 available) and white (6 available). Checks can be mailed or dropped off in the mailbox at church. All poinsettias may be picked up at the church after Christmas.

Contact Jane L to schedule a time to have the church opened for you. OR, if you prefer, your poinsettia(s) will be donated to Friendship Village to share with their residents. Please be sure to check your preference when you make your selection. If no selection is made, you will be contacted about your preference. Thank you!



ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

Join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 12 noon for bible study as we discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Zoom session.

Here is the schedule:

December 2	Mark 1:1-8; Isaiah 40:1-11
December 9	John 1:6-8, 19-28; Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
December 16	Luke 1:26-38; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
December 23	NO CLASS
December 30	NO CLASS



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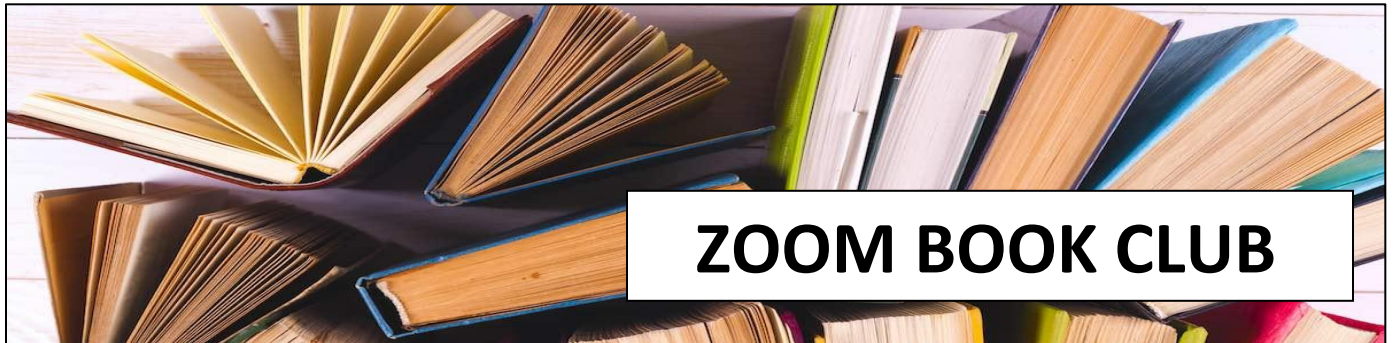


Men's Bible Study will meet on December 9 & 16

Meetings start at 7 pm.

Our current study is on the book *ISAIAH Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett.

We meet via Zoom. We encourage new attendees, so if interested, please contact Ken G. or Stu R. for access details.



ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meetings will be on:

- **Wednesday, December 2, 2020** at 7 pm
The Christmas Train by David Baldacci
- **Wednesday, January 13, 2021** at 7 pm
Brooklyn by Colm Toibin

If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation.

Sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago:



An Advent Worship Event
Exploring images of Dark and Light

Sunday, December 13, 2020 | 3 p.m.

Liturgy, music, a time to dream.

Preaching: The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins
Director, PCUSA Office of Public Witness

There is no cost, but please register at
bit.ly/AdventWorship

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**DROP OFF AT 1 ILLINOIS BLVD HOFFMAN ESTATES
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 9-1PM.**

FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Monetary donations allow us to purchase goods based on the needs of our clients at wholesale prices and is the easiest way to meet the growing demand at this time. Checks can be mailed to the Township (Attn: Food Pantry) and should be made out to the Township of Schaumburg with Food Pantry in the memo section. Donations can also be made online through our website schaumburgtownship.org. Please remember to signify the donation should be made to the Food Pantry.

FOOD DONATIONS:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Oatmeal and Cereal
- Canned Meats (tuna fish, chicken, ham, Spam)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges)
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Beef Stew, Chili, Pork n Beans
- Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- Canned or Dry Beans
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- Hamburger Helper
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- Rice A Roni
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



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