



Epiphany Sunday

January 10, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

This past year, we found ourselves on a different road,
yet we still look for that Baby born long ago in Bethlehem.

This year, we are worshipping in different ways,
**yet we still look for that Child of Christmas who gifts the needy
with hope, who sets free the oppressed.**

This year, we gather in different places,
**yet we still long to find the One who has come for us, even as we
remain apart from those we love so much.**

OPENING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light is Come!”

GTG #744, Blue #411

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Jim L.

We confess, O God, that it is hard to be hopeful when there is so much pain and sorrow in the world. We confess, O God, that we keep our heads down and fail to envision where You are at work in our world and lives in a new way. We fail to perceive You, even as You are revealed to the world. Be revealed to us, O God, in new and uplifting ways. May hope and joy be revealed to us long after the ornaments and lights are put away for another year. May Your justice, mercy, and love be revealed to us when we so desperately need it. Be revealed in our hearts, O God, so that we might break open Your light into the world.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

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 60:1-6

Jim L

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Arrivals and Departures”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH¹

Ephesians 3:2-12

Jim L.

The Apostle Paul tell us,

“For surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“Hidden as a Baby”

The Choir

CHRISTMAS CAROL

“We Three Kings”

GTG #151; Blue #66

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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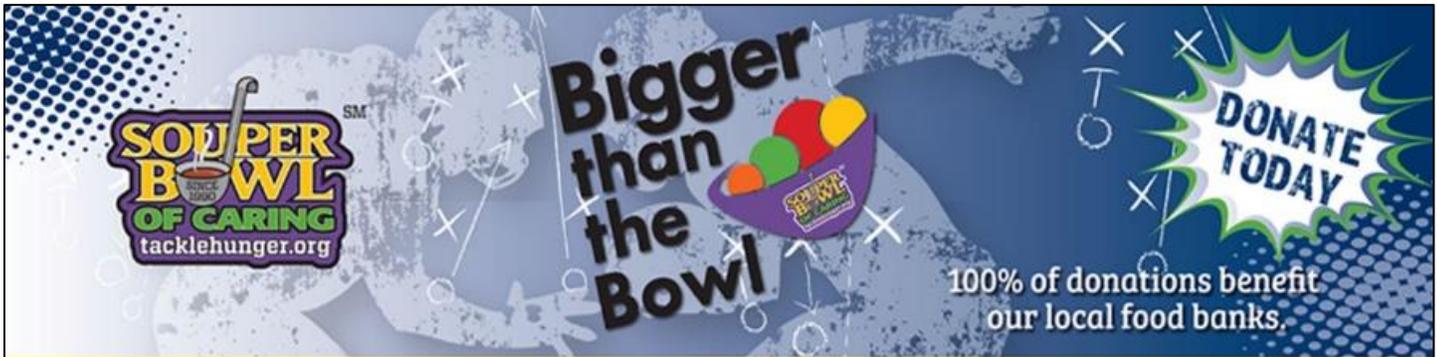
²Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.



FLOWER DEDICATION

**This week's flower arrangement is dedicated
in Celebration of the COTC Staff**

From Pat & Ken Groenewold



**On Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th , Church of the Cross will be participating
in the 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring.**

MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer
from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

You can mail a check to the office or use the Donate function on our website
to support our local food pantry.

Please choose the ‘Other’ option and put “Souper Bowl” in the comments if
you donate via the website.



Join us on January 31 after worship for our Annual Meeting via Zoom

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



Prayer
REQUESTS

Avonne (Laura's mother)
Joyce A (friend of George R)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Steve A (father-in-law of Glenna's daughter)
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)
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)
Heather (Glenna & Hank's niece)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
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)
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)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
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
Marnie S (Glenna M's friend)
Shirley (Cathy W's aunt)
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

- **Family of Billy Costello** (Julie's friend)
- **Family of Joel** (friend of Jim/Susan)



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.

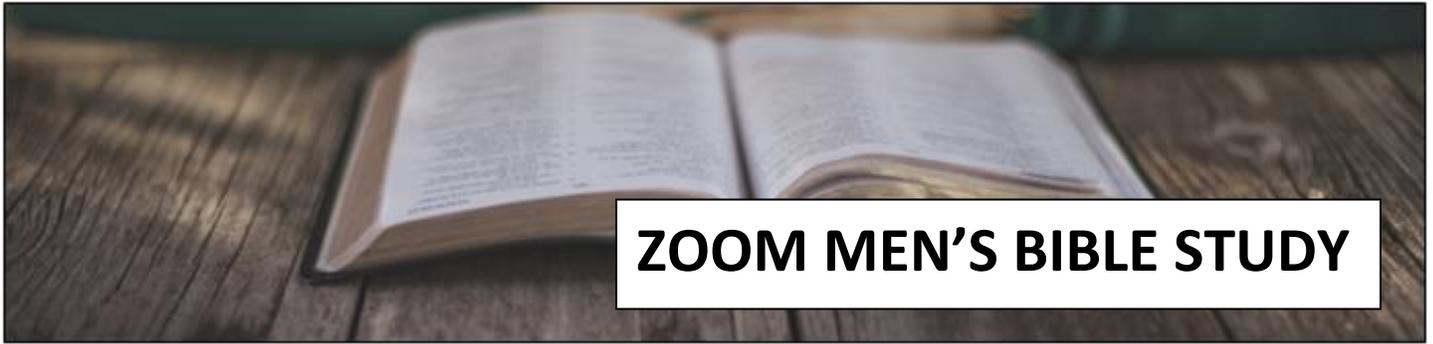
January 13	John 1:43-51; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
January 20	Mark 1:14-20; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
January 27	Mark 1:21-28; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
February 3	Mark 1:29-39; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
February 10	Mark 9:2-9; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
February 17 (<i>Ash Wed</i>)	Mark 1:9-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22



ZOOM BOOK CLUB

**Our next Book Club meetings will be on:
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7 pm**
We will be discussing “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.



ZOOM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on January 20th, February 10th & February 24th. 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 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The group meets via Zoom on **Sundays at 11:30 am.**

Our current study book is “Materiality as Resistance: Five Elements for Moral Action in the Real World” by Walter Brueggemann.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

DROP OFF AT 1 ILLINOIS BLVD HOFFMAN ESTATES

Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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
- Tomato Products
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta Roni
- Rice A Roni
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



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*Please note the list will be updated regularly - we have no brand preference

