



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 8, 2019 @ 10:00 am**

### **Church of The Cross**

*475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169*

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Coventry Carol"

By Lloyd Larson

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Traditional French Carol

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Julie Peterson

Can you imagine?

**The wolf lives with the lamb; the leopard rests with the goat.**

Can you imagine?

**Knowledge of the Lord fills the land;  
righteousness reigns o'er all the earth.**

The Lord's light shines on a weary world—  
illuminating possibility, beckoning us to hope.

**With love in our hearts, let us worship God!**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 88, vs 1, 3, 6-7 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**Mighty God – Isaiah 11:1-2**

Susan & Jim Buchholz

As we light the second candle, we prepare for Christ to enter our world and our lives in a new way. We recall the prophet's words of old, words of hope for a king in their time. One who was given the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, and might, but also the knowledge and fear (or awe) of our mighty God, who brings life out of death, a shoot from a tree in midwinter.

*All Sing:*

tune #41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

**The candle of love tells what we are worth:**

**God loves us so much, God came to the earth!**

**An angel brought news of a child who would be**

**The one who would save us and set us all free.**

*All Pray:* **O Eternal Spirit, Mighty God, may we know Your love forever, and may we proclaim to the world that You are breaking open our hearts and lives in a new way. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**Holy One, Christ is coming; your kingdom is drawing near. We cannot remain unchanged. As we prepare the way for Emmanuel—God with us, help us abandon wayward wanderings and return to faithful paths. We have neglected to plead the case of the poor, and ignored the needs of the afflicted. We have denied our part in systems that oppress, and turned a blind eye toward injustice. Renew our minds and transform our hearts, that our lives might bear the fruit of compassion and care. Baptize us with your Spirit, and claim us again for your holy work until you come in glory.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

\*RESPONSE OF JOY, NO. 107, v4

**Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night.  
Though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light;  
be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;  
may God fill every day we share and bring us at last into glory.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE ~ *Greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN No. 188, vs1 “Jesus Loves Me” *Children are invited to come forward*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

\*HYMN No. 188, vs2 “Jesus Loves Me” *Children return to their seat*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jim Buchholz

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-12

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“You can’t miss this!”

Rev. Julie Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN NO. 96

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<sup>2</sup>

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY

"Waiting for Emmanuel"

Ruth Elaine Schram

*Samrita Vinu, Cello*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Buchholz

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 137

“He Came Down”

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Go Now in Peace"

Israeli Tune

\*POSTLUDE

"Ballade de Jesus-Christ"

By Larry Shackley

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



*Hearing Assistance Devices, large print copies of the bulletin  
and hymns are available from an usher.*

## WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

**Linda A** (sister of Judy M)  
**Mary Lou A** (friend of Larry & Dawn A)  
**Connie & Ed** (Friends of Karen)  
**Mildred B**  
**Mary Ann B**  
**Mary Joe** (Jim B's co-worker)  
**Virgil B** (friend of Karen F)  
**Andree C**  
**Patrick C** (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)  
**Renee C** (Laura D's sister-in-law)  
**Linda D** (Jim & Sue's relative)  
**Betty F** (Chris L's mother)  
**Shawn F** (Karen F's son)  
**Jack and Donna F** (uncle/aunt of Sue L)  
**Karen F**  
**Adelaide G**  
**Bruce & Linda G** (friends of the Rutter's)  
**Nick G** (Rutter's grandson)  
**Ricky G** (Liataud's nephew)  
**Jeff H** (former COTC member)  
**Rita H** (Jim & Ann's relative)  
**Terry H**  
**Jessica** (Charlie / Nancy's niece)  
**Charlie K**

**Bob L** (Judie T's friend)  
**Jim L** (Groenewold's son-in-law)  
**Linda L** (Judie T's friend)  
**Mary Jo** (Jim B's co-worker)  
**Glenna M**  
**Judy M**  
**Kofi M** (Grant-Acquah family friend)  
**Lisa M** (Karen's daughter)  
**Steve M**  
**Noah** (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)  
**Jerry N** (friend of Judie T)  
**Jann & Mickey P** (Jeff P's parents)  
**Barbara O** (friend of Glenna M)  
**Susan Q** (Ann S's boss)  
**Joan & George R**  
**Ann S**  
**Larry V** (Jim V's father)  
**April V** (Chris V's cousin)  
**Caregivers**  
**Communities impacted by natural disasters**  
**Those devastated by terrorism**  
**Families of suicide loss**  
**Those who grieve**

- **Jose N** (Cheryl N's husband)
- **Tom A** (former COTC member)

## ARE YOU A VISITOR OR DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

**If you are a visitor today, please fill out one of our visitor cards.  
If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card.**

*Please drop your card in the offering plate.*

## TODAY'S TABLE FLOWERS :

From Adelaide in celebration of Naana's birthday!



## Advent Prayer Service on December 11th

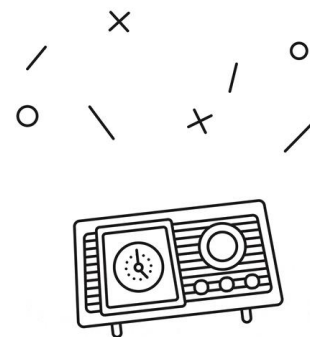


Church of the Cross offers an “**Advent Prayer Service**” on **December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. Come and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle – and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

Please invite anyone who may need time set apart this holiday season, regardless of church background, for everyone is welcome.

## COTC Radio Play on January 5th

An original, short radio play, *What the Wise Men Know*, will be performed in front of the congregation during the worship service on Sunday, Jan. 5. If you are interested in being an actor or narrator, please see Stu Truelsen for details. No memorization. Rehearsal with script Dec. 29, after worship service and Jan. 5, before worship.



## Café Hours



Join Pastor Julie for *Café Hours* on Thursday mornings from **9:00-11:00 am at, Tous Les Jours**

20 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173 (*corner of Golf & Roselle Roads, same strip mall as Office Depot*)

Stop in to say hi, enjoy a cup of coffee, and share a prayer if you like.

## BOOK CLUB

January 15 - the Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah



## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Please sign up...

1. for the Advent candle lighting on 15, 22 & 24 December
2. to be readers for the Lessons and Carol Service on 29 December

The sign-up form is available on the Resource Schedule on our website or use the form in the lounge.



## JOIN US THIS ADVENT!

### Second Week of Advent

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Worship @ 10 am

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Advent Prayer Service @ 7 pm



Mighty God



Everlasting God

### Third Week of Advent

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - Worship @ 10 am

### Fourth Week of Advent

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cantata Worship @ 10 am & Christmas party @ 11 am

*Laying on of Hands*

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7 pm



Prince of Peace



### Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am

# CALENDAR

## For the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday, December 8

**9:00 am** Sunday School for All  
**10:00 am** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship  
**11:00 am** Coffee/Fellowship

### Tuesday, December 10

**7:00 pm** Deacon & Session Meeting

### Wednesday, December 11

**12 noon** Lunch with Pastor  
**7:00 pm** Advent Prayer Service

### Thursday, December 12

**7:00 pm** Choir practice

### Sunday, December 15

**9:00 am** Sunday School for All  
**10:00 am** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship  
**11:00 am** Coffee/Fellowship

## December

17 Tuesday	18 Wednesday	19 Thursday	20 Friday	21 Saturday	22 Sunday
	<b>12 noon</b> Lunch w/pastor	<b>9am</b> - Café Hours <b>7 pm</b> - Choir Practice			<b>9:00 am</b> - Sunday School for Adults only <b>10:00 am</b> - Cantata Worship <i>Laying on of Hands</i> <b>11:00 am</b> - Christmas party

## WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	December 8	December 11	December 15	December 22
	Second Sunday of Advent	Advent Prayer Service	Third Sunday of Advent	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Worship Leader	Jim Buchholz		Cathy Walker	
Disciple on Duty	Jim V		Jim V	Charlie K
Usher/Greeter	J. Liautaud		S. Murray	
Counter			B Groenewold	
Communion Set Up				
Communion Servers				
Advent Candle Lighters	Susan & Jim B		Melinda & Hansen	Murray's
Coffee Hour	Cathy W.		Judie T	Chris L



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### Session

#### **Elders, Class of 2019**

Adelaide Grant-Acquah  
 Jane Lesch  
 Fritz Michaelis

#### **Elders, Class of 2020**

Ken Groenewold  
 Mike Lorentz  
 Cathy Walker

#### **Elders, Class of 2021**

Sue Liautaud  
 Stu Rutter  
 Cheryl Wilkins

### Deacons

#### **Deacons, Class of 2019**

Karen Franz  
 Chris Lorentz  
 Sue Letterer

#### **Deacons, Class of 2020**

Laura DeLaCruz  
 Naana Grant-Acquah  
 Bob Groenewold

#### **Deacons, Class of 2021**

Ann Moorman  
 Judie Truelsen  
 Ann Scheerer

### Corporation Officers

Jim Letterer	President
Larry Amos	Vice President
Ken Groenewold	Treasurer
Pat Groenewold	Secretary
Nancy Keppel	Member at large
Sue Liautaud	Member at large
Terry Maulding	Member at large