

As we wait faithfully for God's time,  
we light the candles of  
Hope, Peace, and Joy.



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

December 13, 2020 @ 10:00 am

### **Church of The Cross**

*475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169*  
(847) 885-1199

## WELCOME ALL

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Rev Julie Peterson

We gather in this holy place to bear witness to the Light.

**The love of God shines upon us  
and reveals the truth of God's mercy.**

We gather in this holy place to bear witness to the Truth.

**The truth of our gospel is good news for the oppressed  
and a balm for the brokenhearted.**

#### OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*GTG #82, Blue #2*

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE<sup>1</sup>

We light this candle in hope.

*Chris, Michelle, Juliet*

We light this candle for peace.

We light this candle in joy.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice.”

**The world says “Worry,” and we say “Rejoice.”**

The news says, “Fear,” and we say, “Rejoice.”

**The world says, “Be happy,” and the church says, “Be faithful.”**

As Paul urges the Thessalonians, “*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*” (1Th 5:16-18)

**As we light our third Advent candle, we pray for the hope, the peace,  
and the joy of our Holy God. Come now, O Child of Mary.**

**Come now, O Prince of Joy. Amen.**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Stu R.

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**Your love is good news for the oppressed, O Lord, and you bind up the brokenhearted.  
Forgive us, O God, when we think that your good news is only for us. Forgive us,  
O God, when we twist your gospel into something that fits comfortably into our lives.  
By your light, let us see you leading us beyond ourselves and into the world you love.  
By your grace, forgive us, and free us to try again.**

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 61:1-4, 8-11

Stu R.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Advent Joy”

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, 9.27*

Stu R.

**The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“People, Look East”

*COTC Choir*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Stu R.

**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 it come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken hearted 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.**

BENEDICTION

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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)  
**Steve A** (father-in-law of Glennas'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)  
**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)  
**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**  
**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**

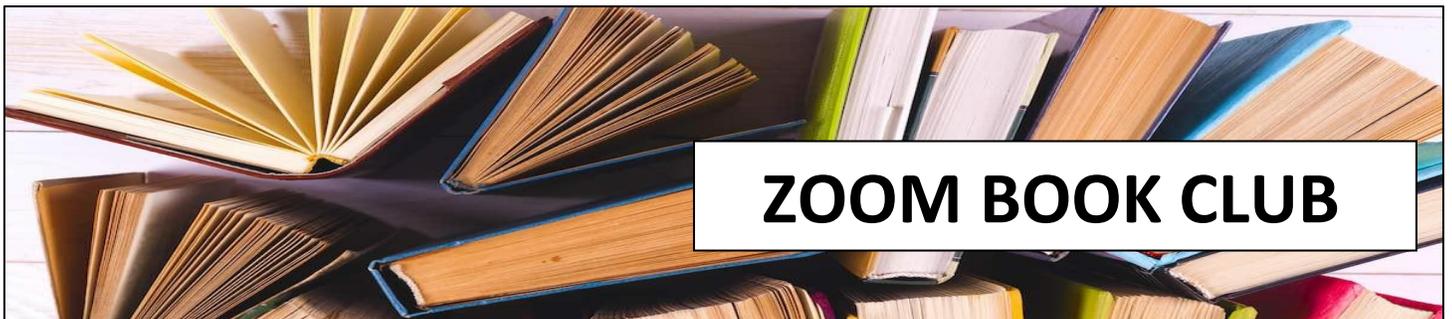
- **family of Bob Olson** (family of Jim/Sue)
- **family of Ralph Sorenson** (family of Jim/Sue)
- **family of Kris M** (Jim M's sister)
- **Cassie V** (friend of Mike/Chris)
- **family of Jane S** (extended family of Jim/Sue)



It is with great joy and love that these flowers are in remembrance of Joan Lemke Nigh Rogers and her beautiful life. She is now the special guardian angel that is free of this world and has forever happiness with the Lord.

In remembrance and love, her children Scott (Robin) Nigh, Cathlynn (Ray Biondo) Nigh, Todd (Lynn Elliott) Nigh and her grandchildren Dylan (Sophie) Nigh, Jacob Nigh, Will Nigh and her great grandchildren Zoey and Amelia Nigh.

We love you Mom!



## ZOOM BOOK CLUB

**Our next Book Club meetings will be on:**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7 pm.**

**We will discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin.**

If you want to be included, please email Judie at [judietrue@gmail.com](mailto:judietrue@gmail.com) and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



## 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!

**HOLIDAY  
GIFT  
DRIVE!**

Shelter, Inc.  
Fostering Children • Strengthening Families • Transforming Communities

**You can help a child feel loved this holiday season.**

Fill a wish list, send a gift card, or make a donation!

However, you choose to help, know that you are bringing joy to a child, young adult, or family experiencing crisis.

Sign up for gifts or gift cards or a financial donation will go through the Shelter, Inc. Holiday Gift Drive 2020—Interest Form.

**The links will be in the COTC e-news for the next couple of weeks and on our website.**

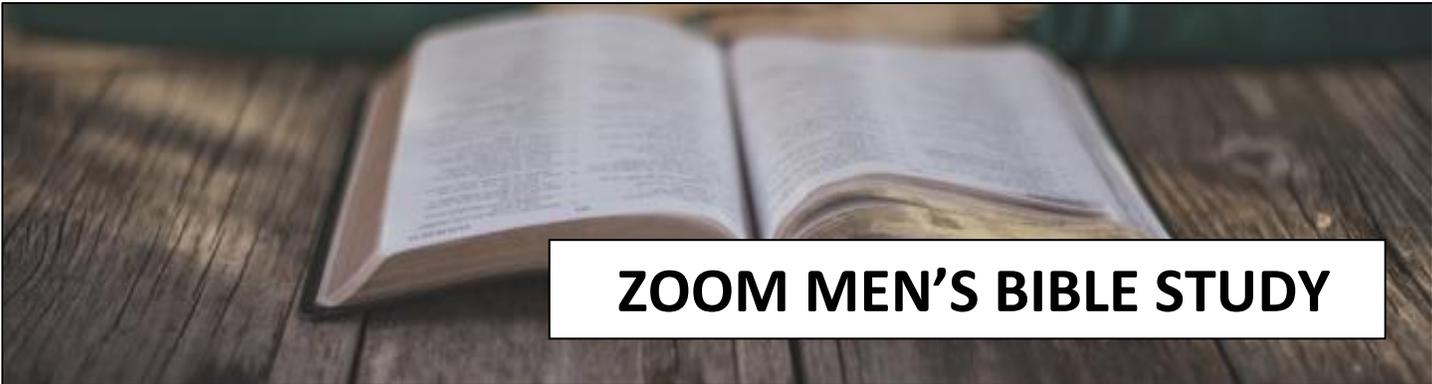
You can also contact Zoe McGrath at [zmcgrath@shelter-inc.org](mailto:zmcgrath@shelter-inc.org) or 847-595-0180.



**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.**

December 16	Luke 1:26-38; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
December 23	NO CLASS
December 30	NO CLASS
January 6	Mark 1:4-11; Acts 19:1-7
January 13	John 1:43-51; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
January 20	Mark 1:14-20; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31



**ZOOM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Men's Bible Study will meet on December 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.

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](https://bit.ly/AdventWorship)

# 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](http://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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