



2nd Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 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

Judie T.

**The Lord gathers us from east and west, from north and south.
O give thanks to the Lord, who is good!
Come, hear the Christmas news: Jesus Christ is born!
Come, sing the Christmas story: for Jesus Christ is born!
Come, worship the Christmas child. Truly, Jesus Christ is born!
Let us worship God.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

GTG #123; Blue #38

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing:
and ever o’re its Babble sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Judie T.

O Holy One, forgive us when we fail to live in the good news of your Christmas story: when we hear the choir sing, “Rejoice!” but we do not join their chorus; when we know the angels say, “Do not fear,” yet fear is all we can muster; when we see a star rising in the east, but we turn away from its light. Forgive us, O Lord, of the sins of our lives and the sins of the systems we fail to disrupt. Convict us with the cry of a child from a manger, 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

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Judie T.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-18

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SERMON

“The Word Made Flesh”

Rev. Dianne Shields

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH¹

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18

Judie T.

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be realized.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“Minuet Noel”

The Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Judie T.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

GTG #121; Blue #44

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in the thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.**

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Dianne Shields

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION¹

CHRISTMAS CAROL

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GTG #136; Blue #29

**Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *(sing refrain)***

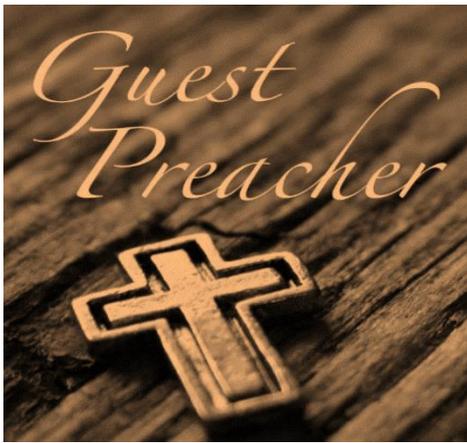
**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *(sing refrain)***

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *(sing refrain)***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

¹Call to Worship 53.1, © 2020 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pg 26



The Rev. Dianne Shields is our Guest Preacher and Lord's Supper Officiant today. Dianne is a "retired" teaching elder and member of Chicago Presbytery where she serves on the Commission on Ministry. She is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary and served for 20 years at First Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights. Since retirement she and her husband Jerry have spent time volunteering in Africa and Iona, Scotland. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren.



**This week's flower arrangement is dedicated in Celebration of Christmas
From George Rogers**

Happy New Year

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware.

-M.S.Lowndes



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 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)
Heather (Glenna & Hank's niece)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Hice Family (Jane & Dave's daughter's family)
James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)

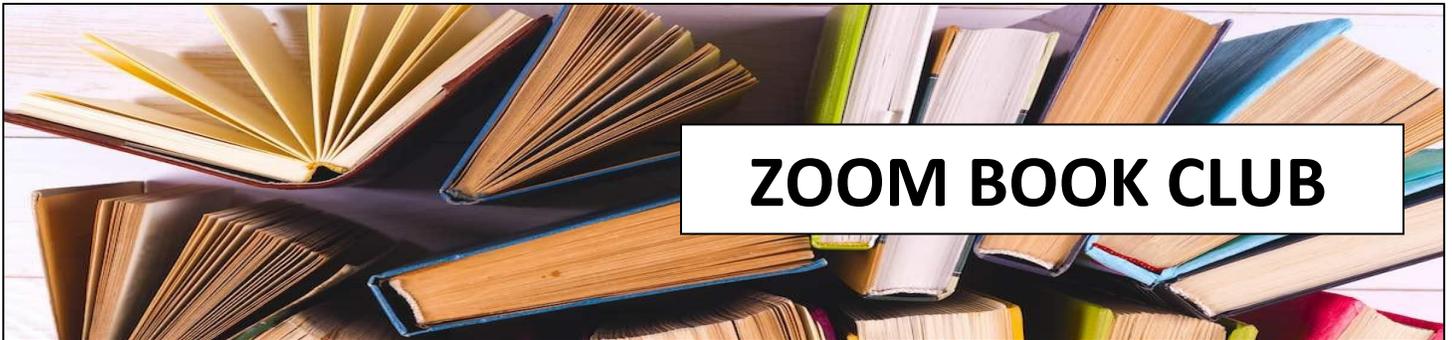
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
José K (Adelaide's friend)
Marge K (George R's OES friend)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Bob L (husband of Judie T's friend)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Phyllis L
McKenzie (daughter of Michelle V's friend)
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
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)
Joel W (Jim B's friend)
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



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 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
January 27	Mark 1:21-28; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13



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.

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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