



Family Of God  
Community Church



3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**December 17, 2017**

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# Welcome

WELCOME to the third Sunday of Advent – a day of great joy for us, the family of God! We are glad that you are here to worship Emmanuel and witness to the mighty ways that He works in our family. If you have a question or concern, please know that we hope you will share those with us. Come, let us joyfully worship for God is with us!

## Worship Order

Gathering Song: *Emmanuel*

Gathering Time

Call to Worship

\*Song of Faith: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Lighting the Advent Candle - Third Sunday in Advent

Advent Prayer of Confession

Advent Song: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Profession of Faith:

*Carson Bush, Grace Painter, Noah Painter*

The Sacrament of Baptism: *Rodney Kosheba*

Reaffirmation of Faith

Welcoming Members into the Family of God

Prayer of Blessing

Song of Joy: *Joy to the World*

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

God's Words for his family: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Sermon: Words of Joy for the family of God

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People followed by the Lord's Prayer

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

\*Song of Joy: *Good Christians All, Rejoice*

\*Blessing

\*Blessing Song: *Arise Shine*

## Serving in the Family of God - today /next week:

Snacks/Juice: Shari Meyer / *Connie Johnson*

Nursery: Kathy Painter / *Mike Roesly*

Media: Jim Maatman / *Rick Boss*

Hosts: Gunnetts / *Gunnetts*

Children in Worship: Sue Ellen McCreary / *Kathy Maatman*

## This week at FOGCC

### Today

Following worship – C.A.R.E.

### Monday:

1:00pm – Bible Release

6:00pm – Active shooter training for churches in the community

### Wednesday:

9:30am - WOW meets. Join us for Bible Study and prayer.

12:00pm - Soup's on at FOGCC

## Birthdays This Week

Monday – Lois Moon

## Announcements

**Today, we welcome several new members to Family of God Community Church**--please take a moment and share a word of welcome and thanks for their commitment to be a part of our family! Certainly, God is good...all the time; all the time...God is good. **Our new members include:** Carson Bush, Grace Painter, Noah Painter, Nancy and Bruce Peterson, Megan and Rodney Kosheba, Mary Knoll, Bridgitte Bruggema, Zoe Harmon, David Combs, Judy and David Bowen

**Thanks for your generous hearts!** We were able to give 30 families that have kids participating in Wonderful Wacky Wednesday and/or Beyond Wacky financial help this Christmas. That help was given in the form of gift cards to Shop-Ko, Dollar General and Little Caesar's. Thanks to all of you who gave a Christmas offering to be used to bless our WWW families.

**Responsibility List!!** Take a look at the **sign-up list for first quarter responsibilities today!** It is so very helpful if we all share the responsibility of bringing after-worship snacks, loving our kids in the nursery, etc.! Would you take your turn? Please generously sign up to fulfill one (or more) of the many responsibilities for the church!

**We have a Hats, Mittens, Gloves Christmas tree in the back!** Your donation can be hung on the tree....and will help a child in need.

**Help needed.** FOGCC will be hosting Soups On! December 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to help. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

**Tomorrow at 6:00pm** the Newaygo Police Department is offering an active shooter safety training for area churches at FOGCC. All are invited.

Advent gives us, the faith community, a wonderful chance to gather for lunch! **ADVENT SOUP'S ON will be at FOGCC this week Wednesday**, You are invited to come together for a bowl of soup and an Advent devotional--starting at noon and finishing promptly at 1 pm. There is a free-will offering taken at each Soups On. This is a wonderful chance to gather with the Body of Christ in our community.

We will gather for **Christmas Eve Worship on Sunday, December 24 at 6 p.m.!** Come and worship with us! Worship will be family friendly--and will include our tradition of lighting candles on this most holy night. Please consider bringing your family or friends so that they, too, will experience the joy of celebrating the birth of our Savior.

**Do you like to pound nails, paint houses, help others?** It is not too late to join the FOGCC team that is headed to Matamoros, Mexico for the week of Jan. 20-27. FOGCC pays \$400 towards your flight and hotel expenses (we stay each night in Brownsville, TX). If interested, please speak with Dale or Kathy Painter, Rick or Barb Boss, Ed Nelson or Keith Bennett. We hope you will consider joining us for a week of amazing work and blessing!

**Bill and Lyn Vanden Bosch invite you to join them in a pilgrimage in the steps of the Apostle Paul in Greece and Rome next September 20 - October 2.** There are brochures about the pilgrimage on the Information Table in the church entryway. Please feel free to contact us, 616-826-1927, inthelightofjesus@gmail.com, if you have any questions

### Future dates to note

**Sunday, December 24**

**6:00pm:** Christmas Eve Worship Service at FOGCC

**Sunday, January 7**

**Following worship:** Unhanging the Greens, church potluck

**Monday, January 8**

**6:00pm:** Leadership Council meeting

**Thursday, January 11**

**10:00am:** Logistics meeting

**11:00am:** Hope 101 Development Team meeting

**1:00pm:** Hope 101 Board of Directors meeting

**Monday, January 15**

**6:00pm:** Coordinating Committee meeting including all teams

**Tuesday, January 16**

**1:00pm:** Pastoral Care Team meeting

**If you have a question, suggestion or concern, please share it with us.**

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