



Family Of God
Community Church



December 24, 2017

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Welcome

Welcome to worship on this, the fourth Sunday of Advent, when we light the candle of LOVE. As we worship today, may we be reminded of the gift of LOVE that came to us in the Baby in the manger – King Jesus is his name! We hope that you will stay for a time of fellowship that follows worship – we long to greet and meet you! Come, let us worship. . .

Worship Order

Gathering Song: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
Gathering Time

*Call to Worship - Psalm 89:1-2

*Song of Faith: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Lighting the Advent Candle - Fourth Sunday in Advent

Advent Prayer of Confession

Advent Song: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1: 26 - 38

Sermon: May Your Christmas Be Small

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

*Song of Hope: *What Child Is This*

*Blessing

*Advent Blessing Song: *Arise Shine*

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

Snacks/Juice: Connie Johnson / Maatman

Nursery: Ellen Soules & Girls / Margaret Feravich

Media: Rick Boss / Jim Maatman

Hosts: Gunnetts / Gunnetts

Children in Worship: Kathy Maatman / Melissa Painter

Birthdays This Week

Today – John Johnson

Monday – Steve Shearer

Wednesday – Jim Maatman

Friday – Ray Shinew, Bob Postma

Announcements

Note: C.A.R.E. will not meet until Sunday, January 14.

We will gather today for **Christmas Eve Worship 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.

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 are **collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for our Mexico Mission group** to take with them to give to the people that they will be helping. There is a tree in the back of the sanctuary that you can hang your gift on. Thank you for helping to keep our brothers and sisters warm.

Here's a date for your JANUARY calendar! We will celebrate Epiphany (the wisemen arrive...) on Sunday, Jan. 7. Following worship, we are asking for your help--again! Let's UNHANG the "greens" and enjoy one of our always wonderful POTLUCKS. Put this date on your calendar and plan to lend a hand un-decorating.

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!

Kids in grades 4-8, please take a Worship Sheet (located by the bulletins in our Gathering Space) and fill it out during worship. Make sure that you turn it in to Pastor Barb – 4 completed worksheets will earn you a treat.

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.

Note: Women of the Word (WOW) will not meet this Wednesday, December 27.

Hope 101 ministry is in need of a woman to mentor/coach a middle age female program participant. The time commitment would be less than 10 hours a month. Training and support is available. Please talk to Karen Nottelmann.

Future dates to note

Sunday, January 7

Following worship: Unhanging the Greens, church potluck

Monday, January 8

6:00pm: Leadership Council meeting

Wednesday, January 10

Wonderful, Wacky Wednesday and Community Dinners resume

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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