

Welcome

On this First Sunday of Advent, we welcome you and we are glad that you are with us to sing, pray, confess, listen and be fed at the table of the Good Shepherd. Please know that you confess Jesus as Lord, you are welcome at this meal of Holy Communion. Following worship, please stay for a time of fellowship as the family of God and if you are visiting, we hope you will share your contact information with us. Come, let us worship Emmanuel. . . God with us!

Worship Order

Gathering Song: *Arise, Shine* FOGCC Choir
Gathering Time

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns
Prayer of Praise

Advent Call to Worship
*Hymn for Advent: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs 1,2)

Lighting the Advent Candle - First Sunday in Advent

Advent Prayer of Confession
Advent Song: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time
Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9
Sermon: The Hope of Isaiah
Prayer of Blessing

Invitation to Communion: Emmanuel #75 Praise
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Prayer of Blessing
*Song of Praise: *Amazing Love, How Can It Be*
(Led by Chelsea & Eric)

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings
Offertory
Prayer of Dedication

*Song of Hope: *My Life is In You, Lord*

*Blessing

*Advent Blessing Song: *Arise Shine*

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

Snacks/Juice: Nancy Park/ *Sandra Keranovic*

Nursery: Pattie Wyn / *Kathy Painter*

Media: Wayne Meyer / *Lori Feravich*

Hosts: Gunnetts / *Gunnetts*

Children in Worship: Lyn VandenBosch / *Denise Roesly*

This week at FOGCC

Today

Following worship – C.A.R.E.

Tuesday

4:00pm: Pastoral Care meeting

6:30pm – River Country Community Christmas Choir practice

Wednesday:

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

12:00pm: Soup's on at St. Bartholomew Church

3:30pm – Wonderful, Wacky Wednesday

5:15 – 6:15pm: Family Night Community Dinner

Friday

6:00pm: FOGCC Progressive Dinner

Birthdays This Week

Saturday – Ramona Dreyer

Announcements

The tradition of Christmas giving continues! You are invited to donate towards Christmas gifts for our Wonderful, Wacky Wednesday families. We hope to give them gift cards to Leppink's and Shopko. If you wish to participate, please put your check or cash in the special Christmas envelope and place it in the offering plate or give it to Jim M. or Pastor Barb. This is an all-church Christmas project! **Donations must be given by Sunday, December 10!**

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

Friday – 6:00pm – Our annual PROGRESSIVE DINNER! It's not too late to sign up!!! Do so TODAY!!!! Everyone will be receiving an email or phone call this week with further information!

Don't miss the CHRISTMAS CONCERT next week Sunday, Dec. 10. The concert begins at 6 p.m. at the Grant Fine Arts Center and will include a freewill offering for Love, I.N.C. and Vera's House. The River Country Community Christmas choir of over 50 voices, as well as our very own Wonderful Wacky Wednesday Kids, will share sacred songs of the season. It is wonderful night and a great opportunity to reach out to friends and neighbors and invite them to with you!

Many thanks to those who prepared our church home for Advent and Christmas! Your help was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Wayne and Shari Meyer for all their efforts -- including the new banner

made by Shari.

Advent gives us, the faith community, a wonderful chance to gather for lunch! **ADVENT SOUP'S ON will begin Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Saint Bartholomew Catholic Church.** For three Wednesdays, 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. On Wednesday, Dec. 13--SOUPS ON will meet at Trinity Fellowship (formerly River Valley Community) and on Dec. 20--SOUPS ON will meet at Family of God Community Church. Hope to see you at Soups On for Advent!

Help needed. FOGCC will be hosting Soups On December 20th. If you are willing to help. Please signup on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to all who gave a Thanksgiving Offering. The sum of \$1210.00 was received and given to International Aid to help with relief efforts in Puerto Rico. Thanks for being so generous...God bless you, and your gift.

Poinsettias! Are you interested in ordering a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of, or to honor someone special? They will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas season and then you are welcome to take them home after the Christmas Eve service. They are \$10 each and order forms are in the back of the church.

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!

Many of you have been part of Membership Conversations here at FOGCC in the past. **If you feel that God is nudging you to become a member at FOGCC, please speak with Pastor Barb or Pastor Chelsea.** We will be welcoming several new members on Sunday, Dec. 17--thanks be to God for growing our family!!

There is a summary of the Leadership Council meeting this past Monday evening on the back table.

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

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Community Church



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 3, 2017

**Rev. Barb Boss, Pastor
Chelsea Reynhout, Pastor**

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The 1st Annual Halo's Hope Christmas Vendor Extravaganza will be held Saturday, December 9 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Come join us for this family friendly event. There will be make and take activities, vendors, raffles and a lot of holiday spirit. Many local vendors, businesses and community members will be there. Proceeds raised at this event will be donated to Hope 101 Ministry and WISE (Women's Information Services).

We invite you to join us in a pilgrimage in the steps of the Apostle Paul in Greece and Rome next September 20 - October 2. This journey will explore sites related to Paul's second and third missionary journeys in Greece and his final life experiences in Rome. During this pilgrimage we will reflect on his missionary approach to a non-Christian environment and the lessons we can learn from it for interacting with our culture today. Each pilgrimage we lead has the goal of helping participants grow in their walk with Christ through study of Scripture, prayer and worship, and the experience of Christian community as we travel together. It would be a joy to travel together with you. 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. In Christ's love, Bill and Lyn Vanden Bosch.

Future dates to note

Sunday, December 10

6:00pm River Country Community Choir Concert

Wednesday, December 13

12:00pm: Soup's On at Trinity Church (formerly River Valley)

Thursday, December 14

10:00am: Logistics meeting

1:00pm: Hope 101 Board of Directors meeting

3:00pm Hope 101 Program Committee meeting

Monday, December 18

1:00pm: Bible Release at FOGCC

6:00pm: Active Shooter Training for churches in the community

Wednesday, December 20

12:00pm: Soup's On at FOGCC

Sunday, December 24

6:00pm: Christmas Eve Worship Service at FOGCC

