



GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Warming Ears Ministry

(The Joyful Noise Offering is the collection of loose coins that we place in a tin can you shake that makes "Joyful Noise". The Noise is joyful because a recipient is selected to receive the offering every two months)

GATHERING HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ADVENT WREATH

Rachel Wahome & Henry Gachini

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Away in a Manger"

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, we confess that we live in a very sinful and broken world. What evil lurks among us, what tragedies haunt our hearts. Forgive us Baby Jesus Lord and Savior. Forgive as well those who do not know how to confess, and those who will not confess; they know not what they do Father. And convict us now Holy Spirit, to name our sins in private, that we might experience Your mercy once again...

(Please take a few moments to complete your confession in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ...in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You Lord Jesus, that You came for us, to set us free from the sin that would have separated us from You. What love and grace! Help us to show the same kindness and love to all others; that You would be glorified through us. In Jesus' name we pray.

OFFERING

"Breath of Heaven"

Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

The Lehmann Family

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:15

New Testament: Matthew 2:16-18

SERMON

"Christmas Pain"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer

HYMN FOR SENDING

"What Child Is This"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Carol of the Bells"

M. Leintovich
arranged by Mark Hayes

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Mike Baynai, Preaching

Angie Wylie, Children's Message

Cindy Cook, Liturgist

Shauna Gipe, Nursery Volunteer

Eileen Davis, Pianist

Joseph Cook, Media Director

Julie Koenes, Usher

Dan Vanderberg, Media Technician

Al Schumacher & Elaine Miller, Greeters

Bolu Olayemi & Jared Swanson, Children's Church

TODAY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

10:00am – Fourth Sunday of Advent service

11:00am – Learning meeting after church

3:00pm - Devotions at Railside

4:30pm - Baynai's Home Group Meeting

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Monday 7:00pm - Beth Moore Study at the Baynai's (822-9988)

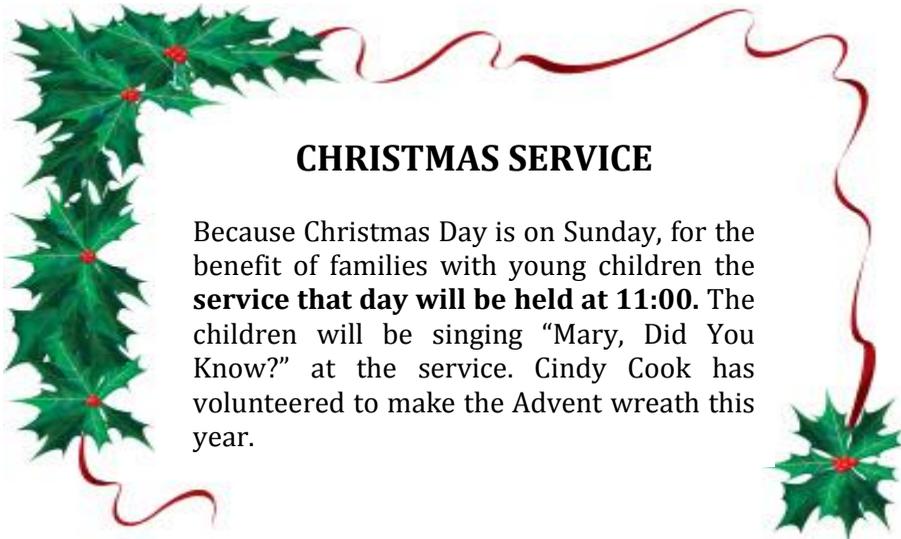
Wednesday Session at Bob Brooks'

Friday 10:00am – Devotions at Calvin Seminary Chapel

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

11:00am – Service of Celebration of the birth of Jesus

3:00pm - Devotions at American House



CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Because Christmas Day is on Sunday, for the benefit of families with young children the **service that day will be held at 11:00**. The children will be singing "Mary, Did You Know?" at the service. Cindy Cook has volunteered to make the Advent wreath this year.

POINSETTIAS – The poinsettias will adorn our sanctuary through Christmas Sunday worship. Poinsettias may be taken after the Christmas Day service. Let Cindy Cook know if you need special arrangements for picking up your poinsettia. Those who ordered the Marble ones, they have been replaced with a Pink one as Ludemas was out of the Marble color.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – Christmas Cards have been placed at the information table and members are being asked to pick one up, write a short note and sign. These Christmas Cards will be addressed, stamped and mailed to Walter Reed Hospital to recovering soldiers. Let's help put some joy and a thank you in every card. Place the completed cards on the table. See Joseph Cook for further information

HOLIDAY CHOIR – A Special Choir has been formed to bring extra music to the Christmas Season. December 25, the choir will sing "Adore Him," arranged by R. Sterling. And Rev. Dr. Laura & Shauna Gipe will sing a duet: Gesu Bambino by Pietro Yon. If you would like to join in, please plan to stay after worship for a short rehearsal

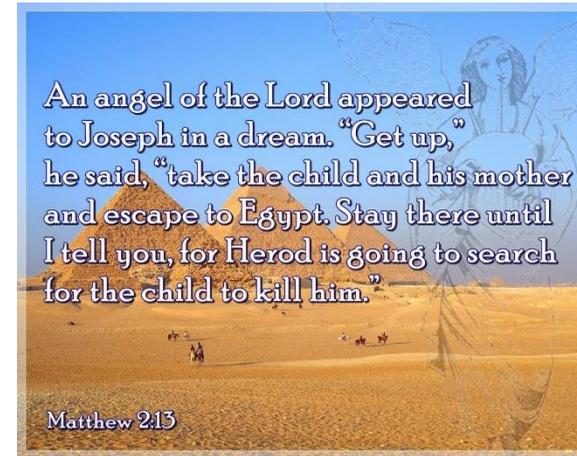
NEW ADDRESS – Alfred and Sandy Keating have moved to a new home. Their new address is 5764 Leisure South Drive SE, Kentwood, Michigan 49548

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Sunday Services 10:00 am
Calvin Theological Seminary Chapel
3233 Burton SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546





JARED SWANSON as his mother passed away very unexpectedly. Please keep him and his family in your prayers

VI SQUIRES' niece Ruth Steenhagen who in hospice care in Florida

"COACH HARRIS" (Dani Schumacher's friend) prayers for a smooth family adoption

LOIS STEPHENS as she prepares for surgery. Prayers for successful surgery and healing

MARIE JOHNSON as she was hospitalized and needs pray for her health

ANGIE WILEY as she faces possible hip surgery. Prayers for healing

ROGER POTTGETTER as he is battling cancer

JABE HEPBURN (Bettye Kay's grandson) prayers for him and the family

WARMNG EARS MINISTRY as they continue to carry out their work of making their hats for those in need

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH and its elders that God would lead us, use us, and build us as we continue to worship and spread the love of Christ to our neighbors

CALVIN COLLEGE AND CALVIN SEMINARY students and faculty that God would continue to bless them as they take a break from their studies to celebrate the birth of our Savior

MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES, some stationed around the world...peace and safety during this Christmas Season...

JUDY DOBBELAIRE, NORMA VANDEN BROEK, MARIE JOHNSON, RACHEL KIMBREL AND PAT DOORN as they worship at home

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The children are working on learning a new Bible verse each month. The selected verse for December is:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34



MONDAY pray for mercy! That God's mercy would continue to be poured out on each of us, our families and church, and our nation. And that we would show mercy to others, especially those whom we do not understand or appreciate. **Matthew 5:7, James 2:13, 1 Peter 1:3 & Jude 1:21**

TUESDAY pray for righteousness; that God would help His people to live righteous lives. That we would all seek to align our lives in accord with the Bible, and when we fail we would repent and humble ourselves before God. **Psalm 11:7, Luke 1:74-75, 2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

WEDNESDAY pray for wisdom; that God in His wisdom would bless us all, especially our Elders with wisdom to lead our new church community. That with Godly wisdom we might fashion church programs and events that bring God honor and fulfill His mission for us.

Psalm 111:10, Romans 11:33, Colossians 4:5-6, James 1:5, Revelation 7:12

THURSDAY is a day of thanksgiving. Thank God for His love of us. For this nation, our families, our health and the prosperity we know. Thank God for calling us into a new worshipping community and for the privilege of living a life of faith. **Psalm 1-5, Psalm 100, Revelation 7:9-12, 1Thessalonians 5:16-18,**

FRIDAY pray for faith; we pray for faith to believe that all things are possible for God. That He is in absolute control of all things including our world and nation, the church and our families, even everything about ourselves. That we would honor God and practice great faith! **Psalm 89:1-2, Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 12.**

SATURDAY pray with local church members and leaders who have committed to pray on Saturday (evening or night) for the many church services that will take place on the following Sunday morning. That God will call people to attend worship services. That people would be moved in their hearts to love Him and trust Him more. That pastors would be filled with the Holy Spirit as they preach God's Word. That the church of Jesus Christ would be revived! Would you join us in these prayers? **2 Chronicles 7:14**

SUNDAY - THE SON'S DAY! Pray prayers of worship and adoration to Jesus that He is God's only begotten Son, and that in His perfect love and obedience endured the cross, that now through His perfect sacrifice we might be known to the Father as His sons and daughters. Jesus is worthy of our heart's praises!! **Exodus 20:1-11 and Deuteronomy 5:6-15**

