



# Service of Worship and Communion

December 2, 2018

First Sunday In Advent



## PRE-SERVICE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING** Forgiven Man Ministries  
*(The Joyful Noise Offering is a collection of loose coins that make a "joyful noise" when you place them in the can and shake it. The noise is joyful because a local agency/program chosen every two months by the Mission Team receives the offering.)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**  
*(Children up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to leave for Children's Church)*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

## WE COME TO GOD WITH PRAISE

**SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent Advent Choir

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #61

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** #783 B

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (On Screen)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (On Screen)

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** Comfort, Comfort, Now My People #59

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE WITH GRATITUDE

## OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY** #965

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 8:19-22, 9:1-7 Pew Bible page 559

**SERMON** "The Light Is Promised"

## OBSERVANCE OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

**INVITATION TO HIS TABLE**  
**WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION**  
**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP**  
*(Please come forward by way of the side aisle-return by center aisle)*

## WE PREPARE TO ENTER THE MISSION FIELD

## PRAYERS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN OF SENDING** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #56

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*DENOTES TO STAND IF ABLE

## SERVING TODAY

Roger & Marie Zoerner, Greeting  
Gary & Dana Lehmann, Sound Booth  
Bob Schaafsma, Henry Gachini, Marv DeYoung & Jim Miller, Ushering  
Angie Wiley, Children's Volunteer  
Rev. Mike Baynai, Preaching  
Shauna Gipe, Jim Miller, Henry Gachini, Rachel Wahome, Patrick Nwosu & Joshua Iyadurai, Communion  
Marjorie Boerema, Musician  
Carrie Barrett, Coffee Hour Host  
Jared Swanson, Children's Church  
Shauna Gipe, Liturgist  
Bhama Cairns, Special Music

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**FORGOTTEN MAN MINISTRIES** – Our Joyful Noise Offering recipient for the months of November and December is a ministry serving approximately half of the county jails in the state of Michigan. Our local chapter is responsible for all spiritual care provided at Kent County Jail in downtown Grand Rapids. One of the more powerful programs operated by FMM is their *God Pod*, an intensive and in-depth Bible study program. For more information about FMM call them at 616-784-4620.

**WE WELCOME** - each visitor this morning, understanding that you are a gift from God. May you feel His love and joy as you worship with us. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after our worship service.



## *Prayer Needs*

**ETHIPIA, KENYA, SUDAN, NIGERIA, SRI LANKA, & INDIA** - God's help and peace.

**PETER** (Vi Squires' nephew) - Prayers for healing.

**WESTON** (Jim & Phyllis Miller's great grandson) - Praise for improving health.

**JABE & HUNTER** - (Bettye Kay's grandsons) - Praise and prayers as God continues to bless them.

**PAT DOORN, JOAN WALSTROM & CATHY JO WOLTERS** - As they worship at home.

**ADAM** (Dana Bilyea's grandson) - Prayers for peace and strength.

**CONNIE** (Donna's mom) - Prayers for healing.

**GREAT LAKES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES:** Bethel PC, Carlisle Community Church, Church of The Straits & College Hill PC - That God would strengthen and grow them for His purpose and glory!

**AL SCHUMACHER** - Prayer for healing of his eyes.

**REV. FIKRE NORCHA & FAMILY** - God's peace and provision.

**TWO MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH** - Prayers for healing of a kidney.

**JORDAN** (Pastor Mike & Donna's grandson) - Prayers for God's protection and intervention.

**PAM** - Healing from cancer.

**JURIA** (friend of Rachel Wahome's) - Prayers for healing and well-being.

**BETTYE KAY** - Safety and peace as she travels to visit with her family.

**MARV & ROSE DEYOUNG** - For comfort as they grieve the loss of Marv's brother Ron.

**LEONARD POSTEMA** - Prayers for healing.

**VERA** (Cousin of Phyllis Miller) - Prayers for healing from cancer.

**DAKOTA** (Family friend of Anne Vanderburg) – Prayers for healing from a life-threatening injury.

## HAPPENINGS

### TODAY

LISTEN Team (Home Groups & Prayer) meeting after worship in the auditorium  
Sunday Service at Samaritas (The Terraces) at 3:30 p.m.

### MONDAY

Great Lakes Presbytery Advent Prayer Vigil (at home) 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Bilyea's Home Group meeting 1:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY

Men's Meal (Bob Evans) 9:30 a.m.

### NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Prayer, 9:00 a.m. Adult Study, 9:30am Choir Practice, 10:00 a.m. Worship  
LOVE Team (Worship) meeting after worship in the auditorium  
Wrapping of the Christmas Angel gifts after worship  
Sunday Service at Samaritas (The Lodge) 2:15 p.m.



***Building the family of God, one soul at a time***

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