



**Service of Worship**  
December 23, 2018  
Fourth 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** Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
*(Children up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to leave for Children's Church after the Children's Message)*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**ADVENT PRAY**

**WE COME TO GOD WITH PRAISE**

**PRELUDE** Once in Royal David's City

**SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP** Christ Will Come Again Advent Choir

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** Joy to the World #92

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

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** #62  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1 and 4) #61

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SUNG PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verse 6) #61

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #79

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE WITH GRATITUDE**

**OFFERING** We Three Kings

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#965

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible page 783

**SERMON** "God With Us"

**WE PREPARE TO ENTER THE MISSION FIELD**

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

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN OF SENDING** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #80

**\* LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Gloria In Excelsis Deo

\*DENOTES TO STAND IF ABLE

SERVING TODAY

Marsha Jones & Bhama Cairns, Greeting Arlene Koenes, Musician  
Gary & Dana Lehmann, Sound Booth Carrie Barrett, Coffee Hour Host  
Bob Schaafsma, Henry Gachini, Marv DeYoung & Jim Miller, Ushering Angie Wiley, Children's Message  
Rev. Mike Baynai, Liturgist Rev. Dr. Laura Smit, Preaching  
Advent Choir: Marjorie Boerema; Director, Arlene Koenes; Accompanist,  
Laura Smit, Dana Bilyea, Dana Lehmann, Carrie, Lucy & Kennedy Barrett, Joyce VanderLaan, Paul Shuart,  
Shauna & Trinity Gipe, Betty Rittersdorf, Henry Gachini, Norm Sharp, Al Boerema, 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

**ETHIPIOIA, KENYA, SUDAN, 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:** New Life At Calvary Church, , Ripley First PC, Northside Fellowship PC.  
**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.  
**BETTYE KAY** - Safety and peace as she travels to visit with her family.  
**LEONARD POSTEMA** - Prayers for healing.  
**VERA** (Cousin of Phyllis Miller) - Prayers for healing from cancer.  
**ANGIE WILEY** - Prayers for recovery.

## HAPPENINGS

### TODAY

LIVE Team (Mission & Media) meeting after worship in the auditorium  
 Sunday Service at American House 3:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Christmas Day

### NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Prayer, 10:00 a.m. Worship  
 Board of Deacons meeting after worship

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 13 – Adult Study begins  
 Sunday, January 20 – Trip to Baker Book House  
 Sunday, January 27 – Annual meeting of the Congregation



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

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