



**First Sunday of Advent** December 3, 2017

**WE GATHER IN UNITY**

\* GATHERING SONG *Here I Am to Worship*

\* WELCOME

MISSION MOMENT Pam Moeser

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Kuperus Family

\* SONGS OF PRAISE *O Come, O Come, Immanuel  
May Chains are Gone*

READING Isaiah 53:1-5 Neil Carlson

**WE GROW IN GRACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE *Comfort, Comfort Now  
My People*

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN Susan Verwys

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD Kids' Food Basket

OFFERTORY Instrumental

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE Mel Veldman

**WE GROW IN KNOWLEDGE**

\* SONG OF PREPARATION *Jesus, Draw Me*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 38:34-30 (pew Bible 32)

SERMON Unlikely Heroines: Tamar

**WE ARE NURTURED TO EXTEND**

\* SONG OF RESPONSE *Man of Sorrows*

MINISTRY MOMENT Brian Kreisman

**WE GO IN PEACE TO LOVE & SERVE**

\* GOD'S BLESSING

\* CLOSING PRAISE *Your Grace is Enough*

*\*Indicates to stand if you are able*

Pastor Rev. Nicholas Hopkins  
 Liturgist Aaron Polet  
 Musicians Joan Van Dyke, Phil Van Eck, Jeiel Burrell  
 Matt Kraker, Nate Jen, Joyce Altena  
 Kendra Altena, Jim Nyhoff, Aaron Polet

*Welcome to Shawnee Park Christian Reformed Church. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us, and we pray God will bless your time here. If you are a guest, please stop by at the Connection Center before you leave.*

*This Sunday, we will begin a season of preparation as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Immanuel, Jesus Christ, God with us. During Advent we will be exploring the women included in the genealogy of Christ, beginning with Tamar (Genesis 38) whose story is one of sorrow and rejection that ends in righteousness! Next week, we will explore the life of Rahab, who taught God's people that his mercy and forgiveness would even be gifted to the Gentiles (Joshua 2).*

*This afternoon, Pastor Nick will be officiating the Raybrook Communion Service (2:00 PM).*

**PRAISES & CONCERNS**

- We continue to ask prayer for Shawnee members who are not always able to worship with us. This month, please remember *Pearline Bivins, Eva Bivins, Barb Vander Zyden*.
- **CARD MAKING:** Thanks to all who participated in making holiday cards for our homebound, missionary, and military members this past Sunday. A table of individualized bags will be in the back of the sanctuary until December 10 to drop off any additional cards you'd like mailed or delivered to these individuals
- **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH:** This month, we pray for the short-term missionaries we support. This week, we request that you pray for *Jeremiah Marsden* as he brings God's knowledge to missionary children in Kazakhstan.
- **OFFERING: KIDS' FOOD BASKET** This morning's special offering will be for Kids' Food Basket which is the largest organization in West Michigan focused solely on childhood hunger. Through their Sack Supper program, kids get well-balanced nutritious meals, filling the gap schools and parents often can't afford. For more information, please visit: <http://www.kidsfoodbasket.org/>

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

### ADULT EDUCATION

- **TODAY:** “Jamaica Experience”—As some in the congregation may know, Brian and Nicole Kreisman are involved in a significant ministry for the deaf in Jamaica. Come at 11:00 AM, and hear how they are serving the cause of Christ through Global Village Partners, a company they helped create.
- **December 10:** New Initiative on Prison Reform: State Representative David LaGrand and his son Isaac will make a presentation on behalf of the Coalition of Justice Voters (CJV). Come and learn how biblical justice is pursued in the public square of our state.
- New schedule of second semester speakers and topics will be in mail folders mid to late December.

- **Shawnee Family Business (SFB):** The SFB is a weekly church newsletter which has been previously solely available via email. If you would like to receive the SFB, please contact the office and request either an email or hard copy version

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tues., Dec. 5 , 9:30 AM**  
Lesson 5: Colossians, led by Mel Veldman  
Refreshments: Renee Rietema, Annette Stark  
Don't forget to bring your gift items for Safe Haven, Roosevelt Park Ministries, and Mel Trotter Ministries. In case the congregation would like to participate a wish list is available on the back table. Bring your gift items to church by Tuesday, December 12.

- **W.O.W. DINNER: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
Join us for an hour of W.O.W. fellowship this week. Enjoy with us a dinner of pulled pork barbecue, tater tots, Caesar salad, carrot, along with orange cake and ice cream for dessert. We serve from 5:15 -6:15 PM. Hope to see you at dinner time on Wednesday.

### Save the Date

- **SHAWNEE PARK CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: (Men and Women)—**Tuesday, December 12, 10:30 AM. Sponsored by Women’s Bible Study and Senior Adventurers. Program: CALL Brass Ensemble and Christmas sing-a-long followed by a delicious salad luncheon. All are welcome!

### CALENDAR: 2017 DECEMBER

<b>Sun 3</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8:40 AM College & Career Breakfast 9:30 AM <b>Morning Service</b> Offering: Kid’s Food Basket Children’s Worship, Nursery 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Adult Education
Mon 4	7:00 PM Outreach Committee
Tues 5	9:30 AM Women’s Bible Study 4:30 PM Executive Committee
Wed 6	5:15 PM W.O.W. 5:30 PM Worship Planning 6:30 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale
Thurs 7	9:00 AM New Village Designs Sewing
Sat 9	9:00 AM Respite Care
<b>Sun 10</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8:40 AM College & Career Breakfast 9:30 AM <b>Morning Service, Communion</b> Offering: Christian Education Children’s Worship, Nursery 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Adult Education
Tues 12	10:30 AM Shawnee Park Christmas Luncheon
Wed 13	5:30 PM Worship Planning 6:30 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale
Thurs 14	9:00 AM New Village Designs Sewing 7:00 PM Building & Ground

- **NEW VILLAGE DESIGNS (formerly Noonday Sun)**  
A sewing group with some of our Karen women, will meet to sew on December 7 and 14 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM (corrected dates). Anyone is welcome to join the group in cutting and sewing fabric for blankets and tote bags for Baxter and Heartside communities.

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