



Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018

WE GATHER IN UNITY

- *GATHERING SONG *O Come to the Altar*
- WELCOME & GOD'S GREETING
- *CALL TO WORSHIP
- *SONGS OF PRAISE *Come, People of the Risen King*
 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES
 Ray Vander Weele and Phyllis Palazzolo
- PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

WE GROW IN GRACE

- CALL TO CONFESSION
- CONFESSION
- ASSURANCE
- GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES *Open Our Eyes*
- OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD Christian Education Fund
- OFFERTORY *Oceans*
- FAMILY PRAYER

WE GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

- *SONG OF PREPARATION *Jesus, Draw Me*
- SCRIPTURE Job 42:3 (page 430)
- SERMON **Job: God and Suffering**

WE ARE NURTURED TO EXTEND

- *SONG OF RESPONSE *Behold Our God*

WE GO IN PEACE TO LOVE & SERVE

- *GOD'S BLESSING
- *CLOSING PRAISE *Joy to the World!*

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Preacher Rev. Nicholas Hopkins
Musicians Joan Van Dyke, Nate Jen, Matt Kraker,
 Phil Van Eck, Alyssa Kraker, Nicole Kreisman,
 Claire Banaszak, Aaron Polet

Welcome to Shawnee Park! 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 the Connection Center before you leave.

This morning, with Job, we'll seek to understand that God is active in areas and realms beyond our understanding (Job 42:3).

Next Sunday, God the Great King provides the words of lament and praise that are appropriate responses to him (Psalm 1:6).

CONCERNS & PRAISES

- **Remembering Homebound Members:**
We continue to pray for our members who are not able to worship with us, regularly or at all. This week, we remember and pray for Annie Struyk, Norm and Lu Poel, and Lou Helder.
- Please continue praying for those with various health concerns, including: Hal Hiemstra, Jerry and Nancy Holwerda, Ellinore Jensen, Jeff Van Manen, Lois Vander Vlies, Rich Kuipers, Lauren Lake, and Doris Hubers. Please pray for the caregivers as they care daily for their loved ones.
- **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**
The Shawnee Park Church youth group thanks everyone who supported them at the Pancake Breakfast last Saturday, December 8. The congregation's continued support of the youth group is a big encouragement. We raised \$1,200 toward this coming summer service trip.
- **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**
Pam and Larry Moeser, Thailand:
Pray for Sao, the manager, as she mourns the death of her mother. Pray also for sustainability of the farm she runs and for opportunities to share the love of Jesus as she meets with others affected by HIV.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

▪ WORLD RENEW SERVICE TRIP

Those interested in a one-week World Renew Service Trip in March or April will meet in front of the sanctuary immediately after the service today to discuss date and place. Please consider joining us.

▪ ADULT EDUCATION

This morning at 11 AM in the Lake Michigan Room our Advent Conversation will center on beautiful concept of Joy! Please join us as we pause to reflect and share about the Joy the Christ-Child brings into our lives — especially in times of busyness, uncertainty, and even sadness. Immanuel is our source of Hope, Peace, and Joy.

▪ SAVE THE DATES

- December 25, 9:30 AM: Christmas Day Service
- December 31, 6:00 PM New Year's Eve Candlelight Service

▪ SENIOR ADVENTURERS

December 31, 2018, 7:30 PM
All 55+ are invited to a New Year's Eve party at the Quail Crest Club House. Sign-up today in the Great Room. Flyers with details are available in your mail folders or at the senior table.

▪ FAVORITE HYMNS

Don't forget to let us know your favorite 5-20 hymns by the end of December 2018. Paper copies are available at the Church Office or Connection Center.

▪ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume January 8, 2019.

▪ DECEMBER SOUP SISTERS

Jeanne Engelhard & Jackie Timmer

CALENDAR: 2018 DECEMBER – 2019 JANUARY

Sun 16	8:40 AM College/Career Breakfast 9:30 AM Morning Service Third Sunday of Advent Offering: Christian Education Fund Nursery, Children's Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School, Adult Ed.
Tues 18	7:30 PM Council Meeting
Wed 19	5:00 PM Worship Planning 6:00 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale Rehearsal
Sun 23	9:30 AM Morning Service Fourth Sunday of Advent Offering: Christian Schools Int'l. Nursery, Children's Worship 2:00 PM Jail Ministry Service
Tues 25	9:30 AM Christmas Day Service Offering: Friendship Ministries
Sun 30	9:30 AM Morning Service Offering: Benevolence Fund Nursery
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2019	New Year's Day – Office Closed
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- **VALET PARKING** offered each Sunday.

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