



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

WE GATHER IN UNITY

- *GATHERING SONG *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
- WELCOME & GOD’S GREETING
- *CALL TO WORSHIP
- *SONGS OF PRAISE *Angels from the Realms*, Chorale
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Youth Readers
- PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN
- OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD Christian Schools Int’l
- OFFERTORY *Come as You Are*
- READING Psalm 1

WORDS OF LAMENT

- *SONG OF LAMENT *Desert Song*
- SCRIPTURE Psalm 22:1-2
- SERMONETTE **Lament**
- SONG OF ASSURANCE *My Life is In Your Hands*, Chorale
- PRAYER OF LAMENT

WORDS OF PRAISE

- *SONG OF PRAISE *Great Are You Lord*
- SCRIPTURE Psalm 98
- SERMONETTE **Praise**
- *SONG OF PRAISE *My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone*
- PRAYER OF PRAISE

WE ARE NURTURED TO EXTEND

- *SONG OF RESPONSE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

WE GO IN PEACE TO LOVE & SERVE

- *GOD’S BLESSING
- *CLOSING PRAISE *O Holy Night!*

**Indicates to stand if you are able*

Preacher Rev. Nicholas Hopkins
 Musicians Shawnee Chorale, Barb Banaszak, Nate Jen, Matt Kraker, Phil Van Eck, Claire Banaszak

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, God the Great King provides the words of lament and praise that are appropriate responses to him (Psalm 1:6). **Next Sunday**, we'll see that God has placed an order in creation to which we should pay attention to in order to live wisely (Proverbs 1:7).

CONCERNS & PRAISES

- Dear Shawnee friends: Thank you for a big bag of Christmas cards and notes. Never has my name been spelled correctly so many times! Shawnee has been our church home for over 50 years and it will remain so. We love the folks there and welcome new comers. We miss being with you on Sundays, but that may change. And—if anyone has an opportunity to sample Brad Aupperlee’s home baked cookies, don’t hesitate! They are superb!
~Love, Robin & Ellinore Jensen
- Congratulations to Cortni and Zachary Abbott on their marriage yesterday, December 22. Zachary is the son of Dwayne and Mary Abbott. May God shower their new lives together with many blessings.
- Your prayers are appreciated for the following Shawnee Park family members, as well as other members who are experiencing health issues: On December 19, **Jerry Wordhouse** had a surgery to repair a heart valve; and **Chuck Haven** had a spinal fusion surgery. Both surgeries went well. **Jim Doezema** also a surgery to replace an aortic valve on December 20. **Fred Doornbos** is currently at Breton Rehab, in Room 213, recovering from a double pneumonia and blood clots in his lungs.
- **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH: Pam and Larry Moeser, Thailand**—Pray for the Marine Research Center on the southern island where Larry and Pam live. Pray for the new project of breeding and farming blue crabs, as well as its funding. Pray also for the Muslim coworkers Larry and Pam are blessed to work with as they share Christ’s love each day.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

- **REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2018**—We have recently learned of the imminent end of Pastor Nick's and Megan's marriage. The council has been advised by the Pastor Church Resources of the Christian Reformed Church to give Pastor Nick a leave of absence during which time the congregation can absorb and process this information and Pastor Nick can attend to personal matters and self-care. This should not be understood as punitive or disciplinary; it is a period of time to be used for prayer, reflection, and adjustment for all parties involved. At the most recent council meeting, the council approved a paid leave for Pastor Nick from Monday, January 7 until Monday, February 18. During this time, he will be relieved of all his pastoral responsibilities. If you have or know of a pastoral care need during this time, please contact your pastoral care elder or the church office which will have the names of individuals who can assist.
- **WORLD RENEW DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM**
Another brief meeting will be held in the front of the sanctuary immediately after the worship service to move forward plans for a one-week disaster response team in the South in March or April 2019.
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY FOR SENIOR ADVENTURERS:** Flyers with details are in your mail folder or at the senior table in the Great Room. Sign-up today!
- **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.

CALENDAR: 2018 DECEMBER – 2019 JANUARY	
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
Mon 31	6:00 PM New Year's Eve Candlelight Service
2019 Tues 1	New Year's Day – Office Closed
Wed 2	5:00 PM Worship Planning 6:00 PM Worship Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chorale Rehearsal

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT EDUCATION**
There will not be classes Sunday, December 23 or 30. We will resume on January 6, 2019.
- **SAVE THE DATES**

 - December 25, 9:30 AM: Christmas Day Service
 - December 31, 6:00 PM New Year's Eve Candlelight Service
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will resume January 8, 2019. Study on Women of the Bible.
- **DECEMBER SOUP SISTERS**
Jeanne Engelhard & Jackie Timmer
- **VALET PARKING** offered each Sunday.



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