



THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

December 25, 2016 | Christmas Day | 10:00am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude		Linda Galien
Welcome		David Perry
*Good Christians All, Rejoice		Hymn #173
*Angels We Have Heard on High		Hymn #162
*The First Noel		Hymn #167 (v. 1, 2, 4, 6)
Prayer		
Passing of the Peace		
Offering		
Special Music	<i>I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day</i>	Erin Russell
Scripture	<i>Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-9</i>	Matt and Laura Hubers
*He Shall Reign Forevermore		
Message	<i>Glory to God in the Highest</i>	Pastor Rob Peterson
*Go, Tell It on the Mountain		Hymn #188
Benediction		
Postlude		
*Congregational song		

The Prayer Team will be available under the cross following the service if you would like to pray.



Bulletins left at the back of the Sanctuary will be recycled.



CALENDAR

THIS WEEK AT THORNAPPLE

Sunday 12/25

10:00am • Worship

Monday 12/26

Office closed

Tuesday 12/27

Office open Noon—3pm

Wednesday 12/28

Office open 9am—3pm

Thursday 12/29

Office open 9am—Noon

Friday 12/30

Office closed

Saturday 12/31

Sunday 1/1 | New Year's Day

10:00am • Worship

Trailblazers/MS JAM resume on Wednesday, Jan. 4 (Coke Clubs) and **HS ReFuel** resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 11. **Huddles** resume on Jan. 8: 10:30am for MS and 6:00pm Small Group Sunday for HS.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Soup and Study for Prime Timers** | NEXT gathering Friday, Jan. 6 at 10:00am with speaker Pastor Rob Peterson. All seniors (65+) are invited and encouraged to come! Our morning includes a program, music, prayer, fellowship and lunch.
- **Adult Sunday Morning Programming** | Resumes Jan. 8-22 in lower level room 106/107 at 10:30am. All are welcome to join us for a Bible reading and discussion group facilitated by Scott Bolinder.
- **Beyond Our Borders: Ministries to Vulnerable Children** | The International Mission Team is hosting an event on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 6:00pm in the Community Room. This is an opportunity for all people in our congregation to hear about Begin With One (Melanie Strobels work in Ethiopia) and Covenant Kids Congo (our denomination's partnership with World Vision at work in DR Congo).
- **Explore** | A new Wednesday morning small group is forming for women who are either new to learning about the Bible or for women who do not have time to do homework, but would like to study the Bible together. "Explore" will be led by Lynne McLaughlin and Marny Danz. The group will meet for just 6 weeks: Jan. 11-Feb. 15 from 9:30-11:30am. Childcare is provided. Sign up at thornapple.org/explore.
- **Women's Bible Studies** | *Wednesday morning and evening studies resume January 11*. The morning groups are starting a new study so if you have been thinking about joining, it would be a great time to sign up. Learn more and register at thornapple.org/womensbiblestudies.
- **God in the Dark** | Do you long to sense God's presence? Does God's voice seem distant or even, silent? Does your spiritual journey not make sense anymore? Spend time with others in prayer, scripture, nature and spiritual practices on Jan. 11 and 25 from 6:30-8:00pm for a formational event as we listen to and encourage each other in the darkness. Call Cheri Fox (616.540.7432) for more information.
- **Family Movie Night** | Friday, Jan. 13 at 6pm - join us for pizza, popcorn and a flick! A suggested donation is \$10/family. Register here so we make sure we have enough pizza!
- **HS Road Trip to Chick-Fil-A** | Saturday, Jan. 21 from 6-8:30. The ride is on Student Ministries but the chicken is on you. Bring \$10 (that's plenty) and your friends!
- **Prayer Week** | The week of Jan. 23-28 Thornapple, in conjunction with the Evangelical Covenant Church, will be offering time each day (mornings from 7:30-8am and evenings from 6:30-7pm) for people to be together for a time of prayer. Prayer guides will be available at the Welcome Center starting Jan. 1. Learn more at thornapple.org/prayerweek

NEWS

- ◆ **All year-end donations** must be postmarked or received by Dec. 31 to be reflected in your 2016 giving statement. The office is open until Noon on Thursday, Dec. 29 and closed on Dec. 30.
- ◆ **Alpha Marriage Course** | A new group is forming and will start in the new year. The 7-session course is for any couple - married 1 year or 50 - that wants to invest in their relationship. Learn more and sign up: thornapple.org/marriage.
- ◆ **Soup makers** are needed for Prime Timers Soup and Study on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. If you would like to help in this way, contact Suzanne Roth (sroth@thornapple.org or 957-0580).
- ◆ **Covenant Community Bible Experience** is coming to Thornapple in 2017. In February and March, every person is invited to read through the New Testament, together in conversation—groups will be forming just for this experience (signups start Jan. 1) and current small groups are encouraged to do this as well. Learn more at cbe.covchurch.org.
- ◆ **Additional van and bus drivers are needed** to help fill the Sunday morning schedule for the next five months to get members of our Nepali-Speaking community to and from church. If you are able to help in this way or have questions (regular and CDL-licenses needed), please contact Greg Longworth (greglongworth88@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Weather Updates** | Periodically we may need to cancel events or worship services because of inclement weather. Cancellations are posted online at: thornapple.org/weather and listed with WOOD TV and WZZM TV 13.

MINISTRY INFORMATION

If you have questions or want to learn more, please visit the web pages listed next to each ministry name.

CHILDREN | thornapple.org/children

- **Nursery** | Both services, birth-3yrs, lower level
- **Children's Worship** | 9am for children 4yrs-3rd; 2nd-3rd start worship in Sanctuary until dismissed, first Sunday of each month they stay in church with families
- **Promiseland** | 10:30am for 4yrs-5th
- **Trailblazers** (3rd-5th) | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm

STUDENTS | thornapple.org/students

- **MS Huddle** | Sundays during 10:30am service
- **MS JAM** | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- **HS Huddle** | Sundays from 6-8pm
- **HS ReFuel** | 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30pm

WOMEN | thornapple.org/women

- **Women's Bible Studies** | Wednesdays at 9:30am (study options) and 6:30pm (Precepts only)
- **WholyFit** | Combines exercise and worship; open to women of all ages; meets 9:30-10:30am on Fridays
- **Moms on a Mission** | For women with the majority of their children in K-12th grades; meets 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings at 9:30am

MEN | thornapple.org/men

- **Brothers Journey Together** | Men's weekly studies on Fridays at 6:30am
- **Monday Mornings** | Fellowship and prayer 6:30-7:30am. Contact Kirk Mortenson (kirkdmortenson@gmail.com) for location or with questions

YOUNG ADULTS | thornapple.org/youngadults

- **Small Group Gatherings** | Most Monday evenings offsite. Contact Caroline Fild (caroline.fild@gmail.com) for dates and locations.

PRIME TIMERS | thornapple.org/primetimers

- **Soup and Study** | Fellowship and lunch; 1st and 3rd Fridays from 10am-12:30pm.

NEPALI-SPEAKING | thornapple.org/nepali

- **Worship** | Sundays in Community Room at 10:30am.
- To volunteer, contact Patty Dekker (pdekker@thornapple.org).

For information about our other ministries, please visit thornapple.org.

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thornapple.org/requestform



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SERMON NOTES

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Ross Udell, supported by our church, is working with YWAM in Tijuana, Mexico. Ross is discipling students who come to the base, and partners with ministries who work in the red-light district and building homes in the surrounding area. Pray for Ross as he builds relationships and shares the love of Jesus with people he encounters each day.

Mark Washburn, supported by our church, is working with CRU at Grand Valley State University. Mark's ministry is focused on the men on campus, working to disciple those who are followers of Jesus and reaching out to share the love of God with those who do not. Pray for great connections as Mark builds on friendships, for the Holy Spirit to move in and through him in his ministry.