

Today

Holden Chapel Turkey Bowl 2:00-4:00pm

The Sports Ministry will be hosting our annual “Turkey Bowl” Flag Football game, pitting the “Young Turkeys” against the “Old Gobblers”, on the Chapel Field. Anyone over 14 is welcome to play. See Dan Marinone for details. Spectators are welcome to watch and “gasp” - dress warmly for the weather.

First Sunday of Advent – The Candle of Hope

The first candle is the candle of expectation or hope.

This draws attention to our long anticipation of the coming of the Messiah that weaves its way like a golden thread through Old Testament History.

Reading: Isaiah 40:3-5

30th Community Prayer Breakfast 9:00am Comm. Rm.

3rd Christmas Decorating 3:00-6:30pm

The Flora Design Team would like you to help put up our Christmas decorations. Fluffing trees, hanging wreaths and filling exterior planters & pots with evergreen clippings are just a few of the many tasks that need to be done. All ages are welcome. Come for an hour or the entire time!

3rd Holden Christian Academy Open House 7:00pm

6th Christmas Special Event 7:00pm

Teens and Adults. join us for refreshments followed by a simulcast of Hope and Joy at 8:00pm in the Sanctuary. Featuring: Max Lucado, Sheila Walsh, Rick Warren, Lisa Harper and Musical guest Francesca Battistelli. Invite your friends, neighbors or the person sitting beside you, as we begin this Christmas Season together. *If you would like to bring some cookies please sign up in the lobby.*

8th Membership Class

Is Holden Chapel your home church where you feel God has called you to worship and serve? We invite you to join us immediately after service in the Welcome Center to learn more information about membership. Contact the church office with any questions or to sign up.

Please Join us During the Week

MONDAY:

9:00-11:00am Community Play Group Nursery

Contact Eileen Cunsolo 508-829-4441

9:00-11:00am Prayer Keepers Prayer Office

Contact Elaine McKay 978-928-3866

7:30-9:30pm Young Adult Bible Study Ages 18-30

Meet in Youth Center

6:30-8:30pm Financial Peace Univ. (FPU) Wel. Ctr.

TUESDAY:

9:00-11:20am Women’s Bible Study Small Chapel

Contact Charlotte Waite 508-829-7711.

9:45-11:45am Men’s Community Bible Study

Welcome Center

Contact John Colby 508-795-1704

6:30-8:30pm Divorce Care Welcome Center

Contact Judy Groves at 508-829-4441

WEDNESDAY:

6:00-7:00am Men’s Bible Study Small Chapel

“Praying God’s Way” Contact Pastor Tom

5:30-6:30pm Dinner Community Room

6:30-8:00pm Awana Sanctuary

6:30-8:00pm Adult Bible Study Community Room

6:30-8:00pm His Needs/Her Needs Welcome Center

7:00-8:00pm Prayer Meeting Prayer Office

Contact Elaine McKay 978-928-5150

6:30-8:00pm Elevate Youth Group Youth Center

Grades 7-12th

THURSDAY:

6:45-8:30pm Pre-cept Bible Study Welcome Center

Contact Wendy Stewart 508-845-9585.

FRIDAY: Office Closed

Winter Weather is at our doorstep:

For cancellation updates,
tune into Channel 5 Or Radio Stations WSRS or WTAG

Ministry Opportunities Get Connected Serving God!

Please note: serving on most of the ministries at Holden Chapel happens on a rotating schedule. Thank you for seeking God first regarding the ministry He would have you serve to bless others. Ephesians 4:16 From Him the whole body joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

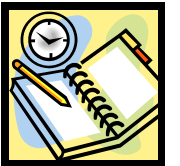
Mercy Meals Ministry Do you like to cook? Our ministry needs additional meal preparers to bless God’s people. As a meal preparer you are only called to prepare meals a few times a year. Please call for more information. We are updating the current meal preparer list please contact Carolyn at 774-239-2299 or rossiwheels@gmail.com to update your contact information. If you are no longer able to prepare meals we want to thank you personally and remove you from the list.

Usher’s Ministry is seeking three people to join their ministry to welcome God’s people with compassion as they enter the sanctuary. Please contact Gary at [774-317-8834](tel:774-317-8834) if God is calling you to this ministry.

Outreach Ministry We are collecting “*gently*” used coats during the month of December. We will distribute them January 5th at our Main South Worcester outreach.

Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm

Please mark your calendar with the **new time** as we gather together in the Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Mission Report

John & Mary Jean Templehoff,

Campus Crusade for Christ, Durban, South Africa

For the past 34 years John & Mary Jean have worked equipping pastors in South Africa. As a campus minister in the 1980's and 90's he began training Christians in HIV/AIDS prevention course "Smart Choices" and in a course on personal evangelism. At one time he was asked by the government to train personnel. Today he is busy training students in the Smart Choices course and prison ministry. He has trained 13 inmate leaders as spiritual leaders who serve as pastors in their respective prison sections. Every week he sees inmates receive Christ. John's ministry is now restricted to the greater Durban area because Mary Jean's physical disability does not allow John to be away from home for longer periods of time. She uses a walker and wheel chair at this time.

Please pray:

- John & Mary Jeans continued good health and Mary Jeans ability to cope with her physical limitations
- The Lord to bless John's ministry and give him the strength to carry on.
- The Lord to open the ears of his students to realize the importance and blessing of knowing Jesus.

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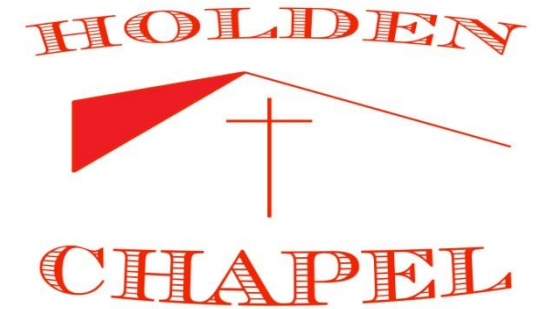
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Sermon Notes



December 1, 2013

*Our mission is to glorify God by growing in love for
Jesus Christ, one another, and all people.*

**First Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday**

Prayer Room	9:00 am
Pre-Service Prayer	9:30 am
Advent Hymn	10:00 am
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Communion	
Offering/Announcements	
Message	Pastor Tom
Songs of Worship	
*Disciple Time	11:30-12:15 pm
<i>*No Childcare during Disciple Time Today</i>	

Children's Programs available for all ages:

- 10:00 – 11:30 During Service Toddler Rm (1-2 yr old), PreK Rm (3 – 5 yr old) K/grade 1
- 10:00 – 11:30 Grades 2-5 sit with their parents for Worship Service today Communion Sunday.
- Youth grades 6-12th are in Worship Service
- 11:30 Youth grades 6-12th meet in Community Room for DT

The Family Room is available during service for parents of young children. The nursing mothers' room is available for mothers with babies to have a private space to listen and view the service.

Our Altar is a place for responding to the invitation of Jesus during Worship time. Prayer teams are available before and after service to pray with you.