

Today

Second Sunday of Advent – The Candle of Humility

The second candle we light today represents humility, reminding us that the Lord came to us in a humble manner. Jesus was born into a poor family, from Nazareth – the least respected area of Judea, in Bethlehem – located in the territory of one of the least powerful tribes of Israel. Our Lord of lords and King of kings came in humility and gentleness.

Reading: The Main South Outreach will be reading from the book of Micah 5:2, 5:4-5, Isaiah 9:2, 9:6-14

Membership Class in the Welcome Center 11:30am

15th Surviving The Holidays 12:30-2:30 Small Chapel

Surviving the Holidays is a warm, encouraging and helpful event for people dealing with grief, divorce or the intense pain of loneliness. You don't have to be alone during the holidays. Please join us and hear opportunities how to avoid the pain that holidays can often cause when you are going through any type of loss. Light refreshments will be provided. Please sign up in the Lobby today or call the office at 508-829-4441.

18th Christmas Movie Night 6:30-8:00pm

Invite a friend, as we enjoy cookies, cocoa, and sing carols before we settle in to watch a Christmas movie.

19th HCA Christmas Program 7:00pm

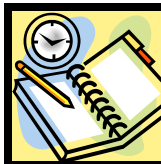
Come enjoy an evening of Christmas entertainment by our Preschool - 8th grade students.

22nd Birthday Party for Jesus 11:30am

The children will sing at the end of service followed by a birthday cake for Jesus in the Community Room for all.

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.



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

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. We are in the process of updating the current meal preparer list, please contact Carolyn Rossi at 774-239-2299 or rossiwheels@gmail.com to update your contact information. If you no longer are able to prepare meals we want to thank you personally and remove you from the list (*please call Carolyn*). If you like to cook, we would love to speak to you about this ministry.

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 of all sizes during the month of December. They also collect toiletries and baby wipes. Trial and small sizes are appreciated. You can leave them in the bin in the lobby. We will distribute them January 5th at our Main South Worcester outreach.

Turkey Bowl Score

In the drizzling cold rain, watched by 2 die-hard fans, the "Old Gobblers" beat the "Young Turkeys" in a nail-biter – 12 TDs to 11. Based on the field by the end of the game, we're considering renaming the game "The Mud Bowl"!

Mission Report

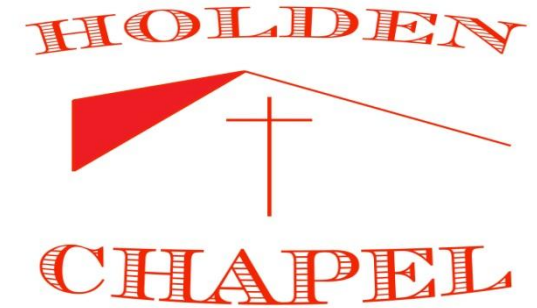
May our giving help fulfill their mission
May our prayers keep them safe & effective!

Remember the Johnsons in Thailand, the LeClair's in the Ukraine, Olga in Belarus, the Gray's in Burkina Faso, Anna Gallant in Cameroon.

Please remember our missionaries who are serving on the edge of the world's troubled spots. As violence escalates and governments shift and change in the different countries, our missionaries need your continued prayers.

Stop by the missionary bulletin board in the lobby to pick up a new list of address and e-mails for our missionaries. They would love to receive a Christmas message from you this season.

Sermon Notes



December 8, 2013

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Prayer Room	9:00 am
Pre-Service Prayer	9:30 am
Advent Hymn # 178 O Little Town of Bethlehem	10:00am
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Offering/Announcements	
Message	Pastor Tom
Songs of Worship	
Disciple Time	11:30-12:15 pm

Children's Programs available for all ages:

- 10:00 – 12:15 During Service & Disciple Time Toddler Rm (1-2 yr old), PreK Rm (3 – 5 yr old) K/grade 1
- 10:00 – 10:30 grades 2-5 sit with their parents through the Lighting of the Advent Candle, then be dismissed with their teachers to Sunday school.
- Youth grades 6-12th are in Worship Service.
- 11:30 – grades 2-5 need to be picked up from their classrooms promptly *unless* they are staying for Disciple Time.
- 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.

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