

Today

Third Sunday of Advent -The Candle of Humility

The third 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:** Luke 2:15-20

Surviving The Holidays12:30-2:30 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 served. If you are feeling alone or sad please come.

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.

28th Community Prayer Breakfast 9:00-11:00am

We invite you to come and pray with us as we gather with people from local churches, for a light breakfast and a time of prayer for our communities, country and specific prayer requests.

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:

8:30-11:00am Community Play Group Nursery

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring your children to our playgroup Christmas party.

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:

Women's Bible Study

Christmas break ~ resume January 7th

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

Welcome Center

Contact John Colby 508-795-1704

6:00-8:30pm Divorce Care Welcome Center

Christmas Celebration ~ 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 Christmas Movie Night

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:

Precepts Upon Precepts

Christmas break ~ resume January 9th

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, toiletries and baby wipes. Trial and small sizes are appreciated. We will distribute them January 5th at our Main South Worcester outreach. Were you touched by what Don shared last Sunday? If so, please join us at the next outreach. More laborers could allow us to have a bigger impact.

Greeters Ministry A smile and a handshake may be the first seed that is planted for someone to begin a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ as they walk into our church. Please contact the office at 508-829-4441, if God is calling you to reach out a hand to His people through this ministry.

Mission Report

Campus Ministries

Nate Daman, Joe Shea, Matt Litchfield

As we come to the close of the first semester, the stress is on this week. Students are facing finals and thinking of going home. We lift up our missionaries who have worked all semester to develop relationships and provide an *anchor* in Christ for this next generation. Please pray that:

- Their work has produced much fruit and these students are taking the Message home to families and friends.
- They are able to stand strong during the break and return in January eager to continue in fellowship.
- Our missionaries find peace and rest this Christmas season and are refreshed and equipped by the Holy Spirit to return to campus with renewed energies.

You did not choose Me but I chose you and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. John 15:16

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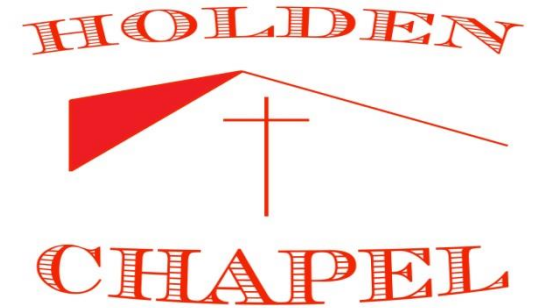
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Sermon Notes



December 15, 2013

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

Third Sunday of Advent

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| Prayer Room | 9:00 am |
| Pre-Service Prayer | 9:30 am |
| Advent Hymn # 193 <i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> | 10:00am |
| Lighting of the Advent Candle | |
| Brass Ensemble | |
| Welcome | |
| Choir | |
| Children Dismissed/Announcements | |
| Offering ~ Solo by Matt Brouillet | |
| Message | Pastor Mike |
| 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 DT
- 11:30 Youth grades 6-12th meet in Comm. 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.