

## Today



### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we light the Angel's candle, which reminds us of God's messengers who proclaimed the glorious news of Jesus birth.

**Reading:** Luke 2:10-14

### Birthday Party

#### For Jesus!

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



### 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 29<sup>th</sup> Family Service

**10:00am**

Nursery and preschool is available. No Disciple Time.

### Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm

Invite your friends and family as we gather together in the Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*See back of bulletin for details.*

Poinsettias can be picked up after Christmas Eve Service.

## January

### Co-ed volleyball

Begins January 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dan for details 508-829-7159.

### Gym

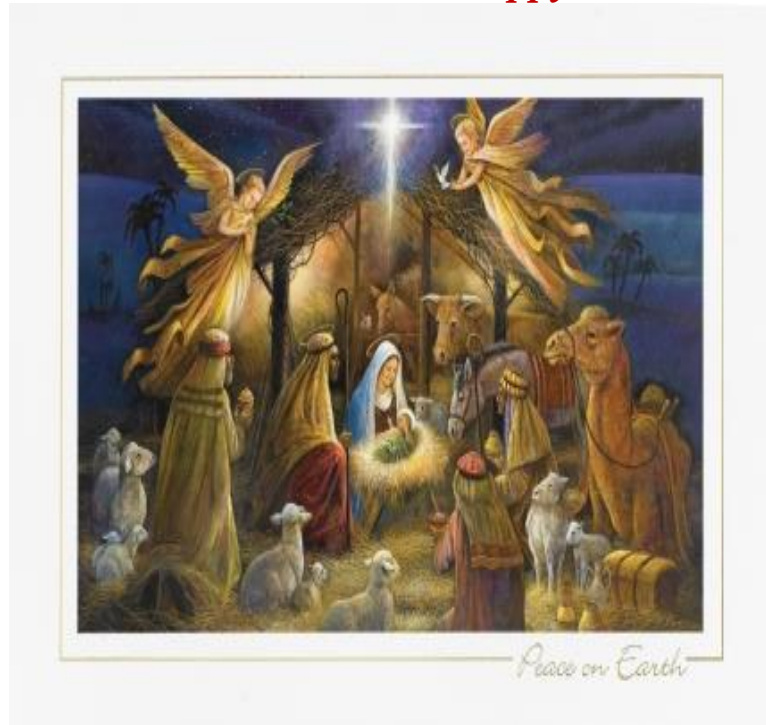
## This Week

There are **no** regular programs this week with the exception of Prayer Keepers Monday morning at 9:00am. All regular programs and Bible studies will resume in January. Watch the bulletin for exact dates.

### *The staff at Holden Chapel*

*wishes you a*

*Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



**The church office is closed the 25<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Monday December 30<sup>th</sup>**

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### 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:** *servicing 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> at our Main South Worcester outreach.

**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

### **Christmas Prayers**

Today we pray for our missionaries who have sacrificed the joys of spending Christmas with family and friends to remain in His service. Prayerfully remember and pray for:

- The Johnson's and Colich's as they celebrate for the first time on the mission field without their children.
- The Swanson's, Jenna Scherdell, Anna Gallant, and Anne Roon who are far from family this season.
- Travel mercies as the Sacra boys, Max, Jared and Caleb fly to Liberia to be with Deb and Rick.
- Tthe Gray's, the LeClair's and the Dakas's who serve in lands where celebrating Christmas is not as popular or safe as here.
- The Lord to provide great and wonderful Christmas blessings on the ministries of Young Life and New Missions, John Templehoff, and Spring of Revival.
- The joy and peace of this blessed season on our local ministries including the Daman, Hoffmeyer, Litchfield, Ufema and Shea families.

Please take a moment to send a Christmas greeting via e-mail or snail mail to our Missionaries. A list of addresses and e-mails is available at the Missions Board in the lobby.

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## **Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm**



**Please Join Us! Invite your friends and family to this very special evening as we gather together in the Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Listen and watch the live performance as the Christmas story is told by some of our Holden Chapel Family.**

### Sermon Notes



## December 22, 2013

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

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Prayer Room	9:00 am
Pre-Service Prayer	9:30 am
Advent Hymn #184 Hark The Herald	10:00am
Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Choir	
Offering/Children's prayer/Announcements	
Message	Pastor Tom
Songs of Worship	
Birthday party for Jesus	11:30am-12:15pm

### 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 – 10:30 grades 2-5 sit with their parents through the Christmas Choir, and then be dismissed with their teachers to Sunday school.
- Youth grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> are in Worship Service.
- 11:30 – All children need to be picked up promptly to join the Birthday Party for Jesus in the Community Room. (*gr.k -5 will be in the small chapel*)

**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.