



December 13, 2020

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worship

Third Sunday of Advent In the season of Advent we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the gift of a Savior. In this time of frustration and sadness, we focus on the gift of hope to a weary world. As much as we need this hope, there are many others around us who need it even more. Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to learn of the hope of a Savior.

This Sunday Pastor Bill continues our Advent series *A Thrill of Hope* as we focus on "A Reason for Hope."

Communion This morning we share in the sacrament of Communion. We pray the celebration of our Savior's infinite love in His redeeming death brings joy to us and glory to Him. Please have a bread or cracker and juice or wine available to participate in this sacrament from home.

Christmas Eve Drive In Worship We are thrilled to offer three opportunities for an outdoor candlelight service Christmas Eve! Sign up for a drive-in worship in our north parking lot at 5:00pm, 6:30pm, or 8:00pm. Invite people in your community to join in this evening of hope and joy! Sign up through email link or call the church office (949-4342).

Worship by Livestream We continue to livestream worship in order to care for the health and safety of one another and local health care workers. Please join in worship weekly by livestream instead of in-person.

New! Dial In to Worship Now you can call in (616-271-1001) and listen to the worship service as it is livestreamed at 9:30am on Sundays. The sound recording will also be available through dial-in all week, until it is replaced by the new service on Sunday.

missions

Mission Focus & Faith Promise Our Mission Partners need our support in 2021 more than ever. Suffering and loss compounded by Covid 19 has affected our mission partners in many ways:

- Nepal's health and economic infrastructures are collapsing.
- One of our Missionary Doctors contracted COVID.
- Parts of Mexico have been flooded twice.
- Due to COVID, one of our Mission Partners has been separated from his family.

Pledges are collected through the end of this year.

- Pledge online at cascadefellowship.org/giving or connect/missions.
- Mail pledge cards to church (6655 Cascade Road SE, GR MI 49546)

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy (nancy@cascadefellowship.org) or call the church (949-4342).

announcements

Current COVID Restrictions The Administration Board met December 8 to re-evaluate COVID-19 restrictions. Based on current events and the recommendations of our county and state health departments, we have decided to leave the following restrictions in place:

- worship livestream only (no in-person)
- cancel or reschedule indoor events, ministries, and activities
- encourage outdoor events
- close the church office; appointments may be made to meet with staff members by contacting them directly (firstname@cascadefellowship.org)

While we miss being together, our love for one other and for our community's front-line workers compels us to take protective action. We know a vaccine is on the horizon, and in the meantime, we are looking forward to a special Christmas Eve Drive-In service. At our January meeting, we plan on re-evaluating the situation once again.

Annual Congregational Meeting We hold our annual meeting via livestream after worship Sunday (Dec. 13). The livestream meeting includes a ministries update and a live questions and answer period. An online vote asking to affirm the 2021 budget and revised bylaws will be available from noon Sunday through noon Monday. Information on budget and ministries was emailed Monday.

Financial Update In order to meet this year's budget, \$386,000 is needed in the last two months of the year. While this is a large amount, our church has had a great history of giving generously at each year's end. In fact, over the previous four years, our members have given an average of \$389,814 in the last two months to close each year.

We humbly ask that you once again prayerfully consider generously supporting Cascade Fellowship in your year-end giving. It is more crucial than ever because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects. Please know that your gifts will help us start 2021 on the strongest possible footing, as we continue to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through all our giving, we are sharing the love of Christ here and around the world.

Coming in January: The Story Plan to join in an all-church opportunity for all ages to read the Bible as the story of God's plan to bring a Savior to the world through a people he chose. We begin our journey January 10.

Share Community with Us on Facebook Check out inspirational and informative posts every day on our Facebook page. Share them with friends and family and join us in building community even while we are physically apart!

Pastoral Care Do you find yourself lonely, missing your church family, in need of prayer or pastoral care? Contact Julie and the Pastoral Care Team (julie@cascadefellowship.org).

Praying Together Fellowship together through prayer after worship. Each Sunday we offer a Zoom time after worship for people to pray together. Find the link on our website under the livestream worship frame.

this week at cascade

Due to COVID-19 restrictions indoor gatherings are suspended until further notice.

Worship is livestream only.

The church office is closed except by appointment.

To make an appointment with a staff member, please call or email them (firstname@cascadefellowship.org).

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
8:30am Prayer Time (virtual)
9:30am Worship—Livestream and Dial-in
1:00pm Middle School Zoom Christmas Party

Monday
6:30pm Missions Support Team Meeting

Tuesday
7:00pm Ministering Elders Meeting

Saturday
9:00am Community CRC Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30am Prayer Time (virtual)
9:30am Worship—Livestream and Dial-in

Looking ahead

Christmas Eve Drive-In Worship 5pm, 6:30pm, 8pm

giving

Each Sunday we have an opportunity to give back to God through a financial offering.

During this time of online worship, we encourage you to continue to give faithfully to the church so that our ministry to our community can continue to thrive.

You can give easily and safely

- online at cascadefellowship.org/giving
- by text (text cascade to 73256)
- by mail (6655 Cascade Road SE, GR MI, 49546)

Our Featured Ministry this week is ICCF. Next week is External Ministries.