



December 6, 2020

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worship

Second 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 living hope for those in exile.

Worship by Livestream We return to livestream worship only 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 We continue collecting pledges to support Missions through Faith Promise in 2021. Although your commitment is between you and God, making a pledge now helps our mission partners anticipate the amount of financial support they can expect from our church in 2021. Pledges can be made in the following ways:

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

If you did not receive information by mail on making your Mission's Faith Promise pledge, please call the office (949-4342) or email Nancy (nancy@cascadefellowship.org).

announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting We will hold our annual meeting via livestream after worship on December 13. The livestream meeting will include a ministries update and a live questions and answer period. An online vote form asking to affirm the 2021 budget will be available for 24 hours after the meeting. Information on budget and ministries will be emailed Monday. Please submit your questions for the Q&A by Wednesday, Dec. 9 to melinda@cascadefellowship.org.

Indoor Gatherings Suspended, Church Office Closed Out of an abundance of caution following the recommendations of the county and state health department, in order to care for our neighbor well and show love for front-line workers we

- worship livestream only (no in-person)
- cancel or reschedule indoor events, ministries, and activities
- encourage outdoor events for up to 25 people
- close the church office; appointments may be made to meet with staff members by contacting them directly (firstname@cascadefellowship.org)

We will re-evaluate these restrictions on December 8.

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.

this week at cascade

Due to COVID-19 restrictions indoor gatherings are suspended at least through December 9.

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

Monday
4:30pm Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday
7:00pm Service Deacon Meeting
7:00pm Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday
6:30pm Family Night

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9:30am Worship—Livestream and Dial-in
1:00pm Middle School Zoom Christmas Party

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 Faith Promise Missions Support. Next week is ICCF.

Family Night Our next event is Wednesday, December 9, 6:30-8pm. Invite friends and neighbors to join us for a Christmas-themed night singing around the bonfire, making ornaments, and a Candy Cane Walk. Sign up to attend (helpful but not required) or to volunteer on our website (cascadefellowship.org/events/family-night).

Community Christmas Giving Tree Share the joy of Christmas with children in the neighborhood around Community CRC. We would like to provide each child with something to **wear**, something they **need**, something they **want**, and something to **read**. Select a gift from the online sign up, wrap it, and drop it off at church on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30-8pm; Friday, Dec. 11, 11am-3pm; or Saturday, Dec. 12, 1-3pm. See our website for the list or contact Julie Beezhold or your Service Deacon to have them sign you up.

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. Sign up online to receive a free book for each member of your family (cascadefellowship.org). We begin our journey January 3.

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.