

Welcome

December 9, 2018

We're glad you're here! You are invited to fill out a blue welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. Please don't feel obligated to donate during our offering. Join us for refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall (go left as you exit).

This Week

Today:

8:45 am Morning Prayer - Rm 2
9:30 am Worship
10:55 am Choir
11:00 am Church School – practice for nativity program
11:10 am Adult Church School in the library

Mon:

6:30 pm Prayer Group
6:55 pm Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Tues:

7:00 pm Deacons
7:00 pm SCCS Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

Thurs:

8:30 am Breathe Women's Retreat

Next Sunday:

Dec. 16 10:45am Congregational Meeting

Prayer Commitment - Caspar & Leanne G, Honduras

Upcoming Worship Services

Dec 16 *What to Expect when You're Expecting* Series:

3rd Sun. of Advent: "Expect Godlessness" 2 Timothy 3:1-17

Dec 23 4th Sun. of Advent: "Expect Spiritual Growth" Romans 13:8-14

Announcements

Church School classes grades 1-8: Please meet in the sanctuary today for nativity program practice. WOW children will be brought upstairs and may be picked up in the sanctuary after practice.

Next Sunday, all children participating in the nativity program should meet in the choir room at 9:00 am. After the program, Miss Anna's class will go to their classroom, and WOW children will go downstairs where they can be picked up before the congregational meeting.

All visiting children ages preschool - 5th grade are welcome to be non-speaking angels and shepherds in our Dec. 16 nativity program.

A Congregational Meeting for budget approval will be next Sunday after church. Copies of the proposed 2019 budget are in the foyer.

December is busy. Take time to BREATHE! We meet this Thursday, Dec. 13 from 8:30 -11am. Childcare is provided. Women of all ages are welcome. For more info, talk to Sandee D.

Lost & Found: Check the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Council met Nov. 20, finalizing the proposed 2019 budget. The congregational meeting will be Dec.16 to vote on it. We received reports from various teams. Property is completing the installation of 8 cameras to better secure our building. The 2019 Budget envelopes will be in mailboxes before the end of the year. Condensed 3rd quarter financial reports were in mailboxes recently. Let Brad, George or Bill know if it was helpful. Council wishes to thank those who decorated the sanctuary for Thanksgiving and Advent and the pictorial directory team. It's great! Keep council members in your prayers.

Journey of Joy 2018 had 772 tourists on Saturday and 881 on Sunday, for a total of 1,653. Thank you to everyone who took part! Thanks also to the faithful few who stayed to help pack up and clean up.

The JOJ committee is meeting soon. If you have ideas or comments for next year, please tell Carla W, Barb H, Gwen A, Jan V, Debbie V, or John H.

JOJ Reimbursement: Please give receipts to Carla W soon.

Faith Library has many adult and kids' **Christmas books and DVDs.** Check your mail box for a list of the Christmas resources. Many are in the wooden bookcase or the Library Window Display Case.

Worship Service: 9:30 am

2nd Sun. of Advent

Dec. 9, 2018

Prelude

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Call to Worship: Isaiah 65:17-19

*Song of Praise: "Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes" (#335)

Advent Reading: Peace Candle

Choir – "Blessed are the Ones who Wait for You"

Affirmation: Come Lord Jesus

Song of Response: "The Lord is My Light" v.3

Children's Message: God-Time

(Children age 3-K leave for Walk-Out Worship downstairs;
guests welcome!)

Prayer of Illumination

Bible Reading: 2 Peter 3:1-15 (page 1896)

Message: *What to Expect When You're Expecting* Series:
"Expect God's Patience"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Even So Come"

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Prayers of the People

Offering: All God's Children - Hogar de Ninos– a non-profit org.
dedicated to raising and distributing funds for orphans and
other ministries of compassion in Honduras

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn: "Soon and Very Soon"

Message: Pastor Chris P

Message Notes

Advent: What to Expect When You're Expecting Expect God's Patience

Our Impatience

*Do you like to wait? Do you find yourself in a hurry (like all the time)?

"Hurry-sickness" is a 20th-21st Century experience. We live in a time in history where we find we literally cannot keep up with ourselves.

Peter's preaching to a hopeful impatience

"Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again... *Come Lord Jesus!!*"

Peter is pastoral and practical: First, God's timing is beyond us. Second is that God is patient. God doesn't work on our timetables.

God's Long Patience

"Imagine a builder standing in front of an empty lot saying, 'What a beautiful house I have constructed.' But there is nothing there. Only the Lord can say of His plans in the Son were finished in eternity before they came to pass in history. He completed the masterpiece before He ever painted it."

+*Jesus: A Theography* Leonard Sweet & Frank Viola

+Think of redemption as a masterpiece (Isaiah 65, Revelation 21)

+Redemption takes an infinite amount of *patience*—God could bring this masterpiece now but he waits says Peter. Why? In verse 15 Peter says it, "*Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation.*"

"So in his first advent Jesus did much, but he also left much to do. Remarkably he left much for his followers to do."

+Neal Plantinga *Engaging God's World*

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

Doug & Kim W
George & Jane Z
Gwen A

Next week

Ken & Val H
Diane A
John & Joan A

Roving & after church

Bill G
Sheryl R
Glenda V

George Z
Ken H
Brad W

Ushers

Alex H
Ken H
Val H

John A
Jim B
Bernie B

Nursery

Kim G
Sue H
Eva Bs

Donna A
Cindy V
Heidi V

Walk-out worship

Roberta K
Austen K

Marilynn J
Becky T

Librarian

Penny D

Norma D

Coffee setup – Dec

Ken H
Val H

Open & close church –Dec

Mark T
Jim D

Offerings: Last week

General Fund
Calvin College

Next week

Rehoboth Christian School, NM

Thanksgiving



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