



**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE
ON THE LORD'S DAY
December 1, 2019**

WORDS OF WELCOME▶▶▶▶

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'" (Psalm 122:1, ESV). May we, too, find joy in worshiping God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP▶▶▶▶

Pastor AJ will begin our Advent sermon series "Generous God". We will also gather at the Lord's Table for communion. This morning, we are highlighting the general fund and Faith Promise. Our special offering for the month of December is for the Grandville Friendship Homes. **Using an envelope, you may donate to any ministry on any given week.** All loose cash will be applied to the general fund.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP▶▶▶▶

Pastor AJ will continue our Advent sermon series "Generous God". The offerings we will highlight will be for the general fund and Christian Education. The special offering for the month of December will be for the Grandville Friendship Homes.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH▶▶▶▶

In December please pray for Cody Zuiderveen and his leadership of Campus Ministry at GVSU's downtown campus. CM provides a laid-back place for students to make lifelong friends, learn about the Christian faith and enjoy college to the fullest. They hold weekly worship services, host events, plan mission trips, and much more. Cody helps to lead a Sunday evening worship service at the downtown campus. Please pray for him as he brings the Word and ministers to young people.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY▶▶▶▶

Art Ackerson (1) is doing well as he continues his chemo treatment. Please continue to pray for his healing.

Donna and Roger Grit (4) are grieving the passing Donna's mother Joanne Klomp. Please be in prayer for them as they make funeral preparations, and grieve the loss of a loved family member.

Wilma Rus (5) is making progress in rehab. Please continue to pray for her healing

Ken Schemper (5) had successful radiology this week to help relieve pain. Please continue to pray for him in his battle against cancer.

Shirley Schipper (3) has returned home and begun hospice care. Jim and Shirley will be moving to Sunset Manor in the near future. Please keep them in prayer during this time of transition.

Linda Schroeder (3) will be having surgery to repair a heart valve on December 11th. Please pray that the procedure goes well without any complications.

Beth Staal (5) is currently bed-bound following her recent foot surgeries and follow-up physical therapy. Please pray for patience and healing.

Al VandenBosch (5) has been diagnosed with metastatic prostate cancer, and will be placed on hospice care in the near future. Please pray for peace, and for strength for Pat as she cares for him during this time.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ▶▶▶▶

Gretz Family Open House: You are invited to stop by the Parsonage after church on Sunday, December 8th for coffee and light refreshments. Our hope is that this will give you a chance to get to know our family a little better in a relaxed setting. We also want you to see all the hard work our volunteers did on the house during the transition. Anyone is welcome to stop by – we just ask that guests would leave around 12:00 so that Ezra and Pastor AJ don't miss nap time. If you have any questions, contact Pastor AJ at 616-419-8486.

ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS – available in the foyer. Written and used by Rev. Bob Heerspink over the Advent season, this booklet can be a wonderful addition to your Christmas season. Books will be on the back counter in the foyer. Thanks to Edie Heerspink for her time and effort to make these available to all of us!

Advent Family Activity - There is an Advent Family Activity called Names of Jesus available to any families that would like to use it. It includes a paper countdown chain with names of Jesus to discuss with your family. These are available on the bulletin board above the bulletin counter.

Christmas Giving- please join us in supporting The Other Way Ministries Christmas Store this holiday season! This is a ministry whose goal is to give the gift of dignity to local families at Christmas. We are collecting new, unwrapped and priced gifts until December 8th. Please place your gifts on the table in Friendship Hall by December 8th and we will deliver to The Other Way Ministries. A gift giving suggestion list was placed in your boxes, and will be on the table as well. Thank you so much for your generous support this Christmas season!

The new church office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30am - 2:00pm. Kristina Netz will be temporarily filling in for the Administrative Specialist position.

You're invited to the 10th Annual Grandville Friendship Homes Benefit Breakfast at South Grandville Church on Saturday December 7 from 9:30-11am. The guest speaker will be Mark Stephenson, Dir. of Disability Concerns and the entertainment will be Heritage Singing Men.

Join West Michigan Community Chorale as they present the many musical moods of the season in their annual Christmas concert "Christmastime is Here". This performance will be held at the Jenison Center for the Arts on Sunday, December 15th at 3PM. Ticket prices are \$12 - Adult, \$5 - Seniors/18 and under, \$30 - Family Pass. For advance tickets and venue location information, please visit their website at westmichcc.org.

“Trust” me... I’m a lawyer- Estate Planning Fundamentals: Everyone is invited to attend a seminar that will be held at Baldwin Street Church in Jenison on Tuesday, December 3, at 7:00 pm. Led by Attorney Mark D. Hofstee, topics will include Wills vs. Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Joint Ownership, Probate vs. non-Probate Transfers, Estate Taxes, Gifting and Long Term Care considerations. This will be an educational event for all who attend.

We Gather for Worship

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Prelude “What Child is This”, “One Small Child”, “All is Well”

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting & Reading

Jim Hoekstra & Carter Netz

Opening Praise: **“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”
 “Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”*

**Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance*

*Song: **“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”***

Children’s Message & Blessing

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: “Gesu, Bambino”

Offering: General Fund, Faith Promise, Grandville Friendship Homes

We Read from God’s Word: John 3:16-21 (pg.1030)

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Message: “ Generous Attitude”

Song of Response: **“Jesus Paid it All”*

Communion

*Distribution of the Bread Song: **“What Child is This”** LUYH #95*

*Distribution of the Cup Song: **“Behold the Lamb”** LUYH #840*

Closing Prayer

**God’s Parting Blessing*

Parting Song: **“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”*

Postlude

“Generous Attitude”
John 3:11-17

What is Advent?

Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus

OT Context – Genesis 1-3

OT Context – Nehemiah 13

God's generosity towards the Israelites

Moving beyond a “transactional” view of our relationships