

9:30 worship

We Gather to Worship the Triune God

Prelude: *Oh Light*

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***We Receive God's Greeting**

***Song:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Red Hymnal 61:1-4

We Light the Advent Candle of Hope

Reader: *We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the coming of Christ!*

Congregation: The advent of Christ is our hope!

Reader: *We light the candle to remind us that darkness does not get the last word. A new light is dawning for those who are surrounded by darkness. This is the hope that we are waiting for patiently. We do not see yet. It's coming. It's on the way. Like first light that signals sunrise, like the first rays signal the warmth of the day. That's how our salvation comes to us.*

Congregation: The advent of Christ is our hope! Let us praise this God who does marvelous things!

Reader: *Let us praise the God of Hope!*

***Song:** *God of Wonders*

Red Hymnal 4

***We Greet One Another**

Children's Time

Carol: *Welcome, Welcome Jesus*

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Welcome, welcome Jesus, we're so glad you're here.
Welcome, welcome Jesus, our hearts are filled with cheer.
Friends and family greet you from both far and near.
Welcome, welcome Jesus, we're so glad you're here.

(Sing 2x)

Children's Blessing

(Children in the Preschool Church Hour Class dismissed to Room 27.)

*Please stand if you are able.

We Are Renewed by the Spirit

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, in your mercy Lord, save us.

Merciful God,

You call us to goodness and lead us on right paths. You encourage us with signs of your coming and urge us to keep watch, that we might greet you with heads raised high when you come to restore all of creation. Watching and waiting, we pray for this world that needs your saving power.

For nations at war,

in your mercy, Lord save us.

For all who suffer from violence, in the streets or in their homes,

in your mercy, Lord save us.

For all who live in worry or fear,

in your mercy, Lord, save us.

For those who have forgotten the ways of righteousness,

in your mercy, Lord, save us.

For those who have never heard of your rescuing love,

in your mercy, Lord, save us.

For all those who have lost hope, or never had it at all,

in your mercy, Lord, save us.

We pray, too, for your church in the world, that we may increase in love for you and your children, and work in confidence for your coming reign. Now by the power of your Holy Spirit, make us ever more faithful, that we may greet you in confidence and joy on that great day; through Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Song:** *Mighty to Save*

Red Hymnal 611

We Present our Gifts & Offerings for: The Lord's work through AACRC

Offertory: *Once in Royal David's City* (Instrumental)

We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Message: "Welcoming Hope"

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Institution and Invitation

Communion

This morning we celebrate communion. All who love Jesus Christ, trust in him alone for their salvation, and agree to be his disciple are invited to join with us in this celebration.

With thanks and joy, take the bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to proceed to the front of the sanctuary to partake of communion, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

Communion Songs:

Comfort, Comfort Now My People (Instrumental) Red Hymnal 59

My Soul in Stillness Waits Red Hymnal 63

Creator of the Stars of Night (Instrumental) Red Hymnal 71

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Go Out in God's Peace

***We Receive God's Parting Blessing**

***Doxology:** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Red Hymnal 61:6-7

***Postlude:** *Mighty to Save*

Pastors: John Groen, Ryan Boes

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Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Pastor Ryan Boes
- Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

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- Preacher: Pastor John Groen
- Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9
- Children's program at 5:00 followed by a chili potluck.

New to Ann Arbor or AACRC?

- If you would like to be added to our weekly email, Connections, or have a mailbox assigned, please contact Rachel in the church office: office@aacrc.org.
- Have you heard about our House Groups? We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship and studying God's Word in a small group format. Groups meet at various times. Contact Ross Weener for more information: rweener@aacrc.org.



We are a purposeful community transformed by the love of God and engaging the world with the grace and truth of Jesus through the practice of Christian hospitality.

We welcome you into our community and our lives. Following this morning's worship, we invite you to join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Babies & Young Children

A nursery for children 2 years and younger is next to the kitchen off of the Fellowship Hall. Children, 3, 4, and 5 years old who have not started Kindergarten will be dismissed before the sermon to room 27 for Preschool Church Hour.

Aids to Worship

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex. Please ask our greeters for assistance.

Youth Faith Formation (10:50-11:50)

- Nursery (Infants through 2 years old)
- Preschool (3 and 4 year olds) in room 27
- Sonshine Singers (K/1st) in room 28, then dismissed directly to room 29
- Shepherd's Singers (2nd – 5th) in Room 23, then dismissed directly to rooms, room 21 (2nd/3rd) and room 22 (4th/5th)
- Savior Servant Singers (6th-12th) in room 19, then dismissed directly to rooms, room 13 (6th), room 12 (7th/8th), youth room (high school)

Adult Faith Formation (10:50-11:50)

- Sunday Morning House Groups - meet in your designated room.
- BESEL: Downstairs, room 17 study the Bible in English, sing Gospel songs in different languages with Mark Schult & Naomi Nah Schult, Yang Liu, Jukie Wilson.

announcements & reminders

You are invited!

On the evening of **Sunday, December 9**, the youth in our congregation invite you to join them as they worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus through "The Friendly Beast" program. The program will begin at 5:00 PM with a potluck chili supper to follow. Please let Mary Admiraal know if you are able to bring a pot of chili. Otherwise, please bring a complimentary side dish, bread, or dessert as well as your own tableware.

Advent Calendars

AACRC families with children (PreK through 5th grade) will receive an Advent countdown paper chain craft kit in their church mailbox. The interactive activities on each link will help children countdown the days as they open their hearts to share their talents and treasures while waiting to welcome the Wonderful Counselor. As a family, link the colorful self-adhesive paper strips together and apply tape for a more secure hold. Then remove one link for each day of Advent!

Lost and Found Tables

There are two tables in the fellowship hall with various dishes, clothing items, bags, etc. that have been left behind. Please check to see if you are the owner to any of these items.

Wine Before Breakfast

The Campus Chapel is continuing its Advent tradition of Wine Before Breakfast, a contemplative service of prayer and communion followed by a light breakfast. All are welcome for this peaceful and reflective way to prepare for Christ's arrival in what can be a very busy season. Please join us at the Chapel (1236 Washtenaw Ct.) on Tuesday mornings in December (the 4th, the 11th, and the 18th). Worship is at 7:30 AM, and breakfast at 8:00 AM.

Friendship Ministry

Friendship meets the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Their next meeting is this week Thursday, Dec. 6. If you are feeling that you should "welcome and enfold and show hospitality" come and meet with us. We will be blessed and you will also be blessed. There is no commitment if you come unless you decide you want to get involved.

Ann Arbor Christian School - Active Job Openings

Serving students from preschool through 8th grade, Ann Arbor Christian School has two active job openings for this year: a long-term third grade substitute teacher (starting in late February for 12-weeks) and general substitute teachers. In partnership with Christian families, Ann Arbor Christian offers Christ-centered, academically excellent education that challenges students to live and act in society as committed followers of Jesus Christ. To learn more about this position, please call Wayne Sit at 734-741-4948. The application and job description are available on our website: annarborchristian.org

Friends In Deed Volunteer Position

Friends In Deed will be needing a volunteer (male or female) that can commit to working every Thursday morning from 9:30 am until noon, starting January 3rd. The position would be answering the furniture help line, speaking with both clients and volunteers, filling out forms, etc. The job isn't difficult; there's not too much training involved. If you aren't able to commit but know someone who might be interested, please pass along the information. If you would like additional information, please call the administrative line at 734 485-7658 and ask to speak with Lora.

AACRC Weekly Calendar

Today, December 2

9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:50 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM House Groups
11:10 AM Soup Group

Monday, December 3

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
6:30 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 4

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
9:30 AM Coffee Break
1:15 PM Coffee Break
7:00 PM Dinner at Lindquist's House
7:15 PM Worship Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM GEMS/Cadets/Roots
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
10:00 AM Crafters
10:00 AM Morning Prayer Group
6:45 PM New Life
7:00 PM Friendship Ministry

Friday, December 7

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM ISI Bible Study
7:30 PM FaHoLo

Saturday, December 8

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 9

9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:50 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Youth Program & Chili

Assisting This Week 12/2

Coffee Servers

9:30 Doug & Cherie Egedy
Chuck & Debbie Bigelow

Nursery

9:30 Sean Kim, Don & Jennifer Ruth
SS Tim & Emily Geerlings

Preschool Church Hour

9:30 Mary Admiraal, Barb Buiten,
Dre Hubers, Jack Stephenson

Communion Servers

9:30 Darren & Sue DeZeeuw
Victor Chen & Jill Fenske

Assisting Next Week 12/9

Coffee Servers

9:30 Eric & Melissa Hartenstein
Edmund Huang & Landy Lu

Nursery

9:30 Leanne Groen
Wayne & Ann Van Zomeren
SS Jen Boes, Grant Schoenebeck

Preschool Church Hour

9:30 Grant Schoenebeck, Jorie Cho,
Melanie Bolhuis, Jacob Bennink

Communion Servers

9:30 Sean & Jenelle Newman
Matt & Allyson Wever



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