

9:30 worship

We Gather to Worship the Triune God

Prelude:

Comfort, Comfort Now My People; Speak of Peace, So Says Your God

Paul Manz, Max Reger, Michael Burkhardt

*We Receive God's Greeting

*Song: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Red Hymnal 80

We Light the Advent Candle of Peace

Lord,

Come and bring light to us your people.

Come set us free from the chains that we've made for ourselves.

We are your people.

You are the shepherd that cares for us.

Lord, open our eyes once again.

To the needs of the brokenhearted.

To the victims of violence.

Open our eyes.

When color divides us.

To those weighed down with life's sorrows.

To people suffering from disease and illness.

Open our eyes.

To the troubles of the poor.

The loneliness of the wealthy.

To those trapped in addiction of all kinds.

Open our eyes.

To the needs of innocent children trapped in conditions that hurt them.

To the yearning of prisoners to be set free.

To the fear of the lost or forgotten.

Open our eyes.

Teach us compassion and love.

Show us the ways of peace.

Recreate us into peacemakers blessed by Jesus.

Open our eyes and lead us into the light.

*Song: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Red Hymnal 56

*We Greet One Another

*Please stand if you are able.

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.)

We Are Renewed by the Spirit

Choral Song: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

Mark Hall, Bernie Herms, Dale Oliver, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Prayers of the People

Men's Chorus: *Peace, Perfect Peace*

Edward T. Bickersteth & George T. Caldbeck

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

Offertory: *Lo' How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Johannes Brahms

We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9

Message: "Peace on Earth"

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:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Red Hymnal 61:1,4,6,7

Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come

Red Hymnal 103

(verses: solo, chorus: all)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Go Out in God's Peace

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

***Doxology:** *Go Now in Peace*

Red Hymnal 950

***Postlude:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Carol Tornquist

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Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

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

Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Pastor Ryan Boes
- Scripture: Isaiah 35
- Big House Christmas Carol Sing in the sanctuary
- Lessons & Carols Service, 6:00 PM

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)

- 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!

TONIGHT the youth in our congregation invite you to join them for "An Evening at the Stable". The program will begin at 5:00 PM with a potluck chili supper to follow. Please bring a complimentary side dish, bread, or dessert as well as your own tableware.

To the Parents of Kids and Nativity participants:

Children who sing with Mrs. Boonstra or Mrs. Gruppen should be accompanied to the designated music classrooms at 4:40. Please stay with your child(ren) until the music directors have arrived. Youth, under the direction of Barb Trevethan, should be in room 19 at 4:15. Finally, nativity participants should come to the Kindergarten/First grade classroom between 4:30 - 4:40 to get into costume.

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. 20. 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.

BEE-A Life Changer

Our students are collecting their Sunday school tithes for World Renew's Passion Project, BEE-A Life Changer (<https://www.myworldrenew.net/beealifechanger>). Our goal is to raise \$200. Students may turn in their collection at the beginning of Sunday school on **Sunday, December 16**. Please bring the coins or bills collected in an envelope or Ziploc bag labeled BEE collection and list the amount enclosed. Do not bring in "the fish". Thank you for your support.

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.

Gray Matters - December 12

The next Gray Matters for seniors meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 1:30 PM in the Adult Meeting Room #24 at church.

During our first half hour, we will have a hymn sing and some special music. Following that, we will have a time of fun and fellowship. We ask that each one of you bring a wrapped "**White Elephant**" gift for a gift exchange.

Please join us for what promises to be an entertaining opportunity to appreciate each others creativity.

A Note of Thanks

We want to express our deep gratitude for the countless cards, notes, prayers, visits, phone calls and meals that we have received from our caring congregation during this journey we are on. All this love and support has also been a strong witness of your Christ-likeness to our family. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

~ Priscilla and Jim Carlson

In Memory of Harvey Vredeveld

For anyone who wishes to donate in memory of Harvey, these are the two causes that he designated:

Worldwide Lab Improvement, Inc.
(WWL) <https://www.wwlabor.org/>

Address: Ed and Carol Bos
3607 Gembit Circle
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Ann Arbor Christian School
5500 Whitmore Lake Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

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.

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 9

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

Monday, December 10

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
7:30 PM Facilities Meeting
7:30 PM Women's Book Study

Tuesday, December 11

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 12

6:30 AM AA New Awakening
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Side by Side
1:30 PM Gray Matters
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Health Ministry Meeting
7:00 PM Missions Team Meeting

Thursday, December 13

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

Friday, December 14

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 15

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 16

9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:50 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Big House Carol Sing
6:00 PM Lessons & Carols Service

Assisting This 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

Assisting Next Week 12/16

Coffee Servers

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

Nursery

9:30 Sue De Zeeuw,
Grant & Sarita Shoenebeck
SS Marian Ijzerman, Melanie Bolhuis

Preschool Church Hour

9:30 De Anna Stephenson, Yang Liu,
Sara Bush, Jack Stephenson

Communion Servers

9:30 Dave & Kim Hubers
Mary Admiraal, Elaine Henke



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WISH, West Indies Self Help, Inc. – La Gonave, Haiti
Robin & Beth Churchill



November is a month for many of us to stop and show gratitude for all of the good things in our lives. We are so incredibly grateful for all of you and for the support you show us in so many different ways. We remember and we are thankful

Haiti Unrest - Many of you have reached out to us with prayers as news of the unrest in Haiti has spread. We cannot even begin to predict how the situation will unfold in the coming days and months. We are all praying for a peaceful future while also acknowledging the need for justice and an accountable government.

We are thankful that the protests never reach us in La Gonave. Our community is very aware of the issues facing the country and talk about them but since we have lived here, this has never resulted in protests. We do see the trickle-down effect on our neighbors and even ourselves. When streets are blocked and mass transit isn't running, products can't be carried on or off the island. This results in shortages of food and diesel and other supplies. When visitors make the tough call to cancel their visit, many people suffer loss of income as guesthouses are empty and there's no need for other goods and services visitors would otherwise support.

PRAISE

- Thankful for so many of our partners reaching out to let us know they are praying for us.
- Thankful for children during story time who are so engaged in the books.

PRAYER

- Pray for the country of Haiti that there will be peace as the country moves forward.