

9:30 worship

We Gather to Worship the Triune God

Prelude: *Glory*

Lisa Gungor

***We Receive God's Greeting**

***Song:** *Creator of the Stars of Night*

Words: Red Hymnal 71:1-3

Tune: High Street Hymns

We Light the Advent Candle of Joy

Today we light the candle of Joy, for God has done mighty things!

May our worship be full of light as God is full of light!

In this light, we can see God's light, and gaze in wonder at all he has made. We can look at one another—the community God has given us—and smile. Brothers and sisters, pray with me now, as in joy, we ponder the gifts of our good God.

**Creator God,
as we gaze into the heavens
in the quietness and mystery of the night,
we marvel at the splendor
of all that you have made.
We are humbly grateful
for the ways you have gifted us
to discover the wonders of the heavens,
so far beyond all that we might have imagined.
Then, when we discover that the one
through whom you made all of this
comes among us to heal and save us,
our hearts overflow
with astonishment and wonder.
We can only begin to fathom
the depths of your love.
How great you are. How marvelous are your ways!
Alleluia! Amen.**

***Song:** *Creator of the Stars of Night*

Words: Red Hymnal 71:4,5

Tune: High Street Hymns

***We Greet One Another**

*Please stand if you are able.

We Are Renewed by the Spirit

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.)

Reset Year Update - Vital Worship Team: Tanya Boldenow

Prayers of the People

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

Offertory: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (Instrumental)

Red Hymnal 81

We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35

Message: "Welcoming Joy"

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:

Savior of the Nations, Come

Red Hymnal 74

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Words: Red Hymnal 478

Glory (Team)

Lisa Gungor

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Go Out in God's Peace

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

***Doxology:** *Joy to the World*

Red Hymnal 92

***Postlude:** *Joy to the World*

Red Hymnal 92

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Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Pastor Ryan Boes
- Scripture: Isaiah 35
- Lessons & Carols Service, 6:00 PM

Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Pastor John Groen
- Scripture: Isaiah 40
- No youth or adult programming

Join us in the sanctuary for a Big House Christmas Carol Sing after the service!

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

BEE-A Life Changer

Our students are collecting their Sunday school tithe 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 **TODAY**. 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.

Christmas Day - Special Offering

On Christmas Day the offering will be for the Community Assistance Program (CAP) general budget. CAP serves people in inner city Detroit that find themselves in difficult circumstances. Please give generously to this ministry.

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.

Nursery Help Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to serve in the nursery during the 9:30 AM service on Christmas Day. If you are willing to help with this need, please contact Jen Ruth at 989-859-1246 or jennymayr@gmail.com.

Communion Servers Needed

We are in need of two people to serve communion on Sunday, December 23. Please contact the office if you are able to help with this need (office@aacrc.org, 734-665-0105).

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

Christmas Services:

December 24
Christmas Eve Vespers Service
11:00 PM

December 25
Christmas Day Service
9:30 AM



AACRC Weekly Calendar

Today, 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

Monday, December 17

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
7:30 PM Council Leadership Team

Tuesday, December 18

- 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 19

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
5:45 PM Pizza Night
6:30 PM Cadets/GEMS/Roots
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
10:00 AM Crafters
10:00 AM Morning Prayer Group
11:00 AM Memorial Service
6:30 PM Friendship Ministry
6:45 PM New Life

Friday, December 21

- 6:30 AM AA New Awakening
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, December 22

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 23

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship

Assisting This Week 12/16

Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Cliff Cho & Karen Cooper
Andrew & Kailyn Wiersma

Nursery

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

Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 Rita Aagenas, Yang Liu,
Sara Bush, Jack Stephenson

Communion Servers

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

Assisting Next Week 12/23

Coffee Servers

- 9:30 Doug & Darlene De Vries
Michael Drumm & Marie Blanmarova

Nursery

- 9:30 Kellie Steen
Titia VanderMolen, Kira Brehob
SS No Sunday School

Preschool Church Hour

- 9:30 De Anna Stephenson, Barb Buiten,
Anika Lautenbach, Jacob Bennink

Communion Servers

- 9:30 Jim & Jennifer Bryson
TBD



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