



December 30, 2018

9:30 am • Pastor Ryan Boes • Luke 2:22-40

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# 9:30 worship ---

## We Gather to Worship the Triune God

**Prelude:** *Awake My Soul, Awake My Tongue*

**\*We Receive God's Greeting**

**\*Song:** *Joy to the World* Red Hymnal 92

**Prayer**

**\*Song:** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* Red Hymnal 81

**\*We Greet One Another**

## We Are Renewed by the Spirit

**Children's Time**

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

**Song:** *Christ, Be Our Light* Red Hymnal 908

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Offertory:** *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* Red Hymnal 97

## We Are Fed by God's Word and Table

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:22-40

**Message:** "On Welcoming Jesus"

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

**Communion Liturgy:** *The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving* (see insert)  
Red Hymnal 811

**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.

\*Please stand if you are able.

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## Communion Songs:

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Red Hymnal 821

(Victor Chen, Jill Fenske, Morgan Chen play first time through)

*Satisfied*

words: *Clara T. Williams*; music: *Karl Digerness*

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All my life long I had panted  
for a drink from some cool spring,  
that I hoped would quench the burning  
of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me,  
the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings;*

Feeding on the filth around me  
'til my strength was almost gone.  
Longed my soul for something better,  
only still to hunger on.

*Chorus*

Poor I was and sought for riches,  
something that would satisfy.  
But the dust I gathered 'round me  
only mocked my soul's sad cry.

*Chorus*

Well of water ever springing,  
Bread of Life so rich and free.  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
my Redeemer is to me.

*Chorus*

through his blood I now am saved. (2x)

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go Out in God's Peace

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

\*Doxology: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Red Hymnal 93

\*Postlude: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Red Hymnal 93

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**Pastors:** John Groen, Ryan Boes

**Worship Team:** Ryan Boes, Victor Chen, Jan Musch,  
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### Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Pastor Ryan Boes
- Scripture: Luke 2:22-40
- No youth or adult programming

### Sunday Morning • 9:30 am

- Preacher: Pastor John Groen
- Scripture: John 14:1-7



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:rweener@aacrc.org).



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# announcements & reminders

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## ROTATING SHELTER WEEKS - Coming Soon!

For many years our church has supported the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (<http://annarborshelter.org/>) by participating in its Rotating Shelter Program, which involves hosting 25 men who are without a home at our church for a week. This year our church is hosting the Shelter during two separate weeks: **February 4-11 and March 4-11**. For both weeks, volunteers will be needed to provide transportation, stay overnight, and provide snacks/meals for our guests at church. A sign-up board and more detailed information will be available in the Fellowship Hall shortly after the New Year; in the meantime, we encourage you to begin prayerfully considering how you can participate in this Oikos ministry to our community.

## A Note of Thanks from FaHoLo

We received a love offering along with this note of thanks from FaHoLo, one of the ministries using our facilities, "We are so thankful and grateful to the church for allowing us to use the CRC church building to advance the gospel!"

### ATTENTION!

The **Calvin College January Lecture Series** is about to begin. Church Connections emails, Facebook and Twitter are all being used to let you know the important details regarding this year's topics and speakers. We want to be sure that there's no excuse for you not knowing the what, when and where. And the cost for attending is affordable; they're FREE! So please come and tell your friends that AACRC, Room 24, is the place to be from 12:30-1:30 on January 3 through January 23. The church doors will be open to welcome attendees at 12:00 each day so that all can be settled and in their seats promptly at 12:30. Those looking for food won't find any but please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch if you'll need sustenance. That's it for now. We're hoping to see many of you there.

The JS Planners

A peak at the first few January Series speakers:

- Jan 3 -- Todd Cioffi -- THE TRANSFORMATIVE AND REDEMPTIVE POWER OF (A CHRISTIAN) EDUCATION
- Jan 4 – Arthur C. Brooks – Bringing America Together
- Jan 7 – Jimmy Lin -- FINALLY, SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT CANCER
- Jan 8 – Kara Powell -- GROWING YOUNG: HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE DISCOVER AND LOVE THE CHURCH

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## AACRC Weekly Calendar

### Today, December 30

9:30 AM Morning Worship  
11:10 AM Soup Group

### Monday, December 31

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

### Tuesday, January 1

6:30 AM AA New Awakening

### Wednesday, January 2

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

### Thursday, January 3

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
10:00 AM Crafters  
10:00 AM Morning Prayer Group  
12:00 PM January Series - Room 24  
6:45 PM New Life

### Friday, January 4

6:30 AM AA New Awakening  
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
12:00 PM January Series - Room 24  
6:30 PM ISI Bible Study

### Saturday, January 5

No Events Scheduled

### Sunday, January 6

9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:50 AM Sunday School

## Assisting This Week 12/30

### Coffee Servers

9:30 Charlie & Rita Aagenas  
Arnold & Marilyn Essenburg

### Nursery

9:30 De Anna Stephenson  
Tom & Claudia Larson  
SS No Sunday School

### Preschool Church Hour

9:30 Debbie Bigelow, Anita Lautenbach,  
Kira Brehob, Dane Hubers

### Communion Servers

9:30 Bill & Marilyn Dahms  
Wayne & Norma Lloyd

## Assisting Next Week 1/6

### Coffee Servers

9:30 Roy & Marilyn Glover  
Mike & Debbie Cuffle

### Nursery

9:30 Sean Kim  
Debbie Tuckey, Dre Hubers  
SS Weener, DeKraker

### Preschool Church Hour

9:30 TBD

### Communion Servers

9:30 Chris & Joanne Adams  
Mark & Leslie Doorlag



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## MISSION FOCUS

### RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION – JOEL & JEANNIE HUYSER

He calls himself a “caretaker in Christ’s vineyard.” In Spanish his name is Juan. In English it would be John. I met him early this month during a visit to Chicago with the Mission Innovation Team of Resonate. As Juan put it, “I have learned the beauty of being ignorant and not



Juan and Debbie with Mission Innovation Team

pretending to know it all.” In fact, Juan’s message is quite simple but at the same time profound. It is simply that God loves us more than we could possibly imagine and invites us to pass this love on to others.

This is the story we celebrate this Christmas. It keeps playing over and over again as the Spirit continues to work through ordinary people like Juan and his wife Debbie. It stands unshaken in the shadow of empires and rulers as a witness to the world’s true Lord. It overcomes fear and welcomes those that frustrate us or are different from us. We pray that this holiday season you would experience the joy of the light that shines in the darkness and which the darkness cannot extinguish.

This has been a busy but fulfilling year for us. Jeannie continues to teach English as a Second Language to adults. Joel works with Resonates teams in Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. He also continues to nurture holistic mission networks both internationally and in North America as part of his role on the Mission Innovation Team.

Praise for:

- Joel’s visit to Nepal in October along with others from Resonate to encourage, connect, and pray for local leaders. The church in Nepal is one of the fastest growing in the world. We have a unique opportunity to walk with them.
- Joel and Jeannie’s visit to Nicaragua in November to lead a retreat for the staff of God’s Treasurers. God’s Treasures is the ministry for special needs children where Jeannie volunteered in the past. The staff has been heroic in their response to what has been a very difficult and dangerous situation.

Prayer for:

- The church in China which faces increasing government control over religious institutions and civil society.
- The work of the Nehemiah Center in Nicaragua as it works with churches for Christ-centered trauma healing and reconciliation. As a result of the recent conflict in Nicaragua, many churches find themselves divided between the two sides politically and many people have been traumatized by the violence.