

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE	
Today	8:45 Adult class 9:00 Sunday school 10:00 Worship (no communion) 11:00 Potluck
Monday	5:00 Hospitality committee
Tuesday	4:30 Stewardship committee
Wednesday	5:30 Confirmation 6:00 Meal 7:00 Advent service
Thursday	9:00 Agape Circle 6:30 The Journey
Next Sunday	8:45 Adult class 9:00 Sunday school 10:00 Worship with communion 11:00 Fellowship Mission & Ministry team meeting

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Charlie Skoglund, worship leader
 Music: Emily Svitak, Brad Rogers, Susie Lutz
 Steve and Darla Jessen, greeters
 Steve Morton and Jo Roberts, ushers
 Ethan Wolfe, acolyte
 Brian Anderson, sound booth
 Rich and Kay Jaeger, coffee
 Louise Skoglund and Nell Finkral, offering counters

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to count offerings once a month.
 Training will be provided; sign up in the church office.

MEMBERSHIP CARE TEAM is looking for more members.
 Contact Doris Hoffart to sign up or for more information.



December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS THE second Sunday in Advent. During this season of the four Sundays before Christmas, we have four banners. We began with the banner "Watch," reminding us that we are to watch for Christ's coming again. Today we add the banner "**Prepare** – the flame has a cross to remind us to prepare our hearts through repentance.

WE THANK Emily Svitak for bringing the message this morning. Pastor Steve is in Gretna this weekend celebrating his granddaughter Harper's 3rd birthday with family. He will be home later this evening.

JOIN US FOR our Advent worship series, "Arise and Shine," Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the light of Christ and how we are enlightened by him throughout our lives. In our worship for the second week in Advent we will celebrate Jesus as the Light of the world and how we **reflect** his light in our daily lives. A free-will offering meal will be served between 6:00 and 6:30.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gabriel Olson (12-9), Sharon Boelman (12-11) and Don Knee (12-14).

SALVATION ARMY collecting new pajamas; most needed are children size 5 through Adult medium. Checks payable to Norfolk Salvation Army Pajama Project can be dropped off or mailed to Salvation Army, 112 N. 7th St. New pajamas can be dropped off at Salvation Army or WJAG radio station by Tuesday, Dec. 17.

PLEASE SIGN UP for poinsettias on the back table.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Church family: Roger Young, Janet Hrouda, Harold Dunlap, Mona Jean Roberts; **Friends/family:** Kim Alvarez, Jim Cyboron, Diane DeCamp, Allene Johnson, Darrell Knee, Joe Kotalik, Joe Grosserode, Forrest Jamison; Joe Rystrom and Jared and Sau Man Weich in Hong Kong; Msaranga Mandaka Parish in Tanzania

Opening Praise Medley

“Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”

“Forever Reign”

Confession and Forgiveness

All: Lord, we confess our lack of power. We sometimes feel helpless, alone, and weak. We realize now that each time we try to do everything on our own, we fail. Lord, we need your power. We need to rely on you daily to do the things that are necessary for our life. We want your power to be ours so that we can stand tall in your world. We need to be reassured that death need not be feared and that true life is found in you. Amen.

Worship Leader: The God that we worship here today is a great God! In creation we see a glimpse of God's power and majesty. In God's Son we see ultimate love for us in action. In the Holy Spirit we see ongoing encouragement and power for every day. Our God is a great God! Jesus has forgiven our sin and made a right relationship between us. God has given us all the gifts necessary to do the work of a believer. Praise God for love and kindness.

“Great are You, Lord”

Opening Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Second Candle — LOVE — The Bethlehem Candle

R: We light the second candle for God's gift of love: “God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

(Two candles are lit.)

“Light the Candle” (see insert)

Light the candle as a symbol of the Light that leads the way;

For each candle is a symbol of the hope that's ours today.

As we strike the match and light the wick, come, Spirit, shine bright.

Grant that all may see from the darkness Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light.

R: Each Christmas we celebrate God's gift of love, but our words and actions in this busy season are often impatient and unkind.

C: Forgive us, heavenly Father, and teach us to walk in love, as Christ walked.

R: Beloved, let us love one another.

C: For love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

R: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world,

C: So that we might live through him.

R: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

C: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

R: Advent Lord, help us to love others as you love us.

C: Make us bold witnesses to the good news of your saving love so others will come to worship you as Lord.

Scriptures

Isaiah 11:1-10

Old Testament page 640

Romans 15:4-13

New Testament page 163

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

New Testament page 2

Message

Emily Svitak

Apostles' Creed

Prayers

Our Lord's Prayer

Offering

Blessing

“You are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

Dismissal

“Alleluia”