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December 6, 2020

WORSHIP SONGS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Glorious Day
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Holy, Holy, Holy
Living Hope

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-9
Exodus 20:1-21

MESSAGE

“Advent: Setting the Stage—Covenant Promises”

Pastor Jon VanderWall

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 am - Worship

5:30 pm - Bible Study (meets at church)

5:30 pm - Middle School youth group

6:00 pm - R-GEN (High School youth group)



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(consistory minutes, bylaws, financial updates and others):

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Today is the second Sunday in Advent. Praise God for the Joy, Peace and Hope that is ours this Christmas Season!

Welcome to worship. We're glad you are here!

HCC WILL BE HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE this week Tuesday, December 8 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. To sign up to give blood (this will also get you a free COVID anti-body test) go to www.redcrossblood.org and search "Hopkins Community Church", or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or by using the Blood Donor App. Any questions? Please see Pastor Jon or Kathy in the office.

THE HOPKINS FOOD PANTRY will be collecting items for the **Christmas food baskets** that will be distributed to our local clients. If you'd like to contribute, there is a list of items in the bulletin. All items are to be returned to church by **Sunday, December 13.** Thank you!

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2021 will be distributed in late December. If you have not been using the envelopes, you won't receive any unless you request them from the church office. Any questions, please contact Kathy (hcrc@sbcglobal.net or call 269-793-7361).

CHURCH ENTRY SYSTEM: You may have noticed updates happening to the building security in and around church recently. Over the next 6 weeks we will be implementing the change over from **key access** to **electronic access**. If you've been accessing church with a key, that will be ending December 31 when the locks will be rekeyed. All Ministry Team leaders and those who need access to the church should check with Kathy about obtaining a key fob. If you come to the church when someone is here during daytime office hours, **please use the intercom** on the post outside the doors. Kathy or Pastor Jon will hear the intercom and open the door for you.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Having set the stage for the coming Messiah, a Redeemer and Savior from the sin humanity has become bound to, Scripture then takes us on a journey. Along that journey God reveals how he is going to bring about this Messiah, what this Savior will be like, and how redemption will be accomplished. Through a series of covenants, God gradually sets the stage for the coming Messiah, His Son, and shows His people both their need for Him and what He will be like.

As we journey through Advent and look forward to the Christmas holiday, we find ourselves thinking a great deal about the story of that first Christmas night. Shepherds and angels, wisemen and a manger, and a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths. That's what Christmas is all about, right Charlie Brown? But there is so much more wrapped up in those cloths than just an infant and the way that we understand and recognize Him, His Mission, and ultimately His deity and Holiness has been part of God's work for hundreds of years.

Questions to Take Home:

1. What are some of the normal things that come to mind when you think about the Christmas narrative? Do you ever find yourself dismissing this amazing happening because you've "heard it before?" How can you intentionally work to deepen your understanding of the Incarnation of Christ this year?
2. We read the 10 Commandments today. Read Romans 3:9-20 and 7:7-25. What is the connection to the Messiah here? How do these passages help you understand the person of Jesus Christ better?
3. Ultimately, the story of Christmas is a message that we are called to share. How does our understanding of God's word to "set the stage" for the coming of Jesus Christ help you better share the Good News with others?

PRAYER

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Please let us know how we can pray for you! We encourage you to contact Pastor Jon or Sandy Stearns with any prayer requests.

- **Troy Clement and family** as they grieve the sudden death of Troy's father, James. They will hold a private memorial service.
- **Denise Eding and family** as they grieve the loss of Denise's uncle, Al Bos. He recently passed away due to COVID-19. Please pray for peace and comfort for the Bos and Eding families.
- **Louise Allen** (Carol Boverhof's sister) as she awaits test results and her physicians discuss treatment options for her recent cancer diagnosis.
- **June Krug's** liver cancer has spread to her lungs. She began a new chemo treatment last week. Please continue to pray that the chemo is effective and that the side effects are mild. She remains at home and in strict quarantine.
- **Howard Lodenstein** was moved to the Medi-Lodge in Marshall. He will be there recovering from COVID-19 and regaining strength so that he may come home soon. Continue to pray for Joann as well, as she remains at home and cannot see him.

Medi-Lodge of Marshall

Attn: Howard Lodenstein Room C-3

879 E. Michigan Ave.

Marshall, MI 49068

Cell Phone #269-512-1693

- **Pat Modreske** (friend of Florence Balfourt) continues to recover from a car accident. She remains in a critical care facility in Grand Rapids as the doctors continue to try to save her leg. She remains in good spirits.
- **Rachel (Antvelink) Schmidt** as she continues to heal and recover following a car accident.

Please continue to be in prayer for many who are dealing with COVID-19, whether personally or within extended family. Pray for our hospitals and medical personnel that are dealing with so much sickness right now.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

WEEKS OF DECEMBER 6 & 13, 2020

FRONT DOOR GREETERS

DEC 6: Dick and Carol Boverhof

DEC 13: Mike and Terri Maule

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 AM	Worship Service
5:30 PM	Bible Study (led by Pastor Jim at church)
5:30 PM	Middle School youth group
6:00 PM	R-GEN (High School) youth group

MONDAY

9:00 AM	Bible Study
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TUESDAY

11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
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GIVING SUMMARY

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

General Fund receipts for week 11/29 - 12/04/2020

Tithe.ly deposits:	\$ 299.35
<u>Sunday offering 11/29:</u>	<u>\$5,312.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED:	\$5,611.35