

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2017

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Gathering Song

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LUYH 56

GOD GREETS US AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: As we dwell in this season of Advent, may the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We have received God's greeting, let us welcome and greet each other.

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Advent Candle Lighting

Liturgist: The LORD says to his servant,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

*All: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: The good news at the end of this Advent season
is that our light and hope, Christ Jesus,
came down to earth from heaven
bringing forgiveness of sin and new life.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Song of Assurance

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

LUYH 59

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

The liturgist will open the time of prayer, moving into a time where Individual thanksgivings or petitions may be added, spoken or unspoken. The prayer will conclude with the sung Lord's Prayer. The music is found on page 911 of your red hymnal. If you're not a music reader, the repeats can be confusing so the words are printed below:

Lord's Prayer Song

Abana in Heaven

LUYH 911

*Abana in heaven
Hallowed be your holy name
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
In all the earth as in heaven.*

*Your kingdom come, your will be done,
In all the earth as in heaven.
And give to us, give us this day
Our daily bread, O Lord we pray.
Forgive our sins as we forgive
Those who have sinned against us.*

*And save us in time of trial.
Deliver us from evil.*

*Yours is the kingdom, yours the power,
Yours is the glory, now and ever.*

Abana in heaven. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (*Bible page 961*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: What being "spiritual" looks like while waiting

Song of Response

My Soul Finds Rest

LUYH 370

Discussion / Questions / Responses

WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING

(Our morning offering is an act of worship whereby we as members of this congregation express our gratitude to and reliance on God. Guests and visitors should not feel that participation in this part of the service is obligatory. Anyone may participate electronically at <http://www.loopchurch.org/giving/>)

Offertory Prayer followed by *General Fund* offering

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation and Promises

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Invitation

The Communion

*(We welcome all baptized believers in Christ to receive the sacrament with us. Those who have not put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior are asked to abstain from the sacrament but encouraged to reflect on its significance. Those receiving the sacrament may come forward as directed. The bread will be offered with the words, “**The Body of Christ, broken for us.**” You may break off a piece and respond with the words “**Thanks be to God.**” Dip the bread in the cup presented to you with the words “**The Blood of Christ, shed for us.**” and respond with the words “**Thanks be to God.**” (Baptized children are encouraged to participate))*

Prayer of Response

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Sending Song

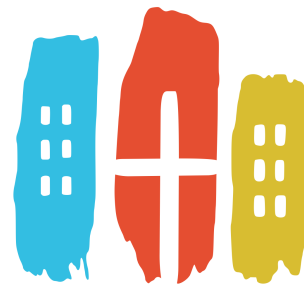
Soon and Very Soon

LUYH 482

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Welcome to our worship service at Loop Church!



LOOP CHURCH

CHICAGO

Advent means “coming.” The Advent season celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ and the anticipation of his return. Advent symbolizes the spiritual journey of God’s people as we affirm that Christ has come, that he is present in the world today, and that he will come again in power. The sanctuary color for Advent is purple, the color of royalty. It is also the color of suffering used during Lent, pointing us to an important connection between Jesus’ birth and death. The purpose of Jesus’ coming into the world and dwelling among us is to reveal God’s grace to the world through Jesus’ life and teaching, as well as his suffering, death, and resurrection.

During every service at Loop, we also celebrate communion. We welcome all baptized believers in Christ to receive the sacrament with us in the gathering of God's people. Those who have not put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior are asked to abstain from the sacrament but encouraged to reflect on its significance.

Nursery is available for children age 4 and under during the service. After the service, we encourage you to join us for refreshments and fellowship.

We hope you enjoy your time at Loop Church! We want to help you feel connected to God, God’s people, and God’s work in the world. If you’re not sure where to start, feel free to reach out to your neighbor or...

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This week’s lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Psalm: Psalm 126
Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Volunteering or Submitting an Announcement? Talk to Jim Bosman after the service or send him an email at jim@loopchurch.org

Missional Communities Schedule - Beginning in January the Loop Church Missional Communities will be meeting on a regular schedule as follows:

Anti-Racism Missional Community -- 1st Thursdays of the month

Environmental Issues Missional Community -- 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month

Welcoming the Stranger Missional Community -- 3rd Tuesdays of the month

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tue, Dec 19	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Sun, Jan 7	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11 E Adams
Tue, Jan 2	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 PM	11 E Adams
Thu, Jan 4	Anti-Racism MC		
Wed, Jan 10	GEMS	6:30 - 8:00	
Fri, Jan 12	Environmental Issues MC		
Tue, Jan 16	Welcoming the Stranger MC		
Fri, Jan 26	Environmental Issues MC		

Sunday Schedule:

Date	12/17	12/24	12/31	1/7	1/14
Set Up	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia
Take Down	Kevin & Mona	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Jim & Mary	Anne & Debbie
Greeter 1	Lexi	Jim	Janna	Joseph	Lexi
Greeter 2	Debbie	Kelley	Jim	Kim	Janna
Refreshments	Sharon	Tracey	Adam & Rebecca	Brunch	Claire
Nursery	--- / Kayla	--- / Rae	--- / Naomi	-----	--- / Brianna
Lead Elder	Claire	Debbie	JB	Kevin	Claire
Liturgist	Anne	Mary	Lexi	Emily	

Offering Update: December 10: Gen Fund \$870.00 FYTD: \$43,657.00