

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2017

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*(We are reminded of our baptism as water is poured into the font.)  
(We light Advent candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.)*

### Gathering Song

All Earth Is Waiting / Toda la tierra

LUYH 57 (v. 1-3)

*(Those who wish may form a percussion choir / Sing in language you prefer)*

## GOD GREETUS US AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

## GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

### Time of Confession

*(The liturgist will open in prayer. There will be time for silent confession.)*

### Assurance of Pardon *(from Isaiah 40:1-2)*

Liturgist: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Christ, we are forgiven.

### Song of Assurance

Savior of the Nations, Come

LUYH 74 (v. 1-4, 6)

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

*(The liturgist will open in prayer. Individual thanksgivings or petitions may be added, spoken or unspoken, and we conclude with the Lord's Prayer.)*

Liturgist: We now join in the prayer you taught us to pray:

People: Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

### Song of Illumination

Told of God's Favor

LUYH 68 (v. 1-4)

*(The cantor will sing v. 1, and the congregation will join on v. 2-4.)*

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:26-38 *(Bible page 831)*

Liturgist: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "What We Can Learn from the Patron Saint of Waiting"

## 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

Discussion / Questions / Responses

## WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### Song of Preparation for Communion

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LUYH 821

### *Institution*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

### *Prayer*

## *Confession of Faith (from the Contemporary Testimony)*

People: God remembered his promise to reconcile the world to himself; he has come among us in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh.

He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary.

We long for that day when Jesus will return as triumphant King, when the dead will be raised and all people will stand before his judgment.

We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior.

Our daily lives of service aim for the moment when the Son will present his people to the Father.

With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment.

For then we will see the Lord face to face.

He will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight.

Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb without blemish who made us a kingdom and priests.

God will be all in all, and righteousness and peace will flourish.

Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.

## *Prayer and 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))*

# GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Reader: Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

*(candle lighting)*

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

## Benediction

## Sending Song

## To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

1. To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n, him  
2. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, for - ev - er - more a - dored, the  
3. To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n, the

**Refrain**  
5 shall the tribes of earth o - bey, him all the hosts of heav'n. His  
Won - der - ful, the Coun - se - lor, the great and migh - ty Lord.  
Won - der - ful, the Coun - se - lor, the might - y Lord of heav'n.

9 pow'r in - creas - ing, still shall spread, his reign no end shall know — jus -

13 tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace - a - bound be - low.

## Interlude

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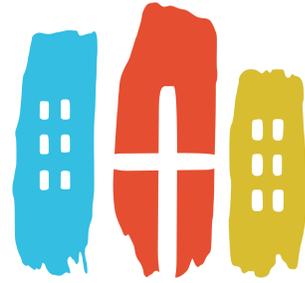
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December 24, 2017  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## 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: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Epistle: Romans 16:25-27

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Interested in Volunteering or Submitting an Announcement?** Talk to Jim Bosman after the service or send him an email at [jim@loopchurch.org](mailto: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 Thursday 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
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	<i>Anti-Racism MC</i>		
Wed, Jan 10	GEMS Christmas	6:30 - 8:00	
Thu, Jan 12	<i>Environmental Issues MC</i>		
Tue, Jan 16	<i>Welcoming the Stranger MC</i>		
Tue, Jan 18	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Thu, Jan 26	<i>Environmental Issues MC</i>		

## Sunday Schedule:

Date	12/24	12/31	1/7	1/14	1/21
Set Up	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi
Take Down	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Jim & Mary	Anne & Debbie	Peter & Silvia
Greeter 1	Jim	Janna	Joseph	Lexi	Peter
Greeter 2	Kelley	Jim	Kim	Janna	Sylvia
Refreshments	Tracey	Adam & Rebecca	Brunch	Claire	Sharon
Nursery	--- / Rae	--- / Naomi	----	--- / Brianna	--- / Kayla
Lead Elder	Debbie	JB	Kevin	Claire	Debbie
Liturgist	Mary	Lexi	Emily		

**Offering Update:** December 17: Gen Fund \$3,118.00 FYTD: \$46,774.00