

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2017

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### Advent Candle Lighting

Liturgist: I will lead the blind  
by a road they do not know,  
by the paths they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I will do  
and I will not forsake them. *-Isaiah 42:16*

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

### Gathering Song

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

LUYH 69

## 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

Prayer of Confession *(taken from Isaiah 64)*

*(Prayer led by liturgist Includes time for silent confession)*

## Assurance of Pardon *(from Jeremiah 33:14-16)*

Liturgist: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will fulfill the promise I made  
to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.  
In those days and at that time I will cause  
a righteous Branch to spring up for David;  
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.  
And this is the name by which it will be called:  
“The Lord is our righteousness.”  
People of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness.  
In Christ, we are made right with God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Song of Assurance

My Soul in Stillness Waits

LUYH 63

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

**Epistle Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-15 *(Bible page 988)*

Liturgist: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Prayer for Illumination

*Sermon: The reality and frustration of the era of waiting*

## Song of Response

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LUYH 821

## Discussion / Questions / Responses

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

## 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

Communion Song: All Belong Here

printed below

*Antonia: When you're not sure who you really are  
When all you feel is the shape of your scars  
And you have more wound than you can count  
Open your eyes. Look all around.  
You aren't alone. This is your home.*

*Chorus: Come and remember who you are here  
Do this to remember who I am  
Come and remember you belong here  
All belong here.*

*Antonia: When you don't know how to forgive  
When locked doors seem like the only way to live  
And you've got more questions than you can count  
Open your eyes. Look all around.  
You aren't alone. This is your home.*

*All: Chorus (above)*

*Antonia: At this table, come as you are,  
Broken and bleeding's okay.  
At this table, eat and be filled.  
Come and drink in this grace.*

*All: Chorus (above)*

*Invitation and Promises*

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Pastor: As the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread and offered thanksgiving to God, so too we now offer to God our thanks and praise.

People: You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
You sent him into this world  
to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior,  
to bring freedom to the captives of sin,  
and to establish justice for the oppressed.  
He came among us as one of us,  
taking the lot of the poor,  
sharing human suffering.  
We rejoice that in his death and rising again,  
you set before us the sure promise of new life,  
the certain hope of a heavenly home  
where we will sit at the table with Christ, our host.

## *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))*

## **GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

### **Benediction**

### **Sending Song**

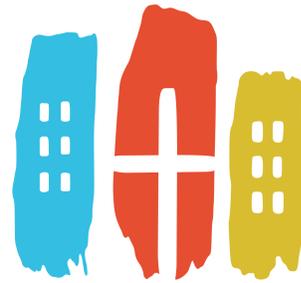
Glory Be to the Father

LUYH 959

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December 10, 2017  
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## Welcome to our worship service at Loop Church!



# LOOP CHURCH

## C H I C A G O

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 40:1-11  
Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Psalm: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

# 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)

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tue, Dec 5	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 PM	11 E Adams
Wed, Dec 13	GEMS Christmas	6:30 - 8:00	1550 S State
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

Sunday Schedule:

Date	12/10	12/17	12/24	12/31	1/7
Set Up	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary
Take Down	Jim & Mary	Kevin & Mona	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Jim & Mary
Greeter 1	Kevin	Lexi	Jim	Janna	Joseph
Greeter 2	Mona	Debbie	Kelley	Jim	Kim
Refreshments	Mary	Sharon	Tracey	Adam & Rebecca	Brunch
Nursery	--- / Briana	--- / Kayla	--- / Rae	--- / Naomi	-----
Lead Elder	Kevin	Claire	Debbie	JB	Kevin
Liturgist	Emily	Anne			Emily

Offering Update: December 3: Gen Fund \$1,560.00 FYTD: \$42,787.00