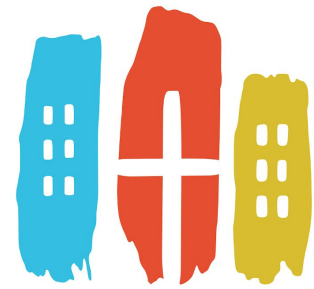


**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 9, 2018**

**Welcome to our worship service at Loop Church!**

**Our Purpose** - As followers of Jesus Christ we bless our neighbors in Chicago and beyond by welcoming the presence and love of God into our lives such that it overflows to those around us. This happens as we engage in spiritual practices, live out our community values, and engage in acts of love and service.



**LOOP CHURCH**  
C H I C A G O

## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**Call to Worship**

**Song of Praise:** Blessed Be the God of Israel

LUYH 67

## **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**Song of Response:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel

LUYH 61, vs 1-4,7

## **GOD GREETES US - WE RESPOND BY GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** As we enter 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.**

## **GOD CALLS US TO RECONCILIATION**

### **Call to Confession:**

**Leader:** Lord Christ, Word made flesh,  
our world waits  
for your peace,  
for your pardon,  
and for your grace.

**People:** **Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance**

**Song of Assurance:** Comfort, Comfort Now My People LUYH 59

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 116 (*Pew Bible 491*)

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Dedication: What it means to pray "what can I do?" and really mean it

### **Discussion**

# WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

## Mission Moment

### Offering for the General Fund

*(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/>.*

*Alternatively, anyone using the ZELLE payment app can donate by sending funds to [lcm@loopchurch.org](mailto:lcm@loopchurch.org))*

## Mission Moment

### Congregational Prayer

## HALLELUJAH! LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST

### Invitation & 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 of Thanksgiving

### Communion

*(The Lord's Supper is an open invitation to all. If you are - or desire to be - a follower of Jesus Christ, come and celebrate with us. Today we will celebrate the sacrament by forming a circle around the communion table and passing the bread and wine to one another with the words, "The Body of Christ, broken for you," and, "The Blood of Christ, shed for you.")*

## GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

### Benediction

**Sending Song:** Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

LUYH 957

### This week's lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Luke 1: 68-79

Epistle: Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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## 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)

**Plan on it!** Loop Christmas party at home of Mona and Kevin VanKanegan, 727 W Liberty. Bring something (food or drink) to share and be prepared to sing carols. December 22, 7:00 PM.

### Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tue, Dec 18	<i>Welcoming the Stranger MC</i>		
Thu, Dec 20	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Sat. Dec 22	<i>Christmas Party</i>	7:00 PM	Home of Mona & Kevin
Fri, Dec 28	<i>Environmental Issues MC</i>		
Thu, Jan 3	<i>Anti-Racism MC</i>		
Sun, Jan 6	<i>Brunch Sunday</i>	10:00 - 11:30	11 E Adams

### Sunday Schedule:

Date	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6
<b>Set Up</b>	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia	Kevin & Mona	Tim & Lexi	Peter & Silvia
<b>Take Down</b>	Jim & Mary	Kevin & Mona	Tim & Lexi	Peter & Silvia	Ginny & Debbie
<b>Greeter 1</b>	Joseph	Kevin	Lexi	Silvia	Mona
<b>Greeter 2</b>	Kelley	Mona	Janna	Peter	Kevin
<b>Refreshments</b>	Tracey	Janna	Mary	Kelley	Brunch
<b>Nursery</b>	--- /Briana	--- /Kayla	--- /Rae	--- /Naomi	-----
<b>Lead Elder</b>	Kevin	Claire	Debbie	JB	Kevin

**Offering Update:** Dec 2: Gen Fund \$3120.00 FYTD: \$50,124.00