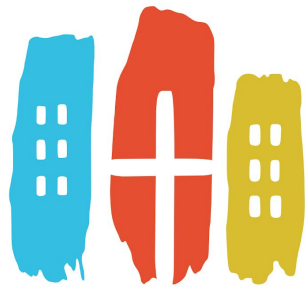


**First Sunday of Christmastide
December 30, 2018**



LOOP CHURCH
C H I C A G O

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.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Readings from John Donne's Holy Sonnets

“Annunciation”

“Nativity”

Responsive Reading (*Psalm 98:1-4*)

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

People: **With his right hand and his holy arm
he has won for himself the victory.**

Pastor: The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness he has openly shown in the sight of the nations.

People: **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

All: ***Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.***

Song: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (*following page*)
(*Those who wish may form a percussion choir.*)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery

Vito Aiuto

♩ = 130

G F C Dm G F C Dm

(melody can be sung or played between verses)

G F C Dm

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noin - ted, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. He comes, with suc - cour speed - y, to those who suf - fer wrong;
3. He shall come down like show - ers u - pon the fruit - ful earth;
4. To Him shall pray'r un - ceas - ing and dail - y vows as - cend;

G F C Dm

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in His path to birth;
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

G F C Dm

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 be fore Him, on the mount - ains, shall peace the her - ald go;
 the tide of time shall ne - ver His co - ve - nant re - move;

G F C Dm

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in e - qui - ty,
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in His sight.
 and right - eous - ness, in fount - ains, from hill to val ley flow.
 His name shall stand for - e - ver, His name to us is Love.

G F C G/B G F C

GOD GREETUS US AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

Pastor: People of God, in whom is our help?

People: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made the heavens and the earth.

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES OF THE COMING OF CHRIST

Lesson One

Scripture Genesis 3:8-15 (*Bible page 2*)

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song: Savior of the Nations, Come

LUYH #74 (v. 1-3, 5, 7)

Lesson Two

Scripture Genesis 22:15-18 (*Bible page 16*)

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song: You Are Our God; We Are Your People

LUYH #35

Lesson Three

Scripture Isaiah 7:10-14 (*Bible page 554*)

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song: All Earth Is Waiting

LUYH #57

Lesson Four

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 (*Bible page 555*)

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LUYH #79

Lesson Five

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a (*Bible page 756*)

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem

LUYH #88

THE NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT OF THE COMING OF CHRIST

Lesson Six

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

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Song: My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

LUYH #69

Lesson Seven

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 (*Bible page 832*)

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Song: What Child Is This?

LUYH #95

Lesson Eight

Scripture: Luke 2:8-16 (*Bible page 832*)

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Song: Angels We Have Heard on High

LUYH #82

Lesson Nine

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (*Bible page 783*)

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Song: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LUYH #80

Lesson Ten

Scripture: John 1:1-14 (*Bible page 862*)

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Song: Joy to the World

LUYH #92

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Congregational prayer

(During the prayer there will be an opportunity to offer thanksgivings or petitions, aloud or silently.)

Liturgist: Now let us join in the prayer our Lord taught us:

All: ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.***

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

Give us today our daily bread.

***Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.***

***And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from the evil one.***

***For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.***

WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING

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)

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Song: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

LUYH #93

(Those who wish may form a percussion choir.)

This week's lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm: Psalm 147

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Gospel: John 1:1-18

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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

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thu, Jan 3	<i>Anti-Racism MC</i>		
Sun, Jan 6	<i>Brunch Sunday</i>	10:00 - 11:30	11 E Adams
Sun, Jan 13	<i>Installation Service for Derek</i>	10:00 - 11:30	11 E Adams
Tue, Jan 15	<i>Welcoming the Stranger MC</i>		
Thu, Jan 17	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Fri, Jan 25	<i>Environmental Issues MC</i>		

Sunday Schedule:

Date	Dec 30	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27
Set Up	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona
Take Down	Kevin & Mona	Ginny & Debbie	Jim & Mary	Kevin & Mona	Tim & Lexi
Greeter 1	Silvia	Jim	Joseph	Jim	Lexi
Greeter 2	Peter	Mary	Kelley	Mary	Janna
Refreshments	Kelley	Brunch	Laura & Karim	Adam & Becca	Ginny
Nursery	--- /Naomi	-----	--- /Briana	--- /Kayla	--- /Rae
Lead Elder	JB	Kevin	Claire	Debbie	JB

Offering Update: Dec 23: Gen Fund \$3261.18 FYTD: \$61,412.00