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SERMON NOTES

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November 25, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Welcome Michael Weller

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** Hymn #61

***Rejoice**

***This I Believe (The Creed)**

Offering

***10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Scripture 1 Chronicles 16:23-31 Josh Schwannecke, Elder
Revelation 7:9-17

Message Made for This: Worship Pastor Rob Peterson

***What a Beautiful Name**

***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

Benediction

*Congregational song

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The Prayer Team will be under the cross following the service if you would like to pray.

If you are our guest this morning, stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a gift we have for you.

Worship Resources | To help you worship throughout the week, we've prepared
Worship Resources available online (thornapple.org/media) and at the Welcome Center.

Arise, Shine, For Your
Light Has Come

Arise, shine, for your light has come
And the glory of God is on you
Arise, see, when the earth grows dark
That the Lord will arise upon you
The Lord will arise upon you

Nations will come to your light
Lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together
and come to you
And your love will be
all that we know
And your love will be
all that we know

Arise, come to the open gates
For the Father is welcoming you
Fear not for the Lord brings peace
And redemption to all who believe

The sun will not shine
'Cause you'll be all the
light that we need
And violence will end
All the wars that we
wage will cease

We will glorify your name
We will glorify your name

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Connection Card form with fields for Name, Email, Phone, Street Address, State, Zip, and checkboxes for guest status and contact preferences.

We're asking EVERYONE to fill out a Connection Card during worship. These cards will give us your contact info and help identify your "next step" or share a prayer request. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or left at the Welcome Center. During the week, staff will follow up with people as needed.



CALENDAR

Sunday 11/25

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship/Crew 52/Huddles

Monday 11/26

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men
9:30am • College & Career Moms in Prayer
7:00pm • Men's Bible Study
7:00pm • Support Group for Caregivers of Aging Adults

Tuesday 11/27

7:30pm • Woven

Wednesday 11/28

9:30am • Women's Bible Study
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering
6:30pm • Precepts
6:30pm • Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 11/29

9:30am • Moms on a Mission
7:00pm • Advent by Candlelight
7:30pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 11/30

6:30am • Men's Bible Study
9:30am • Wholy Fit

Saturday 12/1

8:30am • Men's Bible Study

Sunday 12/2

9:00am • All Together Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship
10:00am • Building Tours
10:30am • All Together Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship/Sermon Reflection (Conference Room)
11:30am • Building Tours
7:00pm • HS Night Huddle

Are you connected? Would you like to receive our weekly email newsletter and future communications from our pastoral staff and ministries. Sign up: thornapple.org/contact.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Woven** | This is a new group for adoptive and foster care families. Moms will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 7:30pm in the Conference Room for a holiday-focused gathering. Friends and family beyond our congregation are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Kate DeJong (240-1915) or Susan Harrell (292-7806).
- **Women's Advent by Candlelight Event** | Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7:00pm at Thornapple. Tickets are on sale in the Lobby for \$5. You can also register online and pay at the event. The evening will include speakers Bonnie Bustrum, Kate DeJong, Tami DeJong and April Knapp, delicious desserts and a carol-singing. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors - we'd encourage you to fill up a table with people from your community. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/adventbycandlelight.
- **Sleigh Bell Family Weekend at Portage Lake** | Enjoy a weekend as a family at camp Dec. 7-9. Learn more and register: portagelake.org.
- **Prime Timers' Christmas Banquet** | Join us Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11:00am to 1:30pm for a delicious dinner and wonderful program. Sign up at the Welcome Center or at Soup & Study for \$5 - learn more and register (by Dec. 2) at thornapple.org/primetimerschristmas.
- **Advent Lights Service** | Sunday, Dec. 9 at 4:00pm, this is special service is intended as a service of consolation, remembering and thanksgiving for all who are in the midst of grief and loss of any kind, past and/or present. Feel free to invite friends and family who you think could benefit from this time together.
- **Young Adults Christmas Party** | Monday, Dec. 10 at 6:00pm at the Bennett's home (6578 Brookhills Ct. SE). Bring your favorite Christmas food, we'll have a white elephant gift exchange (\$10 max). Friends and newcomers are welcome. RSVP to Shalini Bennett (616-516-9892 or shalinibennett@gmail.com).
- **Twelve 12: Hope Prayer Gathering** | All are welcome to attend Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 7:00-8:30pm at Thornapple. The focus of the evening will be on Twelve 12: Hope's projects and specific prayer needs. For further information contact Tim Friesen (connect@twelve12hope.org).
- **Baptism** | The next Baptism Sunday is Jan. 6 during both services. Please contact Kimberly Korpak (kkorpak@thornapple.org) with questions. The class/seminar listed below are prerequisites for baptism at Thornapple.
 - **Immersion Baptism Class for Children** | For kids 2nd-5th grade on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 120. Email Lynne McLaughlin (lmclaughlin@thornapple.org) to sign your child up.
 - **Baptism Seminar for Student/Adults** | For students/adults who are interested in learning more about baptism on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 106/107. Email Kimberly Korpak to sign up.
- **Horizons' Christmas Potluck Party** | Join us Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6:00pm at Steve & Vonnie VanDyke's home (7655 Raven Dr. SE, Caledonia) for dinner, carol-singing and dessert. Learn more and register (by Dec. 10): thornapple.org/horizonschristmas.
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 60 and older is invited to join us Friday, Jan. 4 at 10:00am when Soup & Study resumes in 2019. The morning features a speaker, meal and fellowship.

NEWS

- ♦ **Office Help** | Would you be willing to volunteer a few hours each Monday (morning or afternoon) to staff the front office here at Thornapple? We are hoping to get a couple people on a regular schedule to answer phones and greet visitors. Interested? Contact Suzanne Roth (sroth@thornapple.org).
- ♦ **Building Project** | Next Sunday, Dec. 2, get an up-close, guided look at the progress in the new spaces following each service. To stay up to date about our building project, visit: thornapple.org/alwaysmakingroom.
- ♦ **Christmas Gifts for Degage's Christmas Store** | You are invited to purchase gifts, bring them to church now through Dec. 9 and place them under the tree in the Lobby. Learn more and see a list of suggested items at thornapple.org/gifts.
- ♦ **Habitat for Humanity Interior Painting Day** | Give the gift of your time this Christmas season by volunteering on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 8:30am to 4:00pm (half day shifts available). Contact Babs Sharp to volunteer (bdsharp@yahoo.com or 616.430.2998).
- ♦ **Choir** | All singers are invited to join the choir during both services on Dec. 16. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 6:30-8:00pm. For more info, or to RSVP for rehearsal, contact Michael Weller (mweller@thornapple.org).
- ♦ **Next Steps** | Looking for a way to get "plugged" in at Thornapple? Visit with the volunteers at the Next Steps desk in the lobby to learn ways to get more involved or check out thornapple.org/next-steps.

MINISTRY INFORMATION

If you have questions or to learn more about these and other ministries, visit the links listed next to each ministry name or visit our website at thornapple.org.

CHILDREN | thornapple.org/children

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, lower level
- **4s-1st grade** | Children's Worship, both services
- **2nd-5th grade** | 10:30am only [Not 1st Sundays]
- **Trailblazers (3rd-5th)** | 1st/3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm

STUDENTS | thornapple.org/students

- **MS/HS Huddles** | At 10:30am [Not 1st Sundays]
- **MS JAM** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm
- **HS Refuel** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 7-8:30pm
- **HS Small Group Sunday** | Third Sundays
- **HS Night Huddle** | Sunday, Dec. 2, 7-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS | thornapple.org/adults

- **Small Group** | 2nd and 4th Monday evenings, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact Shalini Bennett (shalinibennett@gmail.com).
- **Christmas Party** | Monday, Dec. 10 at 7pm

PRIME TIMERS (60+) | thornapple.org/adults

- **Soup & Study** | 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 10am. Program, fellowship and lunch. Resumes Jan. 4.
- **Christmas Banquet** | Sat., Dec. 8 at 11:00am

WOMEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **WholyFit** | Exercise and worship (childcare provided). Classes meets Fridays, 9:30-10:30am.
- **Women's Bible Studies** | Wednesdays at 9:30am (childcare available) and 6:30pm (Precepts only).
- **Advent by Candlelight** | Thursday, Nov. 29. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/adventbycandlelight

MEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **Men's Small Group Studies** | Still open for joining: thornapple.org/smallgroupmens