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SERMON NOTES

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December 2, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence

Welcome Michael Weller

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymn #120

*God with Us

Offering

*Come, Light Our Hearts

Scripture Luke 1:46-55 Ashlyn Korpak

Message Mary's Song: What Are You Hoping For? Pastor Rob Peterson

*Magnificat

Holy Communion

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*In Christ Alone

We practice open communion; all who desire to follow Christ are invited to the Lord's Table.

*Joy to the World Hymn #146

Benediction

*Congregational song

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.

Room at the Table | On the first Sunday of every month (today!) we encourage you to eat lunch with others after worship to enjoy community together.

Let All Mortal Flesh
Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly-minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ, our God,
to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand

Alleluia, the Christ has come
Alleluia, the Holy One

King of Kings, yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords, in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spread their vanguard
through the sky
Veil their faces to the Presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

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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.

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



CALENDAR

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

Monday 12/3

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men
9:30am • College & Career Moms in Prayer
7:00pm • Men's Bible Study

Tuesday 12/4

Wednesday 12/5

9:30am • Women's Bible Study
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering
6:30pm • Precepts
6:30pm • Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm • Trailblazers/MS JAM Coke Clubs
6:45pm • Parent Connect
7:00pm • HS Refuel

Thursday 12/6

9:30am • MOPS
Noon • Hearts for Sewing
7:30pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 12/7

6:30am • Men's Bible Study
9:30am • Wholy Fit
6:00pm • TSM Volunteer Appreciation

Saturday 12/8

8:30am • Men's Bible Study
11:00am • Prime Timers' Christmas Banquet

Sunday 12/9

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Huddles/Sermon Reflection
(Conference Room)
11:45am • All-Church Reception
4:00pm • Advent Light Service

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

- **The first Sunday of each month** all loose cash and designated benevolence funds are used to help those in need in our church family.
- **Parent Connect** | While our children and students meet, all parents are invited on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 6:45pm for a holiday-themed Parent Connect. Pastor Karen will introduce the theme and lead discussion around celebrating holidays, and moving into conversations around faith throughout Christmastime.
- **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.
- **All-Church Reception** | Please join us following the second service on Sunday, Dec. 9 as we thank Jessica Mix, Kim Mulder and Diana Parcher for their years of service to Thornapple.
- **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).
- **Twelve12: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 Twelve12: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.
- **HS Twin Cities Service Trip (July 14-20)** | Early Bird sign up deadline is Dec. 28 (save \$100). Learn more and register: thornapple.org/twincities.
- **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

- ♦ **Please pray** for Melissa and Jim Smith, and her extended family as they grieve the death of her father, Fletcher, on Saturday, Nov. 24.
- ♦ **Christmas Eve Nursery Help** | We are in need of adult nursery workers for the 4:00pm service on Christmas Eve. This is a great opportunity for anyone who plans on attending the candlelight service at 9:00pm to serve the young families of our church by volunteering at the earlier service. If you are available, please contact Lisa Udell (ludell@thornapple.org).
- ♦ **Christmas Gifts for Degage's Christmas Store** | You are invited to purchase gifts, bring them to church now through next Sunday, 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).
- ♦ **College Student goodie bags** will be available NEXT Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Welcome Center! If you are a college student, be sure to stop by and pick one up!
- ♦ **Choir** | All singers are invited to join the choir during both services on Dec. 16. Final rehearsal is Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:30-8:00pm. For more info, or to RSVP for rehearsal, contact Michael Weller (mweller@thornapple.org).
- ♦ **Thailand Vision Trip 2019** | Next June 8-17, a small group from Thornapple will travel to Bangkok and Chiang Mai to build relationships with missionaries Thornapple supports in Thailand, getting to know the people with whom they work and those they serve. It is an intergenerational experience, open to high school students and older; the cost is around \$2000. Please contact Pastor Karen (kingebretson@thornapple.org) if you are interested.

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; Christmas Party Dec. 19 (bring \$5 gift for exchange)

STUDENTS | thornapple.org/students

- **MS/HS Huddles** | At 10:30am [Not 1st Sundays]
- **MS JAM** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm; Coke Clubs Dec. 5; Christmas Party Dec. 19 (bring a \$5-10 gift for exchange)
- **HS Refuel** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 7-8:30pm
- **HS Small Group Sunday** | Third Sundays
- **HS Night Huddle** | Sunday, Dec. 2, 7-9pm
- **HS Christmas Party** | Dec. 19 (bring a \$10 white elephant gift)

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.

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).

MEN | thornapple.org/adults

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