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SERMON NOTES

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December 9, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Michael Weller

*Great Things

*O Come, All Ye Faithful

Offering

Special Thanks

Scripture

Luke 1:68-79

Matt Hubers

*Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Message

Zechariah's Song: Where Does It Hurt?

Pastor Karen Ingebretson

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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.

College Student goodie bags are available at the Welcome Center! If you are a college student, be sure to stop by and pick one up!

Special Thanks | The artwork displayed at the front of the Sanctuary was created by the following artists from our congregation:
Kayleigh Blue (Dec. 2; Song of Mary); Alex Weller (Dec. 9; Song of Zechariah); Barb Hoffman (Dec. 16; Song of the Angels);
and Evan Silvernale (Dec. 23; Song of Simeon). We are blessed by their talents.



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

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 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

Monday 12/10

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men
9:30am • College & Career Moms in Prayer
7:00pm • Men's Bible Study
7:00pm • Young Adults Christmas Party (offsite)

Tuesday 12/11

Wednesday 12/12

9:30am • Women's Bible Study
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering
6:30pm • Precepts
6:30pm • Immersion Baptism Class for Children
6:30pm • Baptism Seminar for Students/Adults
7:00pm • Twelve12:Hope Prayer Gathering

Thursday 12/13

9:30am • Moms on a Mission
7:30pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 12/14

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

Saturday 12/15

8:30am • Habitat Painting Day (offsite)
8:30am • Men's Bible Study
6:00pm • Horizons' Christmas Party (offsite)

Sunday 12/16

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's Worship/Huddles/Sermon Reflection (Conference Room)

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

- **All-Church Reception** | Please join us TODAY following the second service as we thank Jessica Mix, Kim Mulder and Diana Parcher for their years of service to Thornapple.
- **Advent Lights Service** | Join us TODAY at 4:00pm for a special service 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.
- **Habitat for Humanity Interior Painting Day** | Give the gift of your time this Christmas season by volunteering this 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).
- **Horizons' Christmas Potluck Party** | Join us Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6:00pm at Steve & Vonnie Van Dyke's home (7655 Raven Dr. SE, Caledonia) for dinner, carol-singing and dessert. Learn more and be sure to register by Dec. 10: thornapple.org/horizonschristmas.
- **Young Adults Christmas Caroling** | Monday, Dec. 17 from 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Shalini Bennett (shalinibennett@gmail.com or 616-516-9892) for more information.
- **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

- ♦ **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the annual CWR offering toward relief and development. Over \$28,000 was received!
- ♦ **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).
- ♦ **Volunteer Cleaning Help** | Anyone interested in helping keep the facility fit for ministry is invited to contact Matt Walker (mwalker@thornapple.org or 616-818-0520) to express interest. Help is needed with vacuuming, dusting, trash removal and other light cleaning tasks.
- ♦ **Christmas Gifts for Degage's Christmas Store** | If you forgot your gifts for this today, you have until tomorrow at NOON to bring them to church.
- ♦ **Children's worship resources** are now available at the back of the Sanctuary by the sound booth.
- ♦ **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.

I M M E R S E

The Bible Reading Experience™

In February and March, every person at Thornapple is invited to read through the New Testament in 8 weeks; small groups will be forming just for this experience and current small groups are encouraged to do this as well. Learn more, register for a group and/or reserve a book: thornapple.org/limmerse.

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; 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 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
- **Christmas Caroling** | Monday, Dec. 17, 6:30-8pm

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
- **Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, Jan. 12 at 8:00am with speaker Dan Behm.