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SERMON NOTES

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December 16, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Open Up

Welcome

Michael Weller

\*All People of Our Newborn King

\*God with Us

Baptism (10:30am only)

Offering

Choral Piece

The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon

(arr. by Michael Clawson)

Scripture

Luke 2:8-14

Choral Piece

Westminster Carol

(arr. by Carl J. Nygard, Jr.)

Message

Angel's Song: How Can I Help?

Pastor Rob Peterson

\*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hymn #157

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](http://thornapple.org/media)) and at the Welcome Center.

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); Barbara Hoffman (Dec. 16; Song of the Angel);  
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 membership status.

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 12/16

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

## Monday 12/17

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

## Tuesday 12/18

## Wednesday 12/19

6:30pm • Prayer Gathering  
 6:30pm • Trailblazers/MS JAM Christmas Parties  
 7:00pm • HS Refuel Christmas Party  
 7:30pm • Worship Team Rehearsal (Christmas Eve Services)

## Thursday 12/20

9:30am • MOPS  
 6:30pm • Council of Elders  
 7:30pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

## Friday 12/21

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

## Saturday 12/22

8:30am • Men's Bible Study

## Sunday 12/23

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

## Monday 12/24 | Christmas Eve

4:00pm • Family Worship  
 9:00pm • Candlelight Worship

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Young Adults Caroling** | Monday, Dec. 17 from 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Shalini Bennett ([shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com) or 616-516-9892) for more info.
- **Christmas Eve Services** | Thornapple will have two services this Christmas Eve: a family-friendly service at 4:00pm and a candlelight service at 9:00pm. Nursery will be available through age 3 for the 4:00pm service.
- **HS Twin Cities Service Trip (July 14-20)** | Early Bird sign up deadline is Dec. 28 (save \$100). Final registration deadline is Jan. 27. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/twincities](http://thornapple.org/twincities).
- **NOTE:** There will be just ONE service at 10:00am on Sunday, Dec. 30.
- **Family Movie Night** | Thursday, Jan. 3 at 5:30pm in The Commons. Join us for pizza, popcorn and a family movie. Suggested donation of \$10/family. Learn more and sign up: [thornapple.org/familymovienight](http://thornapple.org/familymovienight).
- **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.
- **Save the Date: We ♥ TSM Brunch** | Sunday, Feb. 3
- **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](mailto: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/immerse](http://thornapple.org/immerse).

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Your generous giving to God's ministry at Thornapple is critical every month of the year. Online giving is available for secure one-time or recurring gifts via bank account, debit card or credit card at [thornapple.org/give](http://thornapple.org/give).

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Giving (November 2018)	\$131,498	\$126,215	\$5,283
Giving 2018 Year-to-date	\$1,173,084	\$1,266,212	(\$93,128)
Nov. 2018 building campaign (restricted)	\$48,364.75		

Building Fund Gifts to Date, since beginning of campaign: \$2,736,198.26

# NEWS

- ♦ **Congratulations** to Mike and Ashley Oosterbaan whose son, Carter Michael, is being baptized this morning at the 10:30 service.
- ♦ **Congratulations** to Joe and Kaitlin Salowitz on the birth of their son, Cole Everett, on Dec. 1.
- ♦ **Congratulations** to Jeff and Erica Bode on the birth of their son, William Lester, on Dec. 10.
- ♦ **Please pray** for Doug and Rhonda Datema, and his extended family, as they mourn the passing of his step-dad, Ed Gates, on Dec. 8.
- ♦ **Volunteer Cleaning Help** | Anyone interested in helping keep the facility fit for ministry is invited to contact Matt Walker ([mwalker@thornapple.org](mailto:mwalker@thornapple.org) or 616-818-0520) to express interest. Help is needed with vacuuming, dusting, trash removal and other light cleaning tasks.
- ♦ **Christmas Eve Offering** | We have had a tradition of designating our Christmas Eve offering for a cause outside the walls of our church. For the fifth year, our Christmas Eve offering will support the Paul Carlson Partnership Congo Clinic Initiative. The clinic is part of an initiative to raise the standard of healthcare in northwest Congo through the existing medical system of hospitals and rural clinics. Our previous four offerings have provided \$45,421 to support rural village clinics with essential resources and personnel. To learn more about this initiative, visit [paulcarlson.org/congo-clinic-initiative](http://paulcarlson.org/congo-clinic-initiative).
- ♦ **Children's worship resources** are now available at the back of the Sanctuary by the sound booth.
- ♦ **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](http://thornapple.org/contact).
- ♦ **Weather Updates** | Periodically we may need to cancel events or worship services at Thornapple because of inclement weather. Cancellations are posted online at: [thornapple.org/weather](http://thornapple.org/weather) and listed with WOOD TV and WZZM TV 13.

# 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](http://thornapple.org).

## CHILDREN | [thornapple.org/children](http://thornapple.org/children)

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, lower level
- **4s-1<sup>st</sup> grade** | Children's Worship, both services
- **2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade** | 10:30am only [Not 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays]
- **Trailblazers (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)** | 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 6:30-8pm; Christmas Party Dec. 19 (bring \$5 gift for exchange)

## STUDENTS | [thornapple.org/students](http://thornapple.org/students)

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

## YOUNG ADULTS | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Small Group** | 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact Shalini Bennett ([shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com)).
- **Christmas Caroling** | Monday, Dec. 17, 6:30-8pm

## PRIME TIMERS (60+) | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Soup & Study** | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month at 10am. Program, fellowship and lunch. Resumes Jan. 4.

## WOMEN | [thornapple.org/adults](http://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](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Men's Small Group Studies** | Still open for joining: [thornapple.org/smallgroupmens](http://thornapple.org/smallgroupmens)
- **Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, Jan. 12 at 8:00am with speaker Dan Behm.