

Participants in Video Devotions for December, 2021

| Date        | Worship Assistant (Psalm)                   | Reader (reading) | Prayer leader |
|-------------|---|------------------|---------------|
| December 5  | reading/prayer leader: Monica P [in-person] |                  |               |
| December 12 | reading/prayer leader: Kim D [in-person]    |                  |               |
| December 19 | reading/prayer leader: Tom R [in-person]    |                  |               |
| December 24 | Katharine B                                 | Monica P         | Christa M     |
| December 25 | Eric N                                      | Jett I           | Kim D         |
| December 26 | [St Mark's]                                 |                  |               |
| January 2   | Monica P                                    | Katharine B      | Tom R         |

Readings and prayers available on the "Sunday Service" page (and archive) of our website. Video clips need to be submitted in advance; contact Pastor Tyler if unclear about parts.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

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*This child must be born that the kingdom might come:  
salvation for many, destruction for some;  
both end and beginning, both message and sign;  
both victor and victim, both yours and divine.*

**ACS #906**

There is a word in theological studies that student-pastors are bound to encounter: *eschatology*. The word means ‘the study of last things,’ but – in Christianity, particularly in Lutheran circles – we may talk about eschatology as ‘the already, and not yet.’



As people of faith, following Christ, we live our lives in this ‘already and not yet’ time *all* the time. We anticipate the coming of Christ; we also know that Christ walked among people and proclaimed and lived God’s reign in the world. We long for a future day, and yet that day is in us to live *now*.

The season of Advent points us to a future time: a time when peace breaks the sounds of war, a time when darkness gives way to light, a time when God enters human history – and the world is never the same.

We begin a new church year, and we fill it with hope, with eager expectation, with the good news that a child’s arrival is... and we also are mindful of how the comfortable and familiar places might give way to unknown beginnings, and starting fresh may be unsettling. We are reminded through this time to, both, *keep awake* and *comfort my people* – Christ comes among us, and Christ is present and alive in us! May the blessings of Advent and Christmas be yours!

*-Pastor Tyler*

## ***In-Person Worship Services in December***

***Sundays in Advent –  
November 28,  
December 5, 12, 19  
Christmas Eve – December 24***

Attendees pre-register by noon on Wednesday, and are fully vaccinated. We share in the Eucharist, and those joining in bring their own bread and wine (or cracker and juice) and commune in the pew.

Services are video recorded, and then edited, to provide our online worship available on YouTube.

Our in-person gatherings are subject to health orders, based on the risk of virus transmission.

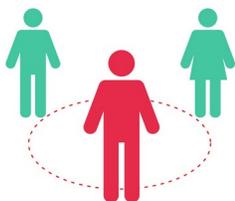
### ***For safety and to reduce risk of virus transmission:***

- we wear masks until seated
- if people sing, we ask that they put on their mask

### ***To reduce movement in the space, and contact, we:***

- remain seated for the full service; only the leaders stand at the front
- do not pass the offering plate, or shake hands for the peace
- share the Eucharist from where we are and do not approach the front
- do not use hymnals; service is projected on the screen (and a bulletin/service-order is available on our website)

***We seek to*** reduce time, and keep physically distanced, in order to lower the risk of contracting the virus in our building. So the seating is spaced out in our sanctuary, and the services are shorter.



**SOCIAL  
DISTANCING**



***Wednesdays on Zoom  
9:30am Virtual Coffee Hour  
with book discussion!***

**zoom**

To join in these social times, follow the link provided in the e-news.

## **Services in our Sanctuary in December**



**Sundays, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am**

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm**



***Make sure to pre-register by contacting  
our office no later than Wednesday at noon***

**Phone: (204) 832-4564**

**Email: [gdeiwpg@gmail.com](mailto:gdeiwpg@gmail.com)**

## **PEANUTS**



## Thank You...

- to our council chair and tech-master, Jett, for overseeing so much of our church activity – helping with online video recordings, changing our sign, making sure property needs are tended to, and more!
- to Karen Isleifson-Buechler for her music every week!
- to Lexy for her music and work with worship planning
- to Karen Hayden for overseeing the bookings in our building through this time, and for organizing the pre-registrations for our return to indoor worship
- to Kim and Detlef, and Karen Flaming, for keeping our worship space beautiful
- to Don Z for overseeing our property – fix-ups, renos, you-name-it!
- to Jean for her art in the narthex, lifting up Sundays and seasons of our church year
- to our council for faithfully carrying out the business of our church, particularly as we navigate this pandemic time
- to the many readers and prayer-leaders who record and submit parts for our online devotions
- to our crew that prepare and deliver meals to The Urban every month – such an important ministry!
- to those calling around and keeping tabs on members who live alone, or may need a check-in: thank you for your caring way!
- to all supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei through this pandemic time!



## “An Alternative Christmas”



Make a gift to give, or plan an outing

Write a poem, or draw a picture

Look for fair trade labels

Give to charity on behalf of the recipient

## JOIN IN MINISTRY AT GLORIA DEI...

- our Worship Committee is looking for a chairperson
- as we look towards in-person worship, and continuing our online presence, do you have skills and interest to help?

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## PEACE PRAYERS FOR THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

*You may use these each week as you  
light the candles of your advent wreath*

### **Advent 1: Peace in our World**

On this first Sunday of Advent, we pray for peace in our world.

Headlines from the news this week:  
*(add appropriate headlines)*

Peacemaking God, we turn to you in prayer.  
The world around us trumpets violence and destruction.  
Nations know war all too well.  
Your invitation to carry an olive branch seems ludicrous  
as the call to arms is sounded.  
Help us to seek your reconciliation.  
*(Light one candle)*

### **Advent 2: Peace with the Earth**

On this second Sunday of Advent, we pray for peace with the earth.  
Headlines from the news this week:  
*(add appropriate headlines)*

Peacemaking God, we turn to you in prayer.  
The earth groans under the weight of its human inhabitants.  
Our trail is too often measured by its destruction.  
The love you share for all of your creation atrophies in our hands.  
Help us to seek your harmony.  
*(Light two candles)*

### **Advent 3: Peace in our Relationships**

On this third Sunday of Advent, we pray for peace in our relationships.  
Headlines from the news this week:  
*(add appropriate headlines)*

Peacemaking God, we turn to you in prayer.  
As families and friends gather for the holiday season,  
our collective stress level often reaches a tragic peak.  
Domestic violence and substance abuse are on the rise again this season.  
The very people we claim to love can at the same time be the source of our pain.  
Help us to seek your serenity.  
*(Light three candles)*

### **Advent 4: Peace within Ourselves**

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we pray for peace within ourselves.  
Headlines from the news this week:  
*(add appropriate headlines)*

Peacemaking God, we turn to you in prayer.  
Caught in the frenetic holiday rush,  
a still small voice beckons from within.  
Our frantic pace belies the aimlessness that holds us hostage.  
Created for relationship, our isolation eats at the fabric of our being.  
Help us to seek your tranquility.  
*(Light four candles)*

*written by Katherine Hawker*

*found at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/candle-lighting-peace-prayers.html>*