

Pastor: R. Garret Szantner **Director of Church Music:** Jean LaCrosse
Director of Faith Formation: Amy Chevalier **Office Manager:** Emily Conti

Social Gathering for Seniors: Susan Spring-Meggs would like to invite you to a new small-group for seniors at Lynnwood. This group will have their first meeting on January 7th, with a snow-date of January 14th.

2024 Consistory Nominations: Interested in serving as an elder or deacon? Contact a member of the Nominations Committee: Pastor Garret, Kathy Mix, or Suzanne Wilber.

Poinsettias: Order envelopes for poinsettias are in the narthex. Today is the last day for orders please provide \$12 (cash or checks to LRC). Specify on the envelope if it's in memory or honor. Pick up after Christmas Eve service.

Stewardship: All 2023 pledge monies must be received by Thursday December 28, 2023 in order to be recorded for 2023.

Christmas Eve Service: After service a brunch will be provided, in addition to the normally scheduled coffee hour, courtesy of the Fellowship Team. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. This will be a nice way to celebrate Christmas together as a community.

Suburban Sounds will be hosting a Holiday Concert at the Guilderland library today, Sunday December 17th, 2023 at 2:00 pm, all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The Nursery will be open for parents who would like to use the space after the Christmas pageant. However, it will be left unstaffed and children must have an adult accompanying them.

Explorations will not be held on Sunday, December 24th, 2023.

Later Today	Coffee Fellowship <i>Happy Birthday Nancy Mohr!!</i> Street Soldiers Meal Prep 11:30 Suburban Sounds Concert 2:00
Mon 18	<i>Happy Birthday Walt Cogswell!!</i>
Tues 19	Girl Scout Troop 5048 6:00 Consistory Meets 6:30
Weds 20	Choir 7:30
Thur 21	In His Presence 9:30
Sat 23	Maria's Prayer Group 10:00 <i>Happy Birthday John de Forest!!</i>

Upcoming Birthdays: Nancy Mohr 12/17, Walt Cogswell 12/18,
Jonathan de Forest 12/23, Jesus 12/25, Bill Clark 12/26,
Amy Chevalier 12/28, Jackie Truax 12/31,
Charlotte Amigo & John Watson 01/01, Karsen Rittner 01/06

LYNNWOOD

REFORMED CHURCH

DECEMBER 17th, 2023



“The First Christmas”

Isaiah 9:6-7

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GATHERED BY GOD

DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

Welcome Pastor Garret

Prelude

Call to Worship Mike & Sophia

Unto us a child is born

Unto us a Son is given

And His name shall be Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting One!

Let us worship God!

Songs of Gathering & Praise “The First Noel”

“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Joy

RECEIVING GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7 Susan VanDerWende

Children’s Pageant “The First Christmas”

Narrator: Karen Messercola

Joseph: Nick Comparetta

Gabriela: Sophia Hall

Caesar: Scott Walter

Innkeeper: Scott Walter

Wise Men: Daniel Welch, Andrew Wilder & Jameson Martin

Shepherds: Nathan, Becky Walter & Emily Conti

Sheep: Carter Walter & Bentley Conti-Belt

Other: Malcolm Miller & Molly Brehm

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Songs of Response “Ding Dong Merrily On High”

“Happy Birthday, Jesus”

Ministry Updates Amy Chevalier

The Offering

Prayer of Dedication Nancy LaPietro

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Pastor Garret

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Benediction

Postlude

indicates standing for those able. **Bold type indicates congregational response
At Lynnwood Reformed Church, we affirm the great diversity of God’s creation in our communities.
This diversity includes persons from various economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, gender
expressions and sexual identities, and gifted with a variety of abilities. We also believe that God’s
unconditional love, as demonstrated through Jesus Christ, is intended for all. As such, all people are
welcome to participate fully in the life of the church.*