

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 Friday, January 19th at 12:00 in the Fellowship Center.

Pastor Garret's Time Off: Pastor Garret will be away from Friday, January 12th until Friday, January 19th to go back to Michigan. If you have any care needs during that time please contact the office or reach out to a member of Consistory.

The Giving Tree Project if you have any warm winter items including but not limited to: hats, gloves, coats & scarves, that you would like to donate please place them either under or on the table in the Narthex. If you would like more information on how to be a part of this program please see Betsy Hollander or email the office at office@lynnwoodreformed.org.

Drop-in Hours: The office is open 9am-4pm every day. If you would like to see Emily feel free to drop by at any point, with the exception of Friday. Pastor Garret's drop-in office hours are on Tuesday from 10am-12pm, and Wednesday from 3pm-5pm. Amy's drop-in office hours are on Wednesday from 3:15-5pm.

Pledges: Although the deadline has passed, it is still not too late to turn in your pledge card for the 2024 calendar year! If you still need to do so please contact a member of consistory or leave your pledge in the treasurer's mailbox located in the office. Thank you!

Serving At City Mission of Schenectady: A brief meeting will be held after worship this Sunday, January 14 to determine our group's availability and to select a first date for service. For your consideration are opportunities in the kitchen with lunch or dinner prep (Mon-Sat 9-11 or 4:30-6:30), serving dinner (Mon-Sat 4:30-6:30) or sorting donations (Mon/Tues 9-11 a.m. or Mon 6-8 p.m.). If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Carol or Mike Lynch beforehand with your preferences.

Later Today	Coffee Fellowship Street Soldiers Meal Prep 11:30 Youth Group 4:00
Mon 15	Offices Closed for Holiday
Tues 16	Girl Scout Troop 5048 6:00
Thur 18	REPORTS TO CONSISTORY DUE In His Presence 9:30
Fri 19	Small Group for Seniors 12:00
Sat 20	Maria's Prayer Group 10:00

Upcoming Birthdays: Anthony Colloton 01/20 Grace Lombardo 01/31, Carole de Forest & Hugh Moore 02/01, Mark Watson 02/03, Marion Robinson & Rosemarie Klapp 02/05

**Welcome to Diane Kingsland who will be gracing us with her musical talent*

during today's service.

LYNNWOOD REFORMED CHURCH JANUARY 14TH, 2024



“A Rebellious Tween”

Luke 2: 41-52

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Welcome Mary Chew
 Prelude "There's Something About that Name" Vicki Schlierer
 Opening Prayer
 Call to Worship Mary Chew

Praise the Christ-child, the newborn Prince of Peace!

We have been redeemed. We are no longer afraid.

Praise to the God who has come to us in the flesh!

We are being created. We are no longer afraid.

Praise to the Spirit who calls us together to serve!

We will be sustained. We are no longer afraid.

Come, let us worship God!

*Song of Gathering "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Prayer of Confession

Lord, it's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are Exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are reminded of the "normalcy" of life returning to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

People of God, feel the presence of God right now, in this place, warming your hearts, forgiving your fears and strife; preparing you for joyful service. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are beloved and forgiven. **AMEN.**

*Song of Praise "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Time with our Youth "Away in the Manger"

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Spirit, as did the people in the Temple that day long ago, may we gather to listen to the wisdom of the Christ-child through the reading of your holy word. **AMEN.**

Scripture Reading Luke 2: 41-52 Larry Bopp

Sermon "A Rebellious Tween" Jerry Oliver

*Song of Response "We Would See Jesus"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Ministry Updates Amy Chevalier

The Offering

Prayer of Dedication Nancy Lapietro

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Mary Chew

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*Song of Sending "Joy to the World"

*Benediction

Let us go into the new year with Jesus, common in origin with us.

We go into the new year with Jesus, who treats us as family, as brothers and sisters.

Let us go, placing our trust in God, just as Jesus did.

We go as children of God, with Jesus by our side.

And all of God's Christmas people say together:

AMEN!

Postlude "Gesu Bambino" by Martens & Pietro. A. Yon.

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.*