

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.

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.

Congregational Meeting: We will have a brief congregational meeting following the service to announce this slate of new Consistory members for 2024: Elders: Mary Chew (1 year term) and Jerry Oliver (3 years); Deacons: Shannon Comparetta (1 year) and Michael Hall (3 year).

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. 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 next 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 Small Group for Seniors Meeting 11:15 Street Soldiers Meal Prep 11:30 Youth Group 4:00
Mon 08	Offices Closed for Staff Meeting 3:30 Fellowship Team Meets 5:00
Tues 09	Prayer Shawl 12:00 Girl Scout Troop 5048 6:00
Weds 10	Stretching with Friends 6:00
Thur 11	REPORTS TO CONSISTORY DUE In His Presence 9:30
Sat 13	Maria's Prayer Group 10:00

Upcoming Birthdays: Nancy Moore & Walt Jones 01/10, 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

LYNNWOOD REFORMED CHURCH JANUARY 7TH, 2024



“The One True King is God With Us”

Matthew 1:18-25

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GATHERED BY GOD

JANUARY 7TH, 2024

Welcome Daniele Reuckert

Prelude

Call to Worship Neil Satterly

Into human history, into a human family,

Christ is born.

Some faithful, some faltering,
some memorable and some forgotten,

Generation to generation, God's vision unfolds.

Songs of Gathering "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Prayer for the New Year

The time is right, O God —

**the turning of the year brings us face to face with
the future you have planned.**

**We look back at all you have done,
thankful for your care that has brought us to this day.**

We look forward and wonder what you have in mind!

**The time is ripe for your new thing,
for the world to change**

and the next generation to take up your call.

May we hear and follow,

**building on what was without being beholden to it,
turning the next page of your story with eagerness, hope, and trust.**

Amen.

Song of Praise "Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come"

Moment with the Children

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 Dianna Bopp

Sermon "The One True King is God with Us" Pastor Garret

Song of Response "O Worship the King"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning and Invitation

The Story of the Meal

...These are the gifts of God, **for us, the people of God!**

Sharing the Communion Suzanne Wilber

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Ministry Updates Amy Chevalier

The Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Daniele Reuckert

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*Song of Sending "Hark! The Herald, Angels Sing"

*Benediction

Postlude

Congregational Meeting for Members

** 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.*