

**Sunday, January 3, 2010**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**

*Welcome to our celebration of corporate worship. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us for refreshments following the service. In the order of the service, an asterisk (\*) indicates that the congregation is standing. Also, please take a moment to let us know of your presence by signing the blue fellowship register located in each row.*

*Today we celebrate communion. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has ordained and instituted the sacrament of communion to nourish and to sustain those who are part of his family, the church. Baptized believers in Christ may receive the sacrament in the gathering of God's people. All those who have not put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior are asked to abstain from the sacrament.*

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**The Collect:** Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\* **Gathering Song:** O Come, All Ye Faithful (grey) PH #340

\* **Responsive Reading** (*Psalm 2:2-4, 6-8, 10-11, 13*)

Pastor: Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the rulers plot together,  
against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?

**People: "Let us break their yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."**

Pastor: The One enthroned in heaven is laughing;  
the LORD has them in derision.

**People: "I myself have set my king  
upon my holy hill of Zion."**

Pastor: Let me announce the decree of the LORD:  
the LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day I have begotten you.

**People: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your  
inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession."**

Pastor: And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

**People:** Submit to the LORD with fear,  
and with trembling bow down in worship.

**All:** *Happy are they all who take refuge in the LORD!*

\* **Song of Adoration:** Jesus, Name Above All Names (green) Sing! #114  
(children's percussion)

**\* GOD GREETS US AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

Pastor: People of God, in whom is our help?

**People:** Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made the heavens and the earth.

*(We receive God's greeting and greet one another.)*

**GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

**Confession**

Leader: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses,  
since in every respect he was tempted as we are,  
yet without sin.  
Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All:** *God of grace and truth,  
in Jesus Christ you came among us  
as light shining in darkness.  
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,  
or trusted good news to be good.  
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,  
expecting little, and hoping for less.  
We have been like the kings who revolt  
and the Herods who flail about,  
destroying your creation,  
out of fear that you will upset our earthly schemes.  
Forgive our doubt and hostility, and renew our hope,  
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,  
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.*

*(Time of silence for personal confession)*

Leader: All these things we lay before you, O God.

**All:** *Amen.*

**Song of Confession:** Change My Heart, O God (green) Sing! #56

**Assurance of Pardon** (*Psalm 91:14-15*)

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the LORD;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.

Friends, believe the good news!

**All: *In Christ, we are forgiven.***

**Song of Assurance** From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (grey) PH #339 (v1-3)  
*(pouring of the water of baptism)*

**CHILDREN'S SENDING**

Leader: What is our prayer for these children?

**People: The Lord be with you.**

**Children: And also with you.**

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

Leader: God of mystery and might,  
we praise and worship you,  
for you came in silence, while all lay sleeping,  
to enter our world as a child of humble birth.  
We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ,  
born of your handmaid Mary.  
In his face we behold your glory,  
for in his life as in his death  
is your gift of salvation.  
By your Spirit, make our hearts burn with thanksgiving  
that we may give as we have received.  
We pray also for those places in the church and the world  
where powers and principalities opposed to you  
still appear to reign.  
Bring deliverance to all who are sick, imprisoned, grieving,  
unemployed,  
addicted, at war, homeless, hungry, or in other forms of bondage.  
Hear now our individual thanksgivings and petitions.

*(Particular thanksgivings or petitions may be offered, spoken or unspoken.)*

Leader: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

**Song of Illumination:** Savior of the Nations, Come (grey) PH #336 (v 1, 2, 5)

**New Testament Reading:** Revelation 12 (*Bible page 1001*)

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **\* Gospel Reading**

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter

**People: Glory to You, O Lord**

Reader: Matthew 2:13-23 (*Bible page 784*)

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon

*Silent Moment for Reflection*

## **WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING**

*(Our morning offering is an act of worship whereby we as members of this church express our gratitude to and reliance on God. Guests and visitors should not feel that participation in this part of the service is obligatory.)*

General Fund offering

*(Please take a moment during the offering to enter your name and contact information in the welcome pad found at the end of each row and pass the pad to your neighbor.)*

Offertory Prayer

**\* Song of Preparation:** God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength (grey) PH #46

**THE COMMUNION** (using the grey communion liturgy)

## **GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\* Sending Song:** Go, Tell It on the Mountain (grey) PH #356 (v. 1)

**\* Benediction**

**\* Sending Song:** Go, Tell It on the Mountain (grey) PH #356 (v. 2-3)

**Announcements**

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Christmastide, Sunday, January 3, 2010

## CHRISTMASTIDE

*The Season of Christmas begins with the First Sunday of Advent, marked by expectation and anticipation, and concludes with Epiphany, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world. The twelve days that separate Christmas Day and Epiphany are called Christmastide, or the Twelve Days of Christmas. The sanctuary colors for Christmastide are white and gold. These are the colors of celebration, newness, and hope that mark the most sacred days of the church year.*

### This Week at Loop

**PREACHING:** Timothy Douma      **WORSHIP LEADER:** Yvana Mols      **Music:** Joanna Wigboldy

**Welcome to our worship service at Loop Christian Ministries.** After the service, you're invited to share refreshments and fellowship with us in the gym. **PLEASE REMEMBER – NO FOOD OR DRINK TO BE TAKEN INTO CARPETED AREAS!** A nursery is available for younger children during the service. Nursery is for children under the age of 5.

**Church Volunteer Opportunities:** Please be sure to check with Jim Bosman after the service regarding the worship assistant sign-up sheet. There are many opportunities to get involved on Sunday morning including greeting people, bringing refreshments, and watching children in nursery.

#### Worship Assistants:

Date	Set up	Greeters	Nursery	Nursery	Refreshments	SS 4-7	SS 8-12	Offering
1/3/10	Daane	Kevin & Mona	Megan H	Tim W	Norma & Rosetta	Sharon	Kevin	Corwin & Kristin
1/10/10	Steve	Jim & Mary	Claire	Rob W	Carolyn	Vera	Kevin	Rebecca & Corwin
1/17/10	Daane	Nancy & Paul	Steve	Erica	Steve & Barb	Vera	Paul/Nancy	Kristin & Paul
1/24/10	Daane	Tim & Lexi	Vera	John	Common Meal	Betsy	Paul/Nancy	Corwin & Paul

#### Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, January 7	Breakfast Club	7:00 – 8:00 AM	La Cocina
Sunday, January 10	SJOM Brown Bagging	11:15-11:45 AM	Daystar
Monday, January 11	Worship Team Meeting	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Chicago Semester
Tuesday, January 19	Steering Council Meeting	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Church Office
Tuesday, January 19	SJOM Supper	6:15 – 8:00 PM	SJOM
Sunday, January 24	Common Meal	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Daystar

**Offering Update:** December 27: Gen Fund: \$1,493.00, FYTD: \$59,071.08; FYTD Budget: \$70,247.80; Excess (shortfall): (\$11,176.72) Special Offering for Kennedy/King Campus Ministry: \$278.00

**Email Prayer Requests:** If you would like to be included in this ministry and receive periodic prayer requests from members of LCM, please email [LCM@loopchurch.org](mailto:LCM@loopchurch.org). If you would like to submit a prayer request go to our website at [www.loopchurch.org](http://www.loopchurch.org) and click on the Prayer Requests link and follow the instructions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Contact [jim@loopchurch.org](mailto:jim@loopchurch.org) if you would like to add or update an event on the web calendar. Events from the calendar are also included in the bulletin but REMEMBER - the bulletin is printed on Tuesday so get your event in the bulletin you must have your updates in by then.

**Loop Church will resume "The Breakfast Club"** beginning January 7, 2010 at La Cocina, 406 S. Clark. Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. We will be discussing Tim Keller's THE REASON FOR GOD: BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM ([http://www.amazon.com/reader/1594483493?\\_encoding=UTF8&ref\\_=sib%5Fdp%5Fpt#reader-link](http://www.amazon.com/reader/1594483493?_encoding=UTF8&ref_=sib%5Fdp%5Fpt#reader-link))

**SERVICELINK'S WINTER HOT LIST of volunteer opportunities** with the CRC has arrived and is posted on our Mission bulletin board ([http://www.crcna.org/pages/servicelink\\_opp\\_hotlist.cfm](http://www.crcna.org/pages/servicelink_opp_hotlist.cfm)). Check out the variety of opportunities to serve in the areas of technology, leading worship, and farming – plus more. There are also some unique group opportunities.

**THANK YOU!** With your support, CRWRC has had another successful World Hunger Campaign (**Peter Fish**). this year, our church raised \$524.96 for CRWRC ministry to people around the world. For additional information about CRWRC, please visit [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org)

**CRWM: Join UNLEASHED!** - a new webinar series for ministry leaders, council members and missions committees. Join the free workshop by participating on the phone while viewing the presentation on your computer. Email [crwmwebinars@rcna.org](mailto:crwmwebinars@rcna.org) to register (deadline is three days prior to the event). For more information, click on the Resources tab at [www.crwm.org](http://www.crwm.org). All webinars are from 12 – 1 p.m. (EST). Upcoming webinars are: Jan. 20: Church Missions Coaching , Feb. 17: Fundraising Ideas For Short-Term Missions, Mar. 17: Ministry Among Muslims, Apr. 14: Short-Term Missions.

**BACK TO GOD HOUR - Seven things I want my kids to know about money:** Money has almost become a taboo subject today. Yet somehow we still need to teach our children about money. What do our kids need to know about handling cash? And how will we teach those principles to them? Stay tuned to the Jan.10 Back to God Hour. Go to [www.BacktoGod.net](http://www.BacktoGod.net) for local stations and times.

**KIDS CORNER - Liz' progress:** What's the big deal about sin? Are all sins equally bad? Help Liz figure out how to say "NO" to sin on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

**FAITH ALIVE - Save 70% on many CRC-specific titles** including "Grace Through Every Generation," "Our Family Album," and more! Sale runs now through February 5. Visit [www.FaithAliveResources.org/Sale](http://www.FaithAliveResources.org/Sale) or call 1-800-333-8300.

**CALVIN COLLEGE - Online registration is now open for the Calvin Symposium on Worship**, January 28-30, 2010. Registration and complete information at [www.calvin.edu/worship](http://www.calvin.edu/worship). Thursday offers 10 day-long seminars and Friday and Saturday include over 80 workshop choices. The six worship services, which are open to the public, will center around "The Great Stories: Narratives of the Old Testament."

**CALVIN COLLEGE - For over twenty years the "January Series"** of Calvin College has offered a free liberal arts education for all during 15 days in January. The January Series 2010 begins Jan. 6 and continues weekdays through Jan. 26. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin's campus for the daily noontime lectures; others will join the conversation by watching the live feed at 28 remote Web cast sites across the continent, while others will listen online. For information about the speakers, topics, and listening options visit [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january).

**CALVIN COLLEGE - Chicagoland students can visit Calvin College** the weekend of Jan. 15-16 by taking a bus that will pick students up in Chicago--and it is free of charge. The bus is leaving on Friday morning for a weekend of campus tours and activities before returning Saturday night. For a full schedule and to register go to [www.calvin.edu/go/chicagoland](http://www.calvin.edu/go/chicagoland) or call 800.688.0122. Parents and chaperones stay free in the college's Prince Conference Center.

**CHICAGO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER** is offering a support group, **WAITING in Still Waters**, for couples sharing the struggle of infertility. The group is facilitated by Rev. Marj Kooy, MDiv, BCC, and will meet in our Orland Park office the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Cost \$25/session per couple. For registration/more info call (708) 845-5500 or go online at [www.chicagochristiancounseling.org](http://www.chicagochristiancounseling.org).



Below you will find the **Mission Statement** of LCM. This is what we intend to be about and that for which we wish to be held accountable. Is it working for you? Let us know. Is it not working for you? By all means, speak to a member of our steering team and we will make adjustments. We firmly believe that this is what God has called and positioned us to do.

As People who belong to God we welcome you, accept you for who you are, and believe you are valuable to our community. To equip you for a life of security in God alone, we will pray with you, walk with you, study God's word with you, be accountable with you, and worship with you. You will be challenged to speak about the hope you have in Christ to an inquiring world. We will provide you with opportunities to show and tell of God's reconciling love.

**Pastor:** Timothy H. Douma **Steering Council:** Kristin VanEngen (Chair), Rebecca Reed, Corwin Will

**Treasurer:** Tim Wurpts

**Prayer Coordinator:** Lexi Wurpts

**Ministry Coordinator:** Jim Bosman

**Missionaries:** John Hoekwater - Rogers Park; John Zayas - Hermosa; Rosetta Polk-Pugh - Campus

**OFFICE SCHEDULE:** Office hours are by appointment, generally Monday through Thursday

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** (Please call the church office for further information)

◇ Opportunities to help with Rogers Park and Hermosa Church Planting Ministries

◇ Volunteer commitment surveys are available at the church office.

**REGULAR MEETINGS:** ◇ The Steering Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

◇ The Worship Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

◇ Small groups meet during the week throughout the city.

◇ You are invited to speak with Tim, or a member of the steering council about starting a new group