



HOPE

WE HAVE GATHERED AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

First Sunday of Advent ☩ Communion Sunday

December 2, 2018

8:00 a.m.

The Church at Litchfield Park, aspiring to be as inclusive as the love of God, welcomes everyone who comes to the doors of this House of Prayer for all People.



CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Largo”
Mary Wilkening, cello

G. F. Handel

WELCOME, REGISTRATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“African Noel”

Victor Johnson

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Megan Starses and Corinne Vasiloff

☩ HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

No. 244

ANTHEM

“Et in Terra Pax (*And on Earth, Peace*)”

John Purifoy

SCRIPTURE READING

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 1:3-10
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SERMON

“Hope is a Plan”

Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.

☩ HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
(Verses 1 & 4)

No. 250

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

All of God’s people are invited to the Lord’s table—member and visitor alike. It is our custom to wait for all communicants to be served and then to eat and drink together as a family of faith. The inner rings of each tray contain sacramental wine, and the outside ring of each tray contains grape juice. The biscuits in the cup are gluten free.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

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Victor Johnson

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Steve & Kelly Jeffries

☩ LITANY FOR ADVENT--HOPE:

L: Today we gather on this first Sunday of Advent to contemplate hope.

P: Jesus is the hope of the world.

L: Hope is born out of hopelessness, hardship and strife.

P: Jesus is the hope of the world.

L: Hope is a plan, the pathway out of a difficult situation.

P: Jesus is the hope of the world.

L: Hope is only visible in action. Like the wind, we can only see the effects of hope moving in people's lives.

P: Jesus is the hope of the world.

L: Hope is a goal, a purpose, a destination. For those who believe, Jesus is that hope.

All: Jesus is the hope of the world. Amen.

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PASTORAL PRAYER**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**OFFERTORY**"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
Jill Tabata, piano

arr. Michael T. Smith

✠"DOXOLOGY"

No. 815

✠"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

No. 245

"O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!"

✠BENEDICTION**✠POSTLUDE**

"Emmanuel"

McGee

✠ CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND (AS YOU ARE ABLE).

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PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Ed & Myla Lord

☩ PRAISE OF CONGREGATION “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Deale/Helmore

☩ PRAISE OF CONGREGATION “O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore You”
Oakeley/Wade/Baloche/Janis

CCLI Song #7100948

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☩ PRAISE OF CONGREGATION “Christmas Medley”
Wesley/Prichard/Carpenter/Montgomery/Smart
CCLI Song #1459484

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“Emmanuel”

Chris Tomlin

Greg Herzner, soloist

☩ “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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Announcements for December 2, 2018

Take time to check out what's happening...	
√ Christmas Angel Project	√ Christmas Pageant
√ Adult Bible Study	√ Poinsettias
√ Holidays with Orpheus	√ Christmas Caroling
√ Youth Fellowship & Band	√ Ladies Who Lunch
√ 4C	√ Luminarias
√ Pastoral Search Committee	

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT



The Missions Committee has chosen North Carolina-Hurricane Florence disaster relief for the focus of the Christmas Angel Project this year. **You will be given the opportunity to donate to the relief efforts on December 2nd, 9th and 16th, between Sunday services in the breezeway.** A card made by our Sunday school classes and youth groups will be available to each donor to be signed and sent along

with the disaster relief funds to be received by those in need during these devastating times.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible study continues **Tuesday, December 4, at 10:00 a.m.** and **Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. in Souers Hall.** Please read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Philippians 2:1-13; John 13:1-17 prior to our time together if possible since we'll be considering them while we explore the location of Priene in Turkey. As always, please bring a Bible and something to write with if you are able to.

HOLIDAYS WITH ORPHEUS

Orpheus Male Chorus presents its annual "Holidays with Orpheus" concert **Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3:00 p.m.** at The Church at Litchfield Park. We will feature traditional and contemporary holiday songs along with our audience sing-a-long featuring everyone's favorite Christmas carols.

Admission to Holidays with Orpheus is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students for tickets purchased in advance at www.orpheus.org. Tickets purchased in advance are being sold online only. Admission is \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and students for tickets purchased at the door. Purchase your tickets early to save and get a seat! Children 12 and under are admitted free.



YOUTH PRAISE BAND

The youth praise band (grades 6th-12th) will meet at 3:00 p.m. today in the **choir room**.

PULSE AND IGNITE

Come and join in the great fun, activities, and discussion at youth group! **Ignite – grades 6th-8th – will meet from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**; **Pulse – grades 9th-12th – will meet from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** The Christmas party for the youth groups will be on Sunday, December 9. Youth should bring a wrapped White Elephant gift and be prepared to have a great time celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHOIR

4C is singing **TODAY** for the W.C.S.F. Christmas Tea! Please meet in the Fireside Room at 2:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please plan to come and witness the beauty of “Nativity: A Traditional Story of the Birth of Jesus Christ” written by Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr., and performed by the children on **Sunday, December 23, at 10:45 a.m. in Souers Hall**.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias for the Christmas season are on sale in the breezeway between services. This is a chance to remember a loved one, praise someone, or simply spread the spirit of Christmas with the enduring red bloom that represents a deep love for Jesus. The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary and Souers Hall with the honorees' names listed in the bulletin. The price is \$10.00 cash or check made payable to The Church at Litchfield Park with “poinsettias” in the memo line. Payments must be received by Sunday, December 9.

ALL CHURCH CAROLING

Come ready to sing Christmas carols the evening of **Sunday, December 16**. We will meet in the parking lot and load on the hay wagons at 5:00 p.m. After singing Christmas carols around Litchfield Park, we will have hot chocolate, cookies, and possibly a visit from a jolly man dressed in red!

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ladies Who Lunch will meet at Mimi's Café, 1225 N. Dysart Rd., on **Tuesday, December 11, at 12:30 p.m.** Contact Suzanne Boyer or Joan Cappel with any questions at ladieswholunch@clp.church or call the church office at (623) 935-3411. Please sign up in the breezeway. All women are welcome.



Luminaria

LUMINARIAS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Traditionally the church has been adorned by luminarias on Christmas Eve. If you would like to participate in this beautiful ministry to our community, please sign-up in the breezeway or contact the church office at (623) 935-3411.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

With the recent resignation of Pastor Dale, a Pastoral Search Committee was appointed and has begun their work. They have advertised in various publications and websites and have already received several applications and resumes. The committee will continue the review process over the next several weeks. Once they have a recommendation, that recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Directors, and if they approve the recommended pastor, the name will be presented to the congregation in a special meeting. The new senior pastor will be confirmed with the approval of two thirds of the congregation in attendance at the congregational meeting. If you have comments or questions, feel free to contact any of the committee members. They are Travis Allen, chairman, Danelle Farris, Chris Martin, Virgil Grumbling, Suzanne Boyer, Rob Gimbl, and Manda Gempler.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

<i>Dec 9</i>	<i>8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service</i>	<i>Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.</i>
<i>Dec 16</i>	<i>8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service</i>	<i>Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.</i>
<i>Dec 23</i>	<i>8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. Cantata 10:45 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant</i>	
<i>Dec. 24</i>	<i>5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services</i>	<i>Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.</i>
<i>Dec 30</i>	<i>8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship Service</i>	<i>Rev. Lynne Kammeraad</i>

The Church at Litchfield Park

Christmas Calendar 2018

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun. Dec 2	1st Sunday of Advent - Hope W.C.S.F. Christmas Tea	8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Souers Hall
Sun. Dec. 9	2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace Featuring Handbell Choirs Orpheus Male Choir Ignite Christmas Party Pulse Christmas Party	8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Sanctuary Watt House Watt House
Sun. Dec. 16	3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy Christmas Caroling Sunday School Christmas Party	8:00, 9:15, 10:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 9:15, 10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Souers Hall Classrooms
Sun. Dec. 23	4th Sunday of Advent - Love Cantata Christmas Pageant	8:00, 9:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Souers Hall
Mon. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Chancel Singers Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Choir Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Choir Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Bells	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
Tue. Dec. 25	Christmas Day - Office Closed		
Wed. Dec. 26	Christmas Holiday - Office Closed		



Calendar for the Week of December 2, 2018

Today, 12/02/18

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP – In the breezeway before and after worship

INFORMATION TABLE – In the breezeway and in front lawn area before and after worship

- ◆ 8:00 a.m. – **WORSHIP SERVICE** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 8:00 a.m. – **NURSERY (Newborn-2 years old)**
- ◆ 9:15 a.m. – **WORSHIP SERVICE** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 9:15 a.m. – **NURSERY (Newborn-2 years old)**
- ◆ 9:15 a.m. – **PRE-K SUNDAY SCHOOL (3-4 year olds)** in Classroom 6
- ◆ 9:15 a.m. – **SUNDAY SCHOOL (K-5th grades)** in Classroom 3 and Souers Hall
- ◆ 10:45 a.m. – **WORSHIP SERVICE** in Sanctuary
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- ◆ 11:45 a.m. – **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 2:00 p.m. – **W.C.S.F. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 3:00 p.m. – **YOUTH PRAISE BAND** in Choir Room
- ◆ 4:30 p.m. – **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. – **PULSE YOUTH GROUP** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 6:00 p.m. – **BOY SCOUT TROOP 99** in Watt House

Monday, 12/03/18

- ◆ 12:00 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House

Tuesday, 12/04/18

- ◆ 10:00 a.m. – **BIBLE STUDY** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 12:00 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House
- ◆ 7:00 p.m. – **BOY SCOUT TROOP 99 PARENT MEETING** in Watt House

Wednesday, 12/05/18

- ◆ 12:00 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House
- ◆ 4:30 p.m. – **HEAVENLY HANDBELL REHEARSAL** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. – **CHILD CARE** in Nursery
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. – **4C (Grades K-5)** in Fireside Room North
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **BIBLE STUDY** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **PACK #990** in Watt House, Fireside Room North, Classroom 2,4,6 & Zieske Hall
- ◆ 6:45 p.m. – **CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL** in Choir Room

Thursday, 12/06/18

- ◆ 5:45 p.m. – **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL** in Souers Hall
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **PACK 990 COMMITTEE MEETING** in Fireside Room North
- ◆ 7:00 p.m. – **CARILLON HANDBELL REHEARSAL** in Sanctuary
- ◆ 7:30 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House

Friday, 12/07/18

- ◆ 1:00 p.m. – **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP** in Zieske Hall
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. – **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in Watt House

Saturday, 12/08/18

- ◆ 7:30 a.m. – **BOY SCOUT TROOP 99 PARADE** off site
- ◆ 9:00 a.m. – **HANDBELL REHEARSAL** in Sanctuary

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

SENIOR PASTOR. Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr.
ASSOCIATE PASTOR. Rev. Lynne Kammeraad
ASSOCIATE PASTOR Rev. Kerri Sandusky
CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR Jill Tabata
10:45 CHOIR DIRECTOR. Amy Burns
ORGANIST/PIANIST. Kathy Drake
LITURGIST. Jennifer Sullivan
USHERS 8:00 a.m. Rick & Lee Miller, Alan & Lisa Warne, Jr.,
Stu & Mary Wilkening, Stephen & Marjorie Koval
9:15 a.m. Robert Gimbl, Suzanne Boyer, Walter & Diane Piehl,
Jerry & Jill Santy, Hank Tokarz & Sharon Kozak
10:45 a.m. Joan Smith, Suzanne Allen, Bob & Beth Hatch
WELCOME BOOTH Kathy Broom, W.C.S.F.
ACOLYTES Zachary Kerfoot, Stella Waltman
NURSERY. .8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Kristin McNamara, Stephanie Horacek



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The Ministers of this Church are its members

Assisting them are:

Rev. Dale L. Hopely, Jr., Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Lynne Kammeraad, Associate Pastor

Rev. Kerri Sandusky, Associate Pastor

Rev. Judson Souers, Pastor Emeritus