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## Sundays at North

### Sunday Morning Hospitality

*All are welcome*

- 8:30-10:15: Community Room
- Following 11:00 service:  
Community Room

### Childcare During Worship

*Provided for infants-4 year olds  
during both worship services &  
Sunday School*

- Infant/Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102

### Sunday School (9:45-10:45):

#### Adult Sunday School

- Affirming Group: Room 202
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Usual Suspects: Room 004
- Power & Light: Room 205

#### Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade—101
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade—104
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade—203

#### Youth Sunday School

- Middle School: Room 207
- High School: Room 008
- Confirmation: Club Room

#### Music

**(Following 11 a.m. service)**

- Carolers: Conference Room
- Choristers: Room 004

## The Happenings

*Details can be found in the weekly eNews, social media, bulletin boards or the Fall Book.*

Today:

- Interfaith Hospitality Network sign ups in the West Entry.
- Christmas Eve children & youth dress rehearsal, noon.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve services:

- **Children and Families Service, 5 p.m.**  
Special music by children's and youth choirs and the meaning of Christmas re-imagined through a North Church original drama performed by children and youth. (Please bring diapers and wipes for Exodus Refugee Immigration)
- **Celebration of Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m.**
- **Festival of Lessons and Carols, 11 p.m.**  
(Prelude music begins at 10:30 p.m.)

Dec. 30: Last Sunday of the Year service, 11 a.m. (Only one worship service at 11 a.m.; no Sunday School and no child care.)

Jan. 4: Young Adult Game Night, 7-11 p.m. at the Gifford residence, 1931 E. 79th Street. Please RSVP by Jan. 2 to Cory Unthank at CoryUnthank@NorthChurchIndy.com.

Jan. 5: Yoga classes begins for all ages and abilities, 9 a.m. for eight weeks, Room 203, \$5 per class. Please register by e-mailing Pastor Diane at DGattone@NorthChurchIndy.com.

Jan. 6: Volunteers needed to help host East Tenth UMC community dinner, 3:45 p.m.

Jan. 6-13: Volunteers needed as we host Interfaith Hospitality Network families; please sign up at the Hospitality Desk.

Jan. 20: "Breaking the Chains": panel discussion on human trafficking, 5-7 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service, 10 a.m., Chapel.

Jan. 23: Women of Lydia Circle meeting, 7 p.m., Club Room.

Jan. 24: Miriam Circle meeting, noon, Parlor.

Jan. 27: Taizé service, 5 p.m., Chapel.

Feb. 3: Volunteers needed to help host East Tenth UMC community dinner starting at 3:45 p.m.

Wednesdays in February beginning Feb. 6: Book study on "What is the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian? A Guide to What Matters Most" by Martin Thielen, Thr3e Wise Men Brewing Co., 1021 Broad Ripple Ave.

Feb. 9: North Church Night with the Pacers, 7 p.m., please purchase tickets at the Hospitality Desk by Jan. 6.



## December 23, 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. R. Hobby

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronnie Bell

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Not in the mighty place of power, but in a barn out back:

**People: The Messiah is coming.**

Leader: Not born of nobility, but of Mary who surrendered all:

**People: The Messiah is coming.**

Leader: Not announced by kings,  
but by Elizabeth who was the first to know:

**People: The Messiah is coming.**

Leader: Nothing will be impossible with God,  
whom we find among the straw and the stars:

**People: The Messiah is coming.**

\*OPENING HYMN #202 *People, Look East*

CAROLERS' ANTHEM 11:00 *Deo!* J.A. Shafferman  
Denise Caraher, director; James Caraher, piano;  
Michael O'Neill, Evan Cahoon, percussion; Maryjane Wolfe, soloist

*Deo! Deo! Gloria, gloria in excelsis!*  
Children, come with us to Bethlehem, everybody hear the angels sing,  
Children, come with us to Bethlehem, everybody now adore the King.  
Hear the angels singing Deo, Deo! In excelsis Deo gloria!

Shepherds, leave your sheep and come with us, guided by the shining star  
so bright. All are welcome here in Bethlehem, see the Babe who is the Lord of Light.  
Hear the angels singing Deo, Deo! In excelsis Deo gloria!

We are marching through the starry night to a humble little cattle stall.  
We are marching to the Lord of Light, tiny Child who is the King of all.  
Hear the angels singing Deo, Deo! In excelsis Deo gloria!  
Hear the angels singing Deo, Deo! In excelsis Deo gloria Deo!

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

→ Please tear here.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Mighty One,  
who scatters the proud  
and fills the hungry,  
by your Holy Spirit  
let your word leap in us  
and bring to our yearning  
the joy that comes with  
new beginnings and renewed lives. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Micah 5:2-5a Pew Bible, OT, pg. 815

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES 8:30 The Hamstra Family  
11:00 Cahoon Family

Leader: During Advent we remember God's faithfulness shown to us.  
**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's humility set before us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's commands,  
spoken to us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's incredible love  
shared with us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Congregational Response *God is Near* arr. J. Raney

Lis - ten to the an - gels, hear the mes - sage they bring;  
5 tell - ing the news of a com - ing King; fill - ing the  
10 world with hope and good cheer. Je - sus, Em - man - u - el, —  
15 — God is near. —

INVITATION TO PRAYER Ronnie Bell

HYMN OF PRAYER #230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* vs. 1-2

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy . . .

**People: Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

HYMN OF PRAYER #230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* vs. 3-4

OFFERTORY PRAYER Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Magnificat* H. Howells  
from *Gloucester Service*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth  
all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and  
holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all  
generations. He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in  
the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and  
hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and  
the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his  
servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

\*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 10:5-10 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 210

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Advent Letter #4: Letters to God* Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #238 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
Joyful Noise; Mark Gilgallon, director

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the  
mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds feared and trembled,  
when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's  
birth. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is  
born!

POSTLUDE *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* arr. D. Lasky

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- Wheelchair(s) located in west entry
- Wheelchair and elevator access in the west and southwest entries
- Pew cutouts in Sanctuary for wheelchairs
- Hearing enhancement devices available at welcome desk in west entry and tables in east entry of Sanctuary
- Large print hymnals and bulletins available from ushers

Children

We love children to join us in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available for infants-4 year olds in rooms on the main floor. Worship bags are available for all kids in the east entry.

This week's worship leaders:

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