



Kenilworth Union Church  
November 22, 2020  
Christ the King Sunday  
The Threshold of Advent  
8:30 a.m. Outdoor

Prelude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Mains and Kartsonakis

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Ministry of Music *O Come, O Come Immanuel* Natalie Sleeth

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
Come now to earth and with thy people dwell,  
The world awaits from heav'n a holy sign,  
O come and show to us the light divine.

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
As age to age the prophets did foretell;  
Redeemer, come to save us one and all,  
Be born again in Beth'hem's manger stall.

For thy coming we prepare,  
Wisdom from on high,  
Gracious spirit, Lord most fair:  
To us draw nigh.

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
And free thy children, come now to Israel,  
Be now our hope, our comfort from God above,  
O bless us all with everlasting love.  
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Prayers of the People

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Sermon

*Advent Practices for the Shortest Days and Darkest Nights*

November 22	<i>Friendship</i>	Mary & Elizabeth	Luke 1:39–45
November 29	<i>Song</i>	Mary's Magnificat	Luke 1:46–55
December 6	<i>Sleep &amp; Dreams</i>	Joseph's Dreams	Matthew 1:18–25
December 13	<i>Look to the Sky</i>	Shepherds & Magi	Matthew 2:1–12
December 20	<i>Wonder</i>	Mary's Ponderings	Luke 2:19
December 24	<i>Darkness</i>	Christ the Light	John 1:1–5, 14

Benediction

Postlude *To God Be the Glory* arr. Todd Billingsley

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### Worship Note

The idea for this sermon series is from Jan Richardson's article "[This Luminous Darkness: Searching for Solace in Advent and Christmas](#)," in *The Advent Door*, December 17, 2015. A Methodist minister, poet, and artist from Florida, the Reverend Richardson lost her husband Garrison Doles, 62, on the second day of Advent, 2013, after what was supposed to be routine surgery. These Advent meditations are part of her response to that devastating loss.

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### Participants:

- Ryan Belongie, Assistant Director of Children's and Bell Choirs and Rejoice Singers, Soloist
- William Evertsberg, Senior Minister, Preacher
- Jo Forrest, Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist
- Joel Fox, Audio and Video
- Susan Klotzbach, Pianist
- Paul Sortal, Usher

**Milestones:** The congregation celebrates the birth of Paxton Johnson on November 8, son of Rob and Stacey Johnson, and grandson of Joan O'Neill. We welcome to baptism at the Thanksgiving Worship, Liam Samuel Schirmang, son of Anton and Jessica Schirmang.

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COVID-19 Updates:** please click through to view the church's guidelines and check the calendar for the latest updates.

## WORSHIP

**Listen to Bill's Twilight Chat:** Bill wonders why the joyful Advent season is so much shorter than the sad season of Lent, but offers hope and balance as he introduces the Advent sermon series: Advent Practices for the Shortest Days and Darkest Nights.



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November 29	Song	Mary's Magnificat
December 6	Sleep & Dreams	Joseph the Beautiful Dreamer
December 13	Look up	Shepherds & Magi
December 20	Wonder	Mary Kept All These Things...
December 24	Darkness	A Light Shines in the Darkness

**Registration for Next Sunday's Outdoor Worship:** Meet in the Memorial Garden at 8:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Online Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

**Thanksgiving Worship:** Join us [livestream](#) for a casual service of gratitude on Thursday, November 26 at 10:30 a.m.

**Mid-Day Prayer:** Each week a new liturgy is offered [livestream](#) this week at 12:15 p.m. We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures, hear a brief reflection. On Tuesday, November 24 we will pray for the following: J Randall Simonds, Richard & Bonnie Simonds, John & Laura Simpson, Ron Sipiora and Gretchen Bodum, Greg & Patti Skirving, Sharon Smarsh & Jim Beyl, Sue Smart, Rick & Holly Smirl, Don & Zig Smith, Ned Smith & Erin McShane-Smith, Garret & Mary Smith, Ralph & Sallie Smith, Jeffrey Snell, Robert & Chris Snell, Andrew & Tonje Snow, John Snyder & Mignon Dupepe, Laura & Scott Snyder, Sigrid Sola, Tor & Jen Solberg, and Marguerite-Tommy Solberg.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** Follow [@kucyouth](#) **instagram**

**CORE Friendsgiving:** Current members and alumni are invited to this year's Online Friendsgiving.

**Junior High Youth Group Secret Santa COVID-safe:** Please register for this gift exchange by Monday, November 30 so we can secretly participate safely without contact.

**Junior High Youth Group** is now online, the next meeting is Wednesday, December 2 at 6 p.m.

**College Break Work Day:** Volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository in Chicago on Wednesdays, December 2 and/or 16 from 1–4 p.m. or College Break Work Day at [Humble Design](#) on Wednesday, December 9 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY\***

**Children and Family Ministry is now online only.** Following the recommendation of the Illinois Department of Public Health, with love for our neighbors, and to limit community spread so that kids can remain in school, all Children and Family Ministry will pivot online through Christmas.

**Still Shines the Star:** Children's Christmas Eve 11 a.m. [livestream](#) and available anytime after. Amy Castino, Greta Connor, Christine Hides and Katie Lancaster will lead a special Christmas Eve service for children. Join us for the Christmas story, songs, prayers, and a special star blessing.

**Sunday School During Advent:** November 29–December 20 Children and Family Ministry will meet online at 9 a.m. for a 30 minute Family Advent Chapel. There will be music, prayers, activities, and of course, Advent Candles. The online link and supply list will be sent in the weekly newsletter or contact [Greta Connor](#) for assistance.

**Weekday Storytime:** Join us online, Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 1–17 at 4 p.m. as we read a cozy Christmas story together to wind down the day. Christine Hides and Greta Connor share their favorite illustrated books of the season and close in a prayer of gratitude. Contact [Greta Connor](#) or visit [CONNECT](#) for the online link.

\*Please note that there is no 3rd grade Bible or other classes during Advent. New Sunday Faith Time Classes will begin on January 10, 2020.

## **RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**Quick Fact:** From 1864 to 1938 the Homestead Act provided over 270 million acres of land free to over 1.6 million Americans. Only about 5,000 Blacks or 0.3% of the total were able to obtain land. The idea that freed slaves received “40 acres and a mule” from the government is a fallacy. [RJC website](#)

## OUTREACH

**Lawrence Hall Christmas “Wish List” Drive:** Please consider brightening the holiday for a child this Christmas. Register here to receive a specific child’s “Wish List” By Tuesday, December 1. Drop off gifts the morning of Saturday, December 7. Touchless options are available.

**Become an Outreach Agency Liaison:** Over 70 members of the congregation serve as liaisons to the not-for-profit agencies that apply for grants from the Kenilworth Union Outreach Fund. Liaisons are a critical link between the Outreach Committee and these agencies, both ensuring the Outreach Committee is fully informed about the agency’s leadership, programs, financial condition, and volunteer opportunities, as well as advocating for the agency. This year we need two individuals to serve as liaisons to Deborah’s Place and St. Leonard’s Ministries. You will each have a co-liaison to partner with. If you are interested in serving as a liaison, please contact Chris Cole or Wendy Yamada.

**Day by Day Calendar:** A cherished tradition at Kenilworth Union since 1979, our desktop flip calendars contain 365 days of spiritual, humorous, and inspirational quotes. The calendars make great gifts and are available at the front desk for \$10 each, please make an appointment before stopping in. All proceeds from the calendars’ sale benefit our Outreach Agencies.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Miya Higashiyama, Hymn Soloist and Susan Klotzbach, Organist perform *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*. Thank you for the gift of music.

## GREEN TEAM

**Something to ponder from the Green Team:** “Earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s needs, but not every man’s greed.” Mahatma Gandhi, 1869–1948

## PASTORAL CHANGES AT KENILWORTH UNION CHURCH

Jo Forrest is transitioning from Kenilworth Union to begin a new call at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

## AJN PRESCHOOL

**Registration:** Open Sun., Nov. 1 for the 2021–22 School Year: Visit [ajoyfulnoisepreschool.com](http://ajoyfulnoisepreschool.com) to register.

## FELLOWSHIP

**First Wednesday Invitation:** Kenilworth Union Church First Wednesday Family invites you to join them for “A Gift of Music” on Wednesday, December 2 at 1 p.m. online for a free concert! Josefien Stoppelenburg (soprano) and Stephen Alltop (harpsichord, piano and organ) will share a variety of music from their recent video concerts, including selections by J. S. Bach, Stacy Garrop, Charles Gounod, G. F. Handel and Eric Whitacre. There will be a brief carol sing-along will end the program. Connect here at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Christ the King—Advent Sermons begin at Kenilworth Union

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[COVID-19 UPDATES](#)

Sun., Nov. 22	6 a.m.	The Weary World Rejoices Daily Devotional—Online
	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship—Memorial Garden
	9 a.m.	This Is Our Prayer—Self-Paced
	9 a.m.	Family Chapel—Online
	9:25 a.m.	Enter In to Worship—Prepare with Children & Family Ministry Video
	9:30 a.m.	Online Worship with Communion—Livestream
	11 a.m.	Digging Deeper—Online
	11 a.m.	Third Grade Bible—Online
	10:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class—Online
Mon., Nov. 23		AJN Preschool Begin Thanksgiving Break
	6 a.m.	The Weary World Rejoices Daily Devotional—Online
	4 p.m.	Katie Lancaster Virtual Office Hours—Online
Tues., Nov. 24	6 a.m.	The Weary World Rejoices Daily Devotional—Online
	12:15 p.m.	Mid-Day Prayer—Livestream
	7 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision—Online
Wed., Nov. 25	6 a.m.	The Weary World Rejoices Daily Devotional—Online
	10 a.m.	Men's Coffee—Online
	6 p.m.	CORE Friendsgiving—Online
	7 p.m.	Wednesday Chat with Bill Evertsberg—Online
Thur., Nov. 26		Thanksgiving—Church and Office closed
	6 a.m.	The Weary World Rejoices Daily Devotional—Online
	10:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship with Communion and Baptism—Online
Fri., Nov. 27		Thanksgiving—Church and Office closed
	6 a.m.	The Weary World Rejoices Daily Devotional—Online
Sat., Nov. 28	6 a.m.	The Weary World Rejoices Daily Devotional—Online

**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.**

**If you would like to learn more, please contact The Reverend Dr. Jo Forrest or a Stephen Leader.**

Care Guild Leader for November is Hope Poor.

To let us know where help is needed, call Care Guild at (847)853-3534