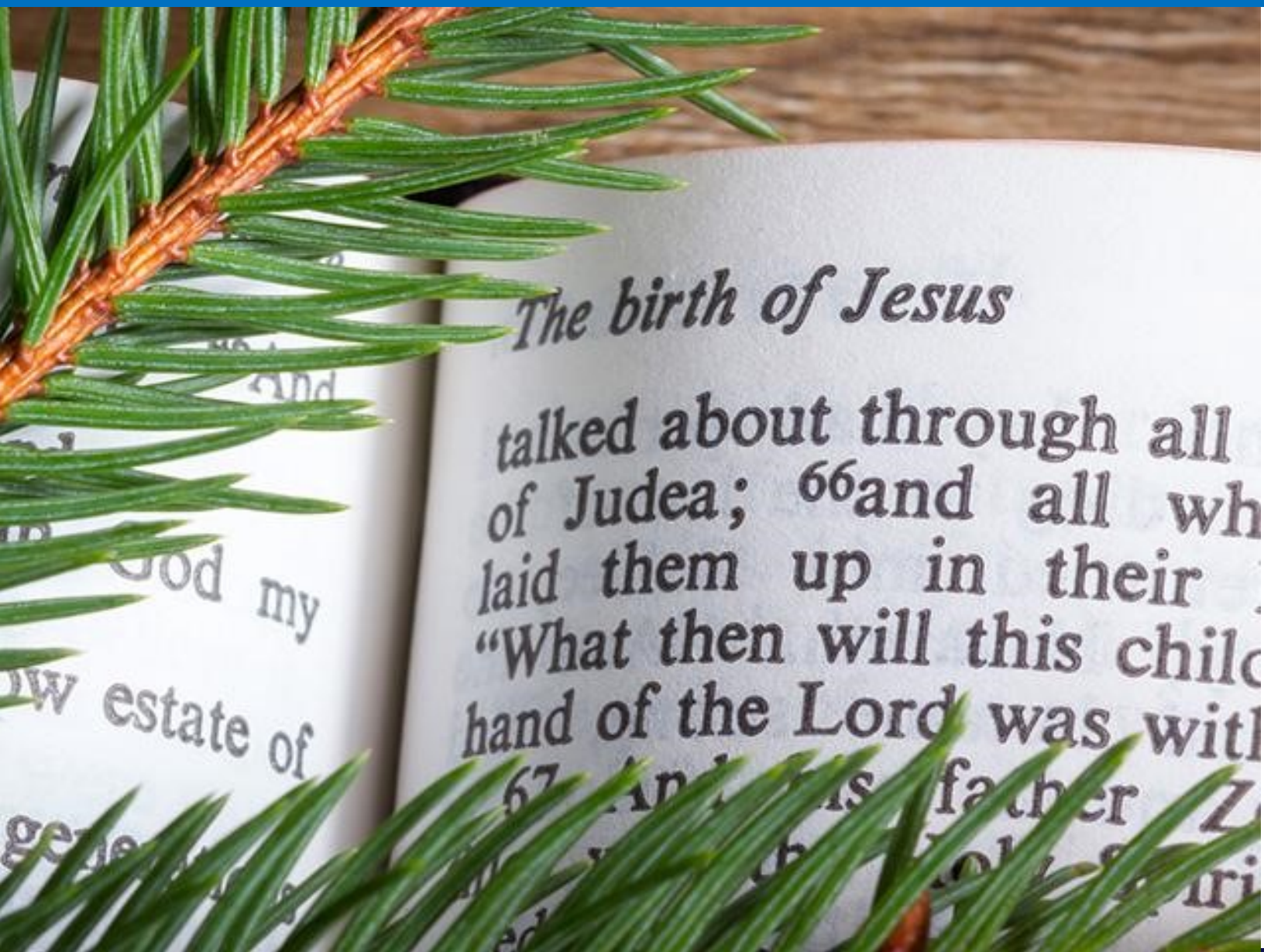




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## EXPANDED ADVENT

### An Introduction to an Expanded Advent

The season of Advent is about far more than just a countdown to Christmas,  
a countdown to the baby Jesus in the manger.

The season of Advent is about Christ's coming –

*Christ's coming to us, yes, as both human and divine in the first century,  
but also Christ's coming to us in Word and Sacrament whenever these are shared,  
and also in Christ's coming again to bring to the fullness of the reign of God,  
that time when peace will prevail, when justice will be fulfilled,  
and love will be all in all. That time we await with great longing!*

This is a lot to cover in just *four* weeks.

Now, of course, we dwell in these themes in varying ways throughout other seasons as well, but attention to Christ's coming is at the forefront our minds in the season of Advent.

We know that at various points in history, the church observed Advent for different lengths of time, finally settling on a common practice of four weeks around the seventh or eighth century. However in our present time, these weeks are often so overwhelmed with Christmas socials and parties, concerts, cookie baking, and more, that rarely can we fully dwell in the larger themes.

It is interesting to me that those who compiled the Revised Common Lectionary, which is the series of readings that guide our worship life, already realized that covering these many ways in which Christ comes to us was too much for just four weeks. And so the readings that end the church year, in the month of November, already turn our eyes and attention to these different ways – particularly Christ's coming to reign once and for all.

And folks have begun to wonder – what would it be like to commemorate Advent for seven weeks rather than the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, and more? What would it look like to start turning our eyes toward Christ's coming before we put up the Christmas trees and send Christmas cards (if you even do those anymore!) and go Christmas shopping (ok – I know some of you start that in January...)?

This year we will try an experiment, an experiment that a good number of congregations are trying across numerous denominations – Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, etc.

I believe that experiments are what will keep our faith and our spirituality alive.

Experiments are opportunities to meet God in a new way.







# Ministry Life

We'll start celebrating Advent on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, but instead of using the common themes of hope, peace, joy, and love as our guide, we'll be using the traditional 'O Antiphons,' some of the various names of God, as our guide:



November 10 – O Wisdom



November 17 – O Adonai



November 24 – O King of the Nations

## Advent



December 1 – O Root of Jesse



December 8 – O Key of David



December 15 – O Morning Star



December 22 – O Emmanuel



As we light candles on a wreath to mark time,  
as we explore the many ways we encounter the Triune God  
of these many name  
we will experience the season of Advent anew this year.

I pray that you will join us on this journey of being attuned to  
God's coming –  
in history, in our midst now, and in that awaited future!

## REGULAR WORSHIP

Sundays, 9 am

Family Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesdays, 6:45 pm

Dinner Church (Dec 4—18)

**God loves you as you are** - *your race, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, age, socio-economic and employment status, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, and religious background* - **and so do we! You are welcome here!**



## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

### CHRISTMAS EVE

#### 4 pm: Family Christmas Worship and Holy Communion

*Bring the whole family, friends, and neighbors to our joyous Christmas Eve Worship with candlelight, brass band, and carols.*

#### 11 pm: Christ Mass

*Join us for our candlelit service of Holy Communion, to sing carols, hear the joyous word of the birth of our Savior, and welcome in Christmas Day.*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

#### 9 am: Lessons and Carols

*Come sing carols and listen to the readings of the full Christmas Story.*

### EPIPHANY (January 5)

#### 9 am: Festive Worship

*Celebrate with the magi the greatest gift we have been given this season.*



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please save the date for our annual congregation meeting on January 19, 2019 following worship.

Council will be considering new candidates for its membership at its December meeting. If you have any interest in serving the church in this capacity, please let Pastor Kyle or Steve Parks know.

**Council liaisons and team leaders:** Team annual reports are due **no later than 1/2/19**.

Please submit to Gemma in a WORD document format. Gemma will organize these reports for distribution to the congregation. Thanks for your attention to this and your leadership of these teams.





# Worship

## WORSHIP SERVERS THIS SEASON

Date	Comm. Asst.	Sacristan	A.M.	Reader	Ushers	Greeter	Crucifer	Acolytes
Dec 1	Ellen B.	Elaine	Melanie	Michael W.	Sharon & Bill	Maxine	N/A	N/A
Dec 8	Michael S.	Nancy	Clyde	Kate S.	Gayle & Lyle	Cynthia	N/A	N/A
Dec 15	Nancy	Maxine	Terri	Marzee	Sharon & Bill	Gayle A.	N/A	N/A
Dec 22	Don	Pam	Gayle A	Nancy	Mimi & Ron	Steve P.	N/A	N/A
Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.	ROBE Ellen B.	ROBE Maxine	ROBE Michael W.	Gemma & Joe	Doug & Lynne	Gayle A.	Clyde	Ellen & Joe
Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m.	ROBE Pam	ROBE Elaine	ROBE Clyde	Bonnie	Sharon & Bill	Elaine	N/A	N/A
Dec 29	Melanie	Elaine	Terri	Melanie	Doug & Lynne	Sharon	N/A	N/A
Jan 5 Epiphany	ROBE Ellen	ROBE LuAnn	ROBE Melanie	Kate S.	Sharon & Bill	Cynthia	Clyde	Michael S. & Joe
Jan 12 Baptism of Our Lord	ROBE Michael S.	ROBE Nancy	ROBE Gayle A.	Michael W.	Pam & Bob	Rita	Melanie	Ellen & Joe
Jan 19	Don	Maxine	Terri	Marzee	Gayle & Lyle	LuAnn	N/A	N/A
Jan 26	Ellen	Elaine	Gayle A.	Nancy	Doug & Lynne	LuAnn	N/A	N/A
Feb 2 Presentation of Our Lord	ROBE Melanie	ROBE Pam	ROBE Michael W.	Bonnie	Sharon & Bill	Steve P.	Terri	Ellen & Michael S.
Feb 9	Michael S.	LuAnn	Clyde	Marzee	Mimi & Ron	Cynthia	N/A	N/A
Feb 16	Don	Maxine	Melanie	Kate S.	Pam & Bob	Sharon	N/A	N/A
Feb 23 Transfiguration of Our Lord	ROBE Melanie	ROBE Elaine	ROBE Terri	Michael W.	Gayle A. & Cynthia	LuAnn	Clyde	Michael S. & Joe

If you would like to be part of the serving team next season, please contact Melanie by the end of January.



## MUSIC NEWS



This year the Advent Season at

St. Philip is starting a few weeks earlier, giving us the opportunity to sing more Advent and Christmas hymns than we normally do.

In addition to singing during the regular Sunday services the choir will be part of the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity. We are the main choir and I would encourage anyone who enjoys singing to be join us. We will be singing one selection and will have three rehearsals after worship on November 10, 17

and 24 to practice. There is a rehearsal with the choirs from the other churches at Holy Trinity on Tuesday November 26 before the service. They will have practiced the selection on their own before that rehearsal. I will be both playing and directing the choir and it would be wonderful to have members of St. Philip there to support our choir and musicians in this event.

Just a reminder that the choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the sanctuary. We usually sing every Sunday. Even if you are unable to attend each Thursday practice or sing every Sunday you are still welcome to join us. We will be singing at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity on Tuesday, November 26th at 7pm and on Christmas Eve at St. Philip during the 4pm service.

The handbells will be playing on Christmas Eve at the 4pm service. Rehearsal times and locations will be announced soon, we would love anyone interested to join the team.

If you are interested in being part of the music program this Advent and Christmas season or any other time, please don't hesitate to contact me either in person or by email. We also invite anyone who is interested in playing or singing a solo during the worship services to make it known.

In keeping with our Invitational Church theme inviting a friend or coworker to be part of the music program would be a great opportunity to reach out to the community and this time of year would be a great time to do this.

Thank you to all who have participated in the music ministry so far this season and I look forward to a wonderful Advent and Christmas season.

Soli Deo Gloria, Kjell Hanson Minister of Music



## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**2328 Central Rd, Glenview, IL 60025**  
**847.724.6060**

**7:30 pm**

Keynote speaker:  
The Rev. Chris Neptun,  
Pastor, Trinity Lutheran

There will be a money offertory taken, and it will be split evenly between Wesley Child Care, Glenview Youth Services, and Character Counts in Glenview.

There will be a food offertory as well, and it will go to the Northfield Township Food Pantry.

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# Faith Formation

## GLOW: God's Love On Wednesdays



5:15—6:30 pm (January only)

### GLOW FORMATION

Gather with people of all ages for a meal, storytelling, crafts, games, music, and service projects to grow as disciples.

Invite friends, family and neighbors of every generation to join together in this fun exploration.

### GLOW FORMATION UNIT TWO:

#### GOD'S HEROES

Jan 8: God's Heroes Have Heart!

Jan 15: God's Heroes Have Courage!

Jan 22: God's Heroes Have Wisdom!

Jan 29: God's Heroes Have Power!

#### Dates for UNIT THREE:

March 4, 11, 18, April 1

5:45—6:45 pm

### GLOW DINNER CHURCH

**December 4, 11, 18**

Dinner Church is a meal together, as the early Christian Church would have done. The meal is interspersed with prayer, scripture reading, faith-based discussions, and communion.



There will be a sign up sheet if you wish to participate so that numbers are known for catering needs. The first meal will be provided by the church. The second and third meals will have dishes to sign up to bring. GLOW Dinner Church is for all ages.

6:45—8:00 pm

### GLOW EXPLORATION

**January 8 onwards**

Brimming with mysterious symbolism, Revelation is a book of hope that has sustained the oppressed through the ages, leading to a renewed creation in which God comes to live with us on earth. This brilliantly hope-filled vision speaks to us in the midst of the urgent crises of our day. In a time when all creation stands at a turning point, Revelation can help guide the choices we make as we seek to live into the renewal that God promises for the world.



Whether you are a seasoned student of the Bible or new to its study, gain a deeper understanding of this often misunderstood but ultimately reassuring text.

GLOW Exploration is an adult bible study.

## ADULT FORUM: Sundays after Worship

Resumes **January 26th** with a series called "**My Neighbor is a Muslim.**" It is a study designed to provide an introduction to Islam, promote cultural understanding and encourage interfaith dialogue. It is primarily to help those who are not Muslim to develop a basic understanding of the Muslim faith learn how we can be culturally sensitive and get to know our neighbors who are Muslim.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

**Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays 9 am | Men's Bible Study: Thursdays 10 am**

We study the upcoming readings for our Sunday worship service so that we can hear them with greater depth.



## ADVENT DEVOTIONS

# #AdventWord 2019

a daily devotion for the season

November 10: Living	November 25: Tree	December 10: Grace
November 11: Shaken	November 26: Remnant	December 11: Confess
November 12: Comfort	November 27: Grateful	December 12: Harmony
November 13: Power	November 28: Space	December 13: Water
November 14: Desire	November 29: Wait	December 14: Gather
November 15: Voice	November 30: Watch	December 15: Turn
November 16: Near	December 1: Unexpected	December 16: Learn
November 17: Stones	December 2: Visit	December 17: Pray
November 18: Sign	December 3: Time	December 18: Worship
November 19: Remembered	December 4: Humble	December 19: Bless
November 20: Creating	December 5: Raise	December 20: Go
November 21: Distress	December 6: House	December 21: Rest
November 22: Build	December 7: Unity	December 22: Restore
November 23: Plant	December 8: Worthy	December 23: Message
November 24: Answer	December 9: Root	December 24: Beloved

This Advent season why not take the #AdventWord challenge? The list above assigns one word to each day of Advent. On that day, reflect upon that word, look for it in your day, and share it.

You may see the actual word, or it may connect to an event in your day. The word may inspire a story of something in your own life, or connect to something you see on TV or read in a book. Record it in some way and share it.

### *Some ideas:*

- \* Take a photo of where you have seen the word or what the word represents
- \* Post on the St. Philip's Facebook page
- \* Share your story with friend or family member
- \* Keep a journal to share with others at Christmas





## ADVENT GLOWOS : Advent GLOW On Saturday



...Sipping at a cup of hot chocolate with whipped cream and a peppermint stick, carols being played on the piano, joyful voices singing, Christmas tree lights twinkling ...

...Hands coming together to serve as stockings are filled with essentials and treats for those who are finding themselves homeless this season, friends happily chatting as they work ...

...Decorations and ornaments coming together to be hung both at home and at church to prepare for a celebration of new birth and a King above all kings ...

...Every generation, sitting side by side, laughing and working together, being part of one family, one faith, one church, to celebrate the coming of the one true Messiah ...

...Friends old and new, invited to come together, to share in something wonderful...

**This is Advent GLOWOS.**

**Saturday, December 7, 3:30 pm. Adults and kids of all ages are invited. See you there!**

## CHRISTMAS DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT



**Join our St. Philip family for Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 7 after GLOWOS.**

Sign up in the hallway for number attending and type of dish to bring. Appetizers and Christmas Raffle tickets from 5:15 pm in the Narthex followed by dinner at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donated gifts for the raffle are very welcome. Tickets will be drawn during the evening entertainment show.

**Be part of the evening entertainment show!**

We need acts for our festive show, these can be in the form of songs, poems, skits, musical performance, talents, jokes, etc. Please sign up your name and act in the hallway. The show will begin after the Christmas Dinner back in the Sanctuary. Jen and Amy will be your coordinators.

We'll be in for a fun festive evening!



# Outreach & Fellowship

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



### THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Thank you to all those who helped fund items for the Christmas Stockings for the Night Ministry. We will be stuffing the stockings during GLOWOS on December 7. We hope you can join us!

### PADS HOMELESS SHELTER

There are several opportunities to serve PADS throughout the year. We are usually assigned the third Monday of the month in January, March, and April. We provide food for an evening meal and a team from St. Philip serves it at the PADS location in Mount Prospect. Look out for sign up sheets or contact the Outreach Team for more details.



### HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Thank you to all those who have donated to this wonderful program. Please ensure items are at church or given to Elaine Bilowich by **December 1**. All items must be UNWRAPPED and LABELED with the individual's name and ID# and bar code.

### HANDS OF HOPE: On the Road

In February, we will be taking St. Philip Hands of Hope on the road! A team of volunteers will go to Northfield Township Food Pantry to clean and organize the shelves. Look out for more details in the New Year!



## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### LADIES BUNCO

Look out for the next Bunco in January. All ladies are welcome. \$10 to play and the game is very easy to pick up. A great way to get to know the ladies in our congregation! Sign up sheets will be posted in the hallway.

### LUNCH BUNCH

Join members of the congregation for lunch. Look out for details for the next Lunch Bunch in January. Sign up sheet is in the hallway. Sharon Holmstrom is the coordinator.



### ANNUAL AUCTION

Save the Date for the next Annual Auction: **Sunday, April 26, 2019, 6 pm**



## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S WINTER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays 10:30 am—2:30 pm

Thursdays 10:30 pm—2:30 pm

Gemma will generally be in the church office during these hours. You can also contact Gemma at any time during the week via her cell: 847-275-3904 or by email: [gemma@stphilipglenview.org](mailto:gemma@stphilipglenview.org)



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#### **Stewardship**

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Pastor Kyle Severson

Sharon Holmstrom

TBD

Marzee Eckhoff

Pam Blackstone

Steve Parks

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Season	Due Date for Items
Lent/Easter	Feb 2, 2019
Pentecost I	May 15, 2019
Pentecost II	Aug 15, 2019
Advent— Epiphany	Nov 15, 2019