



# Chicago Community Mennonite Church

## Third Week of Advent: Joy

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### Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

**One:** Come, all of you, with every bubble of joy rising and bursting within you, for something is about to happen

**All: We're waiting**

**One:** On the frayed edges of our worn-out lives, we are waiting for our joy to be made complete

**All: We're waiting**

**One:** Hemmed in by violence and fear, we are waiting in dance, swaying and leaping, waiting in the joy of our bodies

**All: We're waiting**

**One:** Surrounded by greed and grasping, we're waiting in song, shouting and laughing, waiting in the joy of our voices

**All: We're waiting**

**One:** Come, all of you, with every bubble of joy, for something is about to happen

HWB 172: O come, O come, Immanuel (v. 1-3)

Lighting the Peace Lamp and Prayer

Advent Candle and Song: Who will set us free?

Micah 5:2-5

Children's Time (STS 47)

*Let the children come to me; let the children come.*

*Never hinder them; never stop them. O let the children come.*

Children's Song

*Mary, Mary, what you gonna name that pretty little baby?*

*Mm mm mmm pretty little baby, Mm mm mmm pretty little baby*

*Solo: Some call him one thing, I'm gonna call him Jesus*

*Mm mmm mmm Sweet Jesus*

### Receiving God's Word

Advent Song: Listen to the Word

Luke 1:39-45, 46-56

STS 13: Sing we a song of high revolt

**One:** For the word of God in Scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,

**All: thanks be to God.**

Meditation

## Responding

STS 7: Come, Come Emmanuel (v. 1-3)  
 Sharing  
 Prayer  
 STS 7: Come, Come Emmanuel (v. 4-6)

## Sending

Announcements  
 Offering/HWB 187: Let the heavens be glad  
 Benediction  
 Extinguishing the Peace Lamp  
**One:** Now the light of Christ is in you  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### CCMC Calendar at a Glance

Dec 21: 7pm Longest Night service  
 Jan 5: First Saturday Volunteering at BreakThrough  
 Feb 9: CCMC hosts Central District Conference regional gathering  
 Feb 16-17: Church Retreat at Camp Menno Haven

## Announcements

### Interactive, Intergenerational Second Hour - TODAY

Second Hour today will be Intergenerational. Nursery, Primary and Middler classes will join in the basement. OWL will meet per usual. We're building our church community through art and play, so bring some crafty things you don't mind sharing. See you then!

### Breakthrough Christmas Store

CCMC will be making a cash gift to Breakthrough again this year to fund gifts for their Christmas store. The store provides families in Chicago's East Garfield Park neighborhood, as well as Breakthrough's homeless guests, a dignified way to purchase gifts for their loved ones at a reduced cost. If you would like to make an additional gift as an individual or as a family, please visit their Amazon wishlist with all the items they are hoping to have purchased at: <https://www.breakthrough.org/amazon>.

### Breakthrough First Saturday Volunteer Opportunities

CCMC has made a monthly commitment to help out at Breakthrough Ministry's food pantry, the Fresh Market Pantry store. Please consider joining us on the first Saturday of the month from (9:30 or 9:45 till noon—or as long as you can stay) to stock shelves, bag groceries, or do whatever else is needed. Breakthrough Fresh Market Pantry is located at 3334 W. Carroll Ave.

### The Longest Night - Friday, 12/21, 7pm

All are welcome to gather on the Longest Night of the year for a contemplative service--Friday, 12/21, 7pm at CCMC. We'll celebrate the darkness, honor the arrival of winter, and practice sitting with the range of emotions we experience in this frantic season of twinkling lights and holiday cheer. If you have any special music or readings you'd like to share or request, or if you'd be willing to read, lead a prayer, or help with set-up, please contact Philip. We'll continue the celebration afterwards with food, drink, and fellowship (location TBD).

Service Participants		
	Today	Next Week
<b>Worship Leaders</b>	Beth	April
<b>Meditation</b>	Kiva	Carols and Readings
<b>Altar</b>	Jody	Janet
<b>Children's Time</b>	Jane	Glenn
<b>Song Leader</b>	Glenn	Chris
<b>Musicians</b>	Derek	Liz
<b>Greeter/Welcome Table</b>	Sarah	Russell
<b>Nursery</b>	Mark Liz	Cecilia, Justin
<b>Fellowship</b>	Jason	Jan
<b>Building Opener</b>	Glenn	Spencer

*Pastor Alison likes people. A lot.*  
 To hang out with Alison, or for pastoral care, please email, text or call:  
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## CCMC Connect Card

We are glad you have joined us for worship! The best way to plug into our congregation is to sign up for our listserv and directory. Bring this card to the Welcome Table in the fellowship hall following worship to receive a welcome gift. You may also drop it in the offering plate or the basket on the greeter table.

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