

Thank you for worshipping with us at
Harrisena Community Church

Our Core Values

At Harrisena, we believe diversity is a blessing.

We believe that the message Jesus of Nazareth brought to humankind is as relevant today as it was 2,000+ years ago.

We believe that this message is one of healing and transforming love that breaks down barriers—a message of welcome, inclusion, equality, respect, forgiveness, and care for all people and the earth.

We believe that this message, rather than the particular institutions conveying it, forms the most enduring foundation for a life well lived—in other words, a life lived in the divine image.

We believe that each of us is free to understand and worship God in our own ways.

We believe that faith is enriched by human reason, not in conflict with it.

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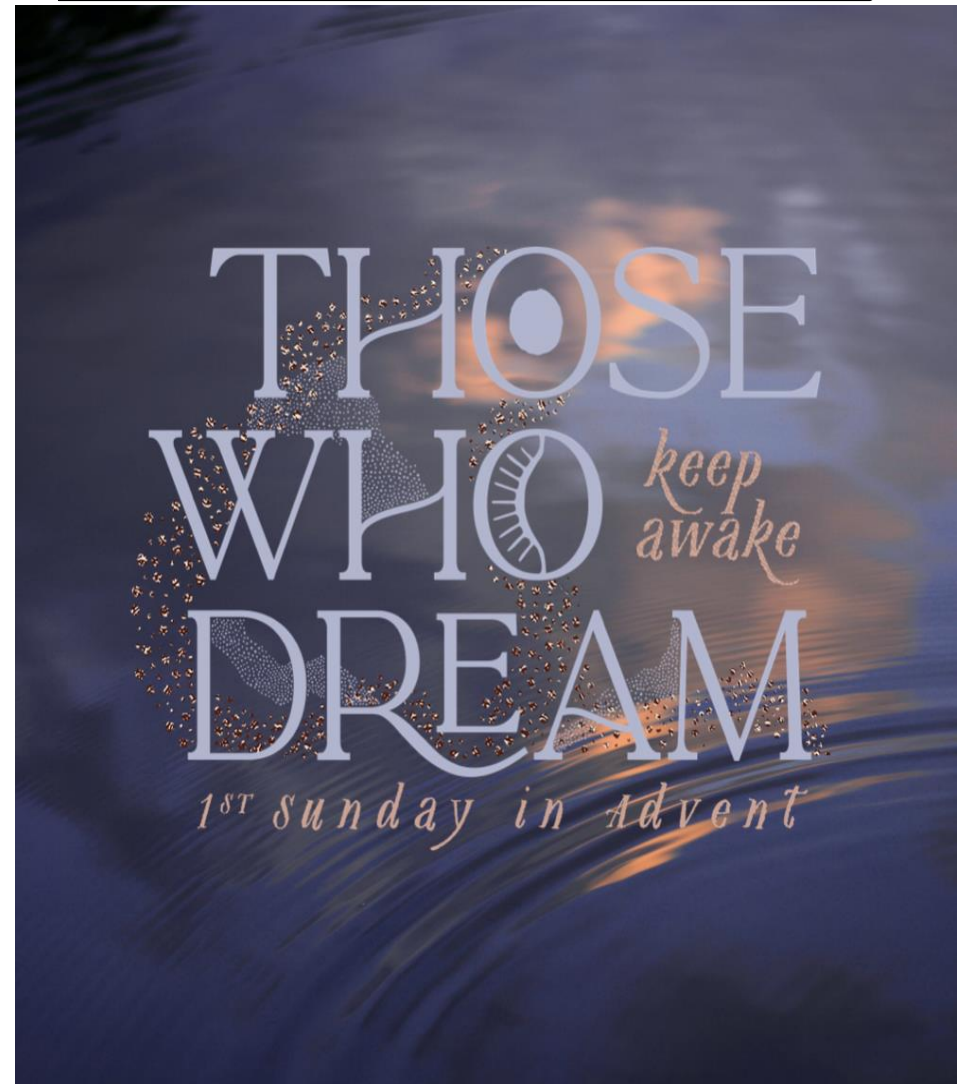
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**HARRISENA**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
1616 Ridge Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

## HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Join us on FACEBOOK & conference calls on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer on Wednesdays anytime...anywhere...together we pray.

### CENTERING WORDS

*“Advent is a time of waiting, a time to open our hearts to God’s presence, a time to pay attention to God’s call. God’s love breaks in over and over again. Be awake, for God is near.”*

### The Gathering

#### PRELUDE

#### GREETING & INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING MEDITATION                      The Ferrie-Healy Family

### Awaken to the Word

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. Stir up your might and come to save us!

**P: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

L: Let your hand be upon us that we may be made strong for yourself.

**P: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.**

L: Let us worship God!

*ALL: Amen and amen!*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                      *“Blessed Be the God of Israel”*                      #158

#### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (in unison)

O Shepherd of Israel, you open our lips: our mouths give you praise. You shepherd your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ’s name to learn of your will. Your covenant names us, your law guides us. The prophets attest to your promise that we shall not be forsaken. With great expectation we watch for your unfolding plan of salvation. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Christ’s name. *Selah.*

#### \*SILENT PRAYERS

## Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

*The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!*

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### SERMON

Dr. Natalie C. Wimberly

### Response to the Word

#### HYMN

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

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#### PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS: MISSIONS AND GENERAL OFFERINGS

Donations can be made with our **NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTION** on our website, **[harrisena.org](http://harrisena.org)** or mailed to *Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804; cc: Financial Secretary.*

**Thank you for your continued support of our church family! HCC Finance Committee**

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of unchanging truth, your promise is eternal, your benevolent care spans the ages. We come with our gifts to be molded in accordance with your purposes. We offer ourselves to be shaped by your will. Fill us with wisdom and make us vessels of your truth. Make all that we do an outpouring of your goodness, spreading compassion on the afflicted and care to all who may be in need. Amen and amen!**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Sent Forth by the Word

#### HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“Prepare the Way, O Zion”*

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#### BENEDICTION

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

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## FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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Derek Dumas – stateside

Michael Gusek, *Patriot Missile Battery* – serving at Fort Hood, TX

Gary Hogan, USA

Joseph Hubbard, *Army* – stateside

Corey Ledgerwood, *Army* - Afghanistan

Wes McQueen, *USAF* – stateside

Tony Mitchell, *USAF*

Tyler Monroe, *USAF*

Breanna Moore, *USAF* – stateside

Griffith Parry, *West Point Military Academy*

James Pearson, *USAF*

Philip Riccio, *Army* – stateside

Brian Schneider, *Army* – Afghanistan

Kelly Thompson, *US Health Service*

Dan Urband, *USNG* – Afghanistan

Mark Wilson, *USNG/Spcl Forces* – stateside

Braden Stormer – stateside

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## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE WEEK DECEMBER 6, 2020

**First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11**

**Psalm: Psalm 8:1-2, 8-13**

**Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

**Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

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## HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP** in the HCC sanctuary, on **FACEBOOK LIVE @ drnatalie Wimberly** and conference call-in: **1-313-209-8800**. The ID# is **796-8500**, then press #.

**SATURDAY MEDITATION @3:00 p.m.** on **FACEBOOK LIVE! @ drnatalie Wimberly**.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS on Sunday, December 6, 2020.**

**LIVE NATIVITY AT HARRISENA CHURCH on December 20<sup>th</sup> and CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** sponsored by the **Christian Education Ministry**.

**Email or text all PRAYER REQUEST you would like in the bulletin and for Sunday worship to the office by Tuesday of each week. Thank you.**

**PRAYER CHAIN:** *Do you believe in the power of prayer? Would you like to join others HCC members as we pray together for others?* If so, contact Bonnie Nadig and/or contact the church office at [harrisenachurch@gmail.com](mailto:harrisenachurch@gmail.com). **Join us as we continue to pray for our local and global communities and ourselves.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!** Please forward your pledges and offerings to *Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804, cc: Financial Secretary OR* through online giving on [harrisena.org](http://harrisena.org) website. **We will get through this time together. Thank you!** *HCC Finance Committee.*

We are still accepting **FOOD DONATIONS** for **FAMILY SERVICES**. *These donations can be left at the front door of the Ed. Building. Open the front door and place them in the entrance between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> door. Thank you so much!*

**We continue to support Open Door. They have a need for meals on the weekends. The Missions committee and volunteers have provided** packaged meals to support the weekend feeding program. They also have provided meals for HCC members and friends. If you would like a packaged meal, call Sue Ogden. **Special thanks to Sue and Chuck Ogden, Bill and Pam Loeb, Hal and Deanna Payne, Mary Alice Clickner, Phyllis Straut, Bonnie and Phil Nadig** and all those who have contributed to this ministry with your prayers, time and financial resources.

*Due to current circumstances*, the Flower committee has decided **NOT to do the MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS this Christmas**. Instead, the committee is asking for **monetary donations to purchase some greenery for the platform that can be used to enhance the sanctuary throughout the year**. If you are interested in making a donation, *In Memory or In Honor of a Loved one* contact Phyllis Straut (518) 793-5669 no later than December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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Diane DeMass – Glens Falls Hospital  
Collin Fuller – Slate Valley Nursing Home  
Jim Nobile – The Landing of Queensbury  
Gordon Wallace, Sr. – Glens Falls Hospital

### HOME/HOSPITAL (HOSPICE\*)

|                     |               |                    |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Sally Busteed       | Elaine Coffin | Kathleen Dumont    |
| Abigail Evans       | Beth Hinckle  | Amy Ledford-Austin |
| McKenzie Monroe     | Jerrod Ogden  | Dave Rogers        |
| Tom St. Clair       | Lynn Sawyer   | Bob Straut, Jr.    |
| Edward Thompson     | Kay Tokarz    | Bob Tucker, Jr.    |
| Heather Waldenstrom | Kenny Wendell |                    |

### HOME

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|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Robert Boule'      | Christine Burke   | Pattie Chapman         |
| Ruth Daggs         | Kimberly Deeken   | Ann Dougher            |
| Shaelyn Fitzgerald | Rev. Patti Girard | Bambi Greychek-Spenser |
| Liam               | Jane Lis          | Pami Maack             |
| Robert Marshall    | Art Norton        | Marilyn Pagliuco       |
| Diane Parry        | Anne Rizzi        | Kieara Robinson        |
| Marie Scarselletta | Susan Shoemaker   | Donna Skoll            |
| Phyllis Straut     | Renee Straut      | Linda Tripp            |
| Audrey Wiygul      |                   |                        |

### UNSPOKEN PRAYERS (UPDATED WEEKLY): 61

*Our Heartfelt Condolences go out to the Family & Friends of Patricia Thonus who died this past week. Pat was a friend of the Straut family.*

***Note:** Please check over the prayer requests above and update any members who have had status changes!  
Thank you.*

## PRAYER REQUEST FORM

*Use this form to list your request.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON**

**REASON**

**WHERE:** *Hospital,  
Home/Hospital, Home*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Your Name & Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

***If you would like a card sent, please include the ADDRESS below:***

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Or check **the box** for - *Call me for Address.*

***\*Type of Card:** "Get Well," "Sympathy," "Thinking of You,"  
Congratulations," other \_\_\_\_\_*

***\*If you would like your request on the LONG-TERM PRAYERS,**  
please place a large **LT** at top of form.*

***\*If you would like a Visit, Transportation, or Meals from HELPING HANDS,** please **check here:***

***\*\*Please update your Prayer Concerns in a timely manner. Send information to the Office by mail or call, 518-792-1902. Thank you.***

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## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING MEDITATION

Today we light the candle of hope. As the flame begins to burn on this first candle of Advent, we are reminded how far we've come. From our ancestors of the faith who walked in the wilderness for 40 years, to the year that we have all experienced together. Hope does not come from instant gratification. Instead, it comes from a longing inside of us that knows things can be different. And yet, this year we have learned how to wait and hope at the same time.

**Reader:** As we light the candle of hope, we acknowledge a longing inside of all of us. We acknowledge the tension between waiting and hoping. We acknowledge the stubborn hope that holds us one with each other as we begin our journey through Advent.

*Light the first candle.*

**ALL:** *Holy God, we thank you for the gift of hope that we find in Christ Jesus. Remind us of your presence as we live another week of hoping and longing. Amen.*

**Hymn**      *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*    **verse 1**      **#154**

## Missions Holiday Project

**Our newest project is to assist *Family Service Association* with their Holiday Program. This year FSA reports that the greatest need is for teenage/young adult children still in school.**

They need **Women's sizes, L, XL, and XXL** for Girls/Teenagers for the following items: Flannel pants/pajama pants in any color; Hoodies in darker colors; Flannel shirts and Long-sleeved t-shirts. The need **Men's sizes L, XL, XXL** for Boys/Teenagers for the following items: Jogging pants & sweats (athletic wear); Flannel pants/pajama pants; Hoodies in darker colors; Long-sleeved t-shirts/flannel shirts in darker colors.

Nice **warm and comfy throws** are also welcome!

Please help us by buying any of the above mentioned articles of clothing and bring them **unwrapped** to the Fellowship Hall.

If you are reluctant to shop due to COVID you can help by donating money and members of the Mission Committee will do the shopping. Let's make sure the children of families serviced through FSA have a wonderful Christmas!

Mission Committee Members: Sandy Chambers, Mary Alice Clickner, Pam Loeb, and Susan Ogden thank you for your support. (Please contact Susan Ogden with questions at (518) 792-8851 or (518) 260-5337.

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Words: Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> c; tr. John M. Neale

Music: VENI EMMANUEL, French melody, 15<sup>th</sup> c; harm. Thomas Helmore

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!*

**Blessed be the God of Israel**

Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

Music: Hal H. Hopson (1933- )

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,  
Who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

Now from the house of David a child of grace has come  
A Savior who will lead us to our eternal home.  
Before him goes the heralds, forerunner in the way,  
The prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise,  
The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,  
To guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Words by Charles Wesley

Music: HYFRYDOL by Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Prepare the Way, O Zion**

Words by Frans Mikael Franzen

Music: BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN, *The Svenska Psalmboken*

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story,  
*Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.  
*Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.  
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.  
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