

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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**Ministers:** ALL



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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 6, 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

*“Wilderness, exile, tribulation, rejoicing: Your way runs through all of these,  
O God. May we prepare this way anew.”*

### The Gathering

#### PRELUDE

#### GREETING & INVOCATION

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING MEDITATION

*Donna Gelder-Bigelow and Robin Dutcher*

### Awaken to the Word

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let me hear what you will speak, O God, for you will speak peace to your people.

**P: Surely your salvation is at hand for those who fear you, that glory may dwell in our land.**

L: Yea, God will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**P: In God’s righteousness let us worship, that we may walk in the Lord’s way.**

L: Let us worship God!

**ALL: Amen and amen!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**    *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*    **#48**

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

**O God of peace, your way is sure and leads to salvation. You send your Son, the promise of life eternal; your Holy Spirit guides us to truth. We hear your heralds proclaim the path of obedience, and receive your abounding grace, making firm our footsteps; we know that all is made ready to follow you faithfully. We praise you in thought, word, and deed. By your mercy, affirm your unending love for us, and in our worship make us alive in your promise.**

#### **\*SILENT PRAYERS**

## Proclamation of the Word

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

**Christine Burke**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

**Mark 1:1-8**

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

**SERMON**

*“Is There Anything New?”*

**Dr. Jim Kelsey**

### Response to the Word

**HYMN**

*“Long Ago, Prophets Knew”*

**#167**

#### **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:**

**O God of righteousness, in whose sight a thousand years are as one day, we come this day offering our gifts. Use them to spread the news that Christ comes so that all may dwell in peace. Help us to break down whatever hostility divides our sisters and brothers, and hear us as we dedicate ourselves anew to becoming your agents of reconciliation.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

### Sent Forth by the Word

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**    *“My Soul Proclaims with Wonder”*    **#170**

#### **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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE WEEK DECEMBER 13, 2020

**First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

**Psalm: Psalm 126**

**Epistle Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24**

**Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

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*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>.*

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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.

**RACISM AND THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, December 10 & 17,** featured speaker Dr. Natalie C. Wimberly, scholar, pastor, educator, mental health professional, child of God. This series of conversations are sponsored by The American Baptist Churches of New York State.

**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. **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* 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!*

**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.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

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 Busted  | Elaine Coffin      | Kathleen Dumont     |
| 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**

|                    |                   |                        |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 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**

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

|               |               |                                                    |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PERSON</b> | <b>REASON</b> | <b>WHERE:</b> <i>Hospital, Home/Hospital, Home</i> |
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**Your Name & Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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

**Reader 1:** Today we light the candle of peace, along with the candle of hope. Lighting this second candle reminds us of the complexity of what it means to feel peace this year. With a year full of uncertainty, anxiety, and fear, the peace candle invites us into a safe and secure space where we can just be.

*Light two purple candles.*

**Reader 2:** As we light the candle of peace, we acknowledge the times this year when peace has felt too far away. We acknowledge the times when our peace has felt insecure. We acknowledge our shared desire for your safe presence of peace as we continue in our Advent journey.

**ALL:** *Holy God, we thank you for the gift of peace that is found in Christ Jesus. Remind us of the safety and security of your peace as we enter into another week. Amen.*

**Hymn**      *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*    **verse 2**      **#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.

## Financial Report

The Finance Team would like to thank the congregation for their support of the proposed budget. Now is the time to prayerfully consider pledging for 2021. Our pledge as your financial team is to continue to carefully monitor expenses, find ways to cut costs where possible and continue to be diligent in all aspects of the financial life of Harrisena Community Church. Please take the time to fill out and turn in your pledge forms as soon as possible. Pledge envelopes are available and will be distributed to those pledging.

Thank you so much for your faith, trust and love for our church.

Your Financial Team

## 2021 Pledge to Harrisena Community Church

*Please complete all information on the pledge card.*

PRINT Name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

After prayerful consideration, I/we have committed to pledge as follows:

| Pledge Giving Schedule<br>(Select one below) | Giving Amount<br>(Per Schedule Selected) | Total Annual Pledge |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Weekly                                       |                                          | (x52)               |
| Monthly                                      |                                          | (x12)               |
| Quarterly                                    |                                          | (x4)                |
| Semiannually                                 |                                          | (x2)                |
| Annually                                     |                                          | (x1)                |
| Other                                        |                                          |                     |

Do you wish to have Pledge Envelopes?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your gracious financial support of our beloved church.  
For questions, please see Cheryl Straut (phone: (518) 307-3379 or email: [castraut@gmail.com](mailto:castraut@gmail.com).)

### **IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE**

Written by: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Music by: Welsh hymn melody

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render, O help us to see:  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

### **LONG AGO, PROPHETS KNEW**

Written by: Fred P. Green

Music by: Personent Hodie

Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew,  
come to make all things new;  
bear his people's burden,  
freely love and pardon.

#### **Refrain**

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes,  
when he comes,  
who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,  
this is God's timeless plan:  
He will come, as a man,  
born himself of woman,  
God divinely human: **Refrain**

Mary hail! Though afraid,  
she believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb, God is laid:  
till the time expected,  
nurtured and protected, Refrain

Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethlehem shines, like a star,  
stable door stands ajar.  
unborn Son of Mary,  
Savior, do not tarry!  
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
Jesus comes!  
Jesus comes!  
We will make him welcome!

### **MY SOUL PROCLAIMS WITH WONDER**

Written by: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Music by: WALNUT

#### **Refrain**

My soul proclaims with wonder  
the greatness of the Lord;  
rejoicing in God's goodness,  
my spirit is restored.

To me God has shown favor,  
to one the world though frail;  
and every age will echo  
the angel's first "All hail."  
Refrain

God's mercy shields the faithful  
and saves them from defeat  
with strength that turns to scatter  
the proud in their conceit.  
Refrain

The mighty have been vanquished;  
the lowly lifted up.  
The hungry find abundance;  
the rich, an empty cup.  
Refrain

To Abraham's descendants  
the Lord will steadfast prove,  
for God has made with Israel  
a covenant of love.  
Refrain