

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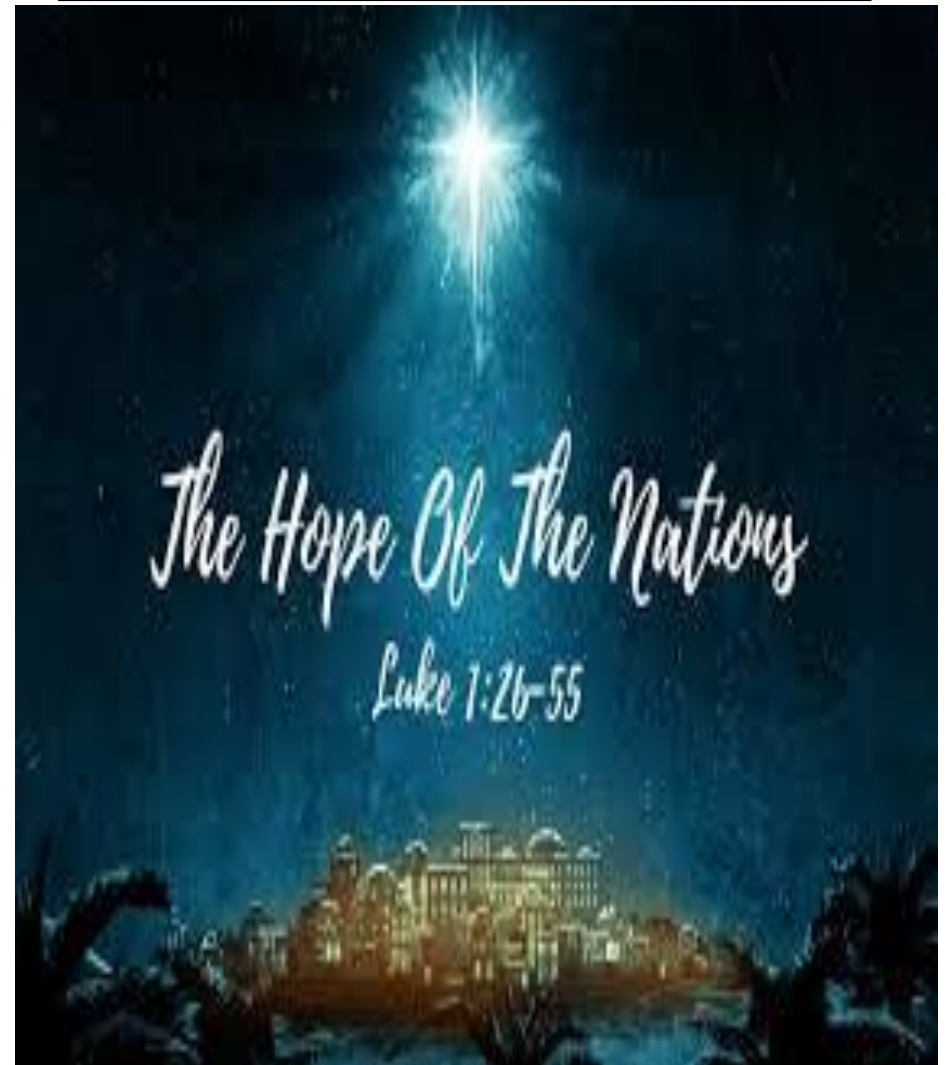
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**HARRISENA**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
1616 Ridge Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 20, 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 for our  
community, our church, the Church universal, our nation, our world...ourselves.

### CENTERING WORDS

*“O my soul, magnify the Lord. God is worthy to be praised.”*

### The Gathering

#### PRELUDE

#### GREETING & INVOCATION

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING MEDITATION

### Awaken to the Word

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**P: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

L: You said, “I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.”

**P: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.**

L: Let us worship God!

*ALL: Amen and amen!*

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Great Is the Lord”*

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

Your steadfast love endures forever, O God; your name is heralded throughout the land. Songs of rejoicing are heard in your sanctuary as hymns of praise proceed from our mouths. You fill your people with the gift of your Holy Spirit; you send forth a Savior with the promise of new life. You are our God, and great are your wonderful deeds. We worship you now in great adoration.

#### \*SILENT PRAYERS

## Proclamation of the Word

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

**Luke 1:26-55**

*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

*“Long Ago, Prophets Knew”*

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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:

Source of life and Bringer of light to the nations, you provide for all our needs. We bring our gifts in response to your goodness. We thank you for sending Christ into our midst. Use what we offer, to enlighten all people to the truth of his salvation and bless all our endeavors as we seek faithfully in Christ’s name to do your will.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Sent Forth by the Word

#### HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“People, Look East”*

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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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE WEEK DECEMBER 27, 2020

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 61:10- 62:3

**Psalm:** Psalm 148

**Epistle Reading:** Galatians 4:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-30

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## HARRISENA COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 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.**

**TODAY!!! LIVE NATIVITY AT HARRISENA CHURCH on December 20<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry from 11 AM – 12 NOON on the front lawn of the church. Drive through viewing ONLY!**

**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS from 5 - 9 PM. Pick up your luminaries in the church parking lot, assemble your bag, sand, and candle, and place your luminary in front of the church on the lawn and stairs. The Light of Christ has come into the world. Let us not forget!!! Our goal is to have 100 luminaries placed on the lawn by Christmas morning!**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at 9:00 PM on FACEBOOK LIVE @ drnatalie Wimberly and conference call-in: 1-313-209-8800 ONLY . The ID# is 796-8500, then press #. (Gather your family together. Bring a candle and your communion bread and cup.)**

**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. **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\*)**

|                 |                 |                     |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Clark Bothfeld* | Sally Busted    | Elaine Coffin       |
| Kathleen Dumont | Beth Hinckle    | Amy Ledford-Austin  |
| 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   | Patricia Burke         |
| Pattie Chapman     | Ruth Daggs        | Kimberly Deeken        |
| Ann Dougher        | 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:*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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 love, along with the candle of hope, the candle of peace, and the candle of joy.

*Light the 2 purple candles and 1 pink candle.*

**Reader 1:** On this last Sunday in Advent, we invite the fruit of love to enter our hearts. Love has looked different this year. It has been in the manufactured silence of shared screens. It has been in the wearing of masks for our neighbors. It has been in the abrupt adaptability of our daily lives.

*Light the last purple candle.*

**Reader 2:** This candle reminds us that love has no bounds in the midst of a time of strict boundaries. The active, intentional lighting of the candle of love allows us to acknowledge how love has changed us this year. How love has comforted us this year. How love has invited us into a warm candle-lit Advent Wreath through our screens as we prepare for Christmas.

**Prayer:** *Holy God, we thank you for this gift of love that is found in Christ Jesus. Remind us of this love in our lives as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Amen.*

**Hymn**

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

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## 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. Mail pledge forms to Harrisena Community Church, 1616 Ridge Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 cc: Finance For questions, please contact treasurers Bonnie Nadig, Ken Zacharias or financial secretary Cheryl Straut.

## **Great is the Lord**

*Words and music by: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith*

### **REFRAIN**

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just: by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true: by his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord: now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of  
praise. Great are you, Lord: I lift up my voice. I lift up my voice:  
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

## **Long Ago, Prophets Knew**

*Words by: Fred Pratt Green*

*Music by: Piae Cantiones; arr. Gustav T. Holst*

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!

### **REFRAIN**

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
Jesus comes!  
Jesus comes!  
We will make him welcome!

## **People, Look East**

*Words and music by: Eleanor Farjeon*

People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.  
Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.