

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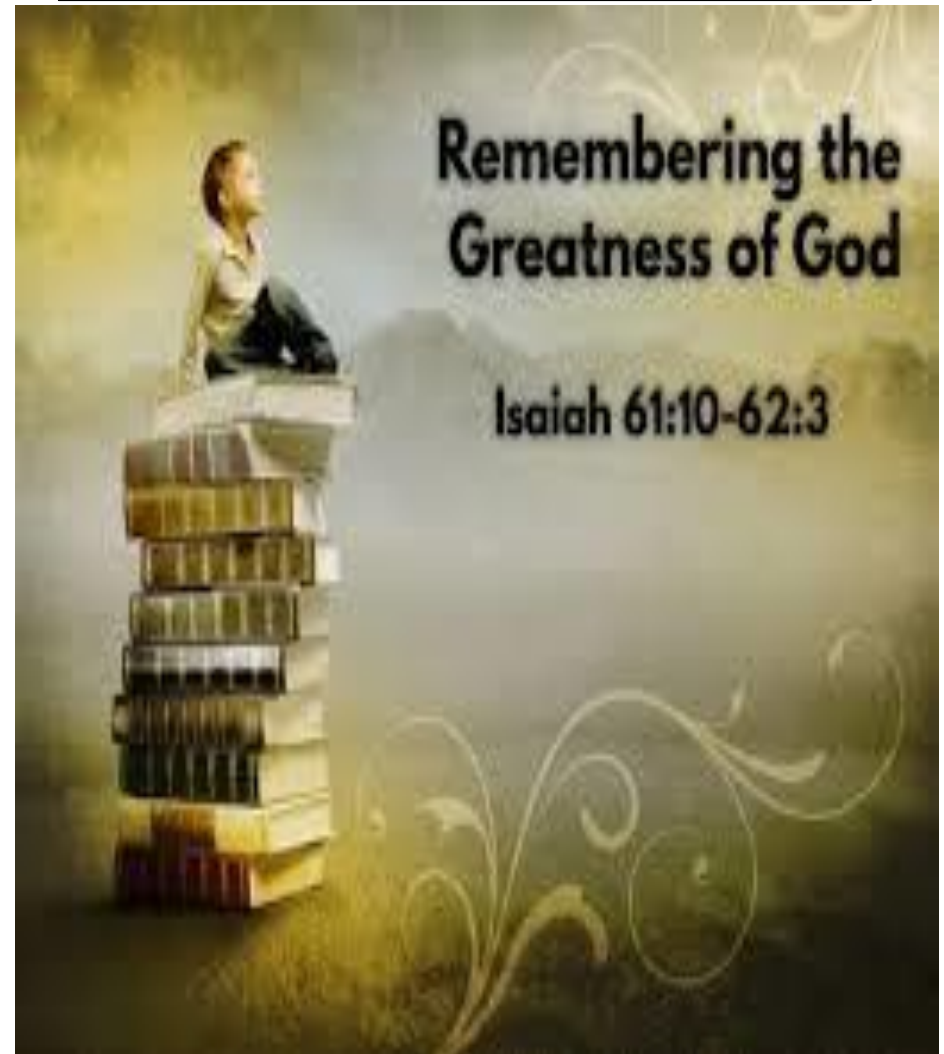
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**HARRISENA**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
1616 Ridge Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**DECEMBER 27, 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

*“Even as an old man, Simeon was able to see, in the child Jesus, the promise of  
God’s salvation. What do we see?”*

### The Gathering

#### PRELUDE

#### GREETING & INVOCATION

#### THE CHRIST CANDLE

### Awaken to the Word

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!  
**P: All the shining stars praise you, O God, for you commanded and the were created.**  
L: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together!  
**P: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory is above earth and heaven.**  
L: Let us worship God!  
**ALL: Amen and amen!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**                      *“Joy to the World”*                      **#179**

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

Eternal God of the covenant, you have clothed your people with the garments of salvation and covered them with the robe of righteousness. WE praise your name for your work of redemption, sending us Jesus as the promise of peace. Hear our rejoicing as we sing hymns of thanksgiving; hear our prayers as we give voice to our inmost thoughts. Fill us with the presence of your living Spirit and give us wisdom to live in the light of your gifts.

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

## Proclamation of the Word

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

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

**Luke 2:22-40**

*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

*“Love Came Down at Christmas”*

**#210**

#### 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:

**Eternal God of redemption, you bless your creation and it springs forth with beauty. You judge your people with righteousness and new life abounds. We bring you now the fruits of our labors. Bless the work of our hands, so that what we do reflects the radiance of your love. Fill us with your Holy Spirit; so that what we say proclaims to all people the new hope in Jesus.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Sent Forth by the Word

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**                      *“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”*                      **#185**

#### 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 AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE WEEK JANUARY 3, 2021

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

**Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21**

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Gospel: John 1: (1-9) 10-18**

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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.**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE WONDERFUL LIVE NATIVITY LAST SUNDAY! Thank you Kenzie, Kyla, Caleigh, Matthew, Wallace, Ajani and Aleana! Thank you parents and grandparents!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS from 5 - 9 PM. We had a wonderful display of light. We did it!!! May, Jesus the Christ, the light of the world always shine brightly for all the world to see.**

**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.

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## 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     |
| 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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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**THE CHRIST CANDLE**

In the darkest times we cannot see to make our way...  
**our eyes adjust, but still everything is shadowed and grey.**

We reach out, desperate  
 for comfort  
 for balance  
 for the familiar  
 for hope

In the darkest times,  
 even a faltering light can be just enough:  
 the flame flickers, twinkles, dances—and it is dazzling!  
**For in its light, we see light: God in our midst.**

*~Candle is lit~*

However impossible it seems,  
 God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting,  
 and blessed is the one gifted with God’s vision.  
**Come, O come, Emmanuel, God with us, and we will rejoice.**

**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:

| <b>Pledge Giving Schedule<br/>(Select one below)</b> | <b>Giving Amount<br/>(Per Schedule Selected)</b> | <b>Total Annual Pledge</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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.

## **Joy to the World**

Words by: Isaac Watts

Music by: George Frideric Handel

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

## **Love Came Down at Christmas**

Words by: Christina Rossetti

Music by: Maurice C. Whitney

Love came down at Christmas,  
love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus,  
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;  
love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and others,  
love for plea and gift and sign.

## **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Words by: Charles Wesley

Music by: Felix Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’ angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new born King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th’ incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new born King!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new born King!”