

“The Light of the World”

John 1:1-18

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

Sunday, December 1, 2019 CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

At 8:25, 9:55 & 11:25 AM

Pastoral Staff
**“THE LIGHT OF
THE WORLD”**
John 1:1-18

At 5:00 PM

Pastor David A. Schuit
**“THE TRUE MEANING
OF CHRISTMAS”**
Luke 1

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Jake Minnema *and* Pastor Timothy Stanley
“THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”
John 1:1-18

Welcome

Welcome to Hawthorne Gospel Church!

We are glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new or looking to connect, please fill out the *Welcome/Prayer Request* card located in the back of the pew and hand it to a *Connector* at the Welcome Center for a small gift and some helpful information about our church. Please join us in the Pavilion between the morning services for a time of fellowship and coffee, and where you'll obtain information on upcoming events.

The Starting Place

Whether you are new to HGC or have been attending for years, this is an opportunity to find out more about our church, how to get involved, and how to grow in your faith. **The Starting Place** will be held in January. The meeting dates will be announced in the bulletin; or if you should have any questions, please contact Pastor Kirk De Boer at 973-427-6960, extension 175, or kirk@hawthornegospel.org.

Staff Chapel

The **Congregation** is cordially invited to attend the monthly Chapel service for our pastoral, office, and maintenance staffs on **Wednesday, December 4th**, at **11:30 am** in The Chapel.

It's Important to Pray!

Every Sunday, from **8:00 to 8:20 am**, a time of *Intercessory Prayer* is held for our worship services. Please join us in C-11/12 (*lower level of the church building*).

Today from **1:00 to 2:00 pm**, we will gather in room C-10 to pray for the *Persecuted Church* and our *country*. Come when you can. . . stay as long as you are able.

Tomorrow at **7:00 pm**, everyone is encouraged to come to the *War Room* to lift up our leadership team before the Lord for His blessing! Questions? Please call Cara Greene.

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 1

- 8:00 am *Intercessory Prayer* (C/11/12)
- 10:00 am Adult/Children/Youth Sunday School (Church/Ed./Chapel/Lounge)
- 10:00 am College-Age Small Group (Upper Room)
- 11:30 am Children's Church I (3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds; C-8)
- 11:30 am Alpha & Omega Children's Choir Rehearsals (C-10)
- 1:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 1:00 pm *Prayer for the Persecuted Church & Our Country* (C-10)
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Y-401/TheLOFT)

Monday, December 2

- 1:30 pm *Moms in Prayer* (HGC Library)
- 1:30 pm *Bone Strengthening* (The Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Desire4Hope Volunteers Meeting (The Lounge)
- 7:00 pm Hawthorne Community Bible School (YMC; The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm *War Room: Pray for Our Pastoral Staff* (Conference Room)
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults (Women Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Tuesday, December 3

- 9:30 am *Women of the Word* (Lower Chapel)
- 10:00 am *God's Little Singers* (C-6); 11:00 am *Play & Pray* (C-6)
- 7:00 pm Ladies' *In-Touch* Bible Study (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm *LifeGivers* (Lower Chapel)
- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults (Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Wednesday, December 4

- 9:30 am *Daughters of the King* Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 11:30 am Staff Chapel (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm PRAYER MEETING (The Chapel)**
- 7:00 pm *Truth Seekers* Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
- 7:00 pm Deaf Ministry Co-Ed Bible Study (Lower Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study; 8:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study (TheLOFT)

Thursday, December 5

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting (Pastor John's office)
- 9:30 am *Deep Roots* Women's Bible (The Chapel) & *StoryTime* (C-5/6)
- 6:30 pm *New Beginnings* (Newark facility)
- 7:00 pm HCA Lower School: *Little Lambs in Bethlehem* (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm *Linked* (Upper Room)
- 7:30 pm *GriefShare* (The Chapel)
- 8:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, December 6

- 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Y-401/TheLOFT)
- 7:00 pm *The Lifeline* for Parents (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Kids' Klub (Pavilion/Lower Church/YMC)
- 7:00 pm *Moms in Prayer* (HGC Library)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study in Spanish (The Lounge)
- 7:00 pm Co-Ed Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tim (Y-301)

Saturday, December 7

- 7:30 am Legacy Builders Bible Study (TheLOFT; Y-401)
- 9:00 am Special Needs Ministry: *Family Buddy Break* (E-1&2; Pavilion)

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In Loving Memory of Esther Christensen

Esther, one of our faithful missionaries, entered into the waiting arms of her Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, on November 20th after a courageous battle with ALS.

Esther grew up in Colombia as the daughter of our missionary pioneers, Arthur and Mary Louise Bakker. She met and married Doug Christensen here at HGC, and they served in Bolivia with SIM for seven years. In 1995, they moved to SIM's International headquarters based in Charlotte, NC. Because of her background as a missionary kid, she joined SIM's program to help children of prospective missionaries prepare for life overseas. Esther's fluency in Spanish also won her a part-time job as the assistant to SIM's International Director to the Americas. In addition, Esther volunteered at a local pregnancy center and led a women's Bible study group. In September 2015, she was diagnosed with ALS which had left her totally dependent on others and on oxygen.

Our Christian love is given to her husband, Doug, and to her children, Nathan, Andrew, Heidi, and Erica, (15145 Taylor Ridge Lane, Charlotte, NC 28273). In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to: simusa.org/give (*Faithful Witness in Forgotten Communities 099746-091*), palmettowomenscenter.com, or webnc.alsa.org.

Opportunities to Be a Blessing

During our Christmas concerts and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, we need additional volunteers to help in the Nursery. If you can volunteer during one of these special holiday events, please contact Sandy Lynn Bober at 973-427-6960, extension 166, or at sandy@hawthornegospel.org.

In need of spiritual encouragement or prayer? The Board member on call this week is Mark Schaefer (mschaefer@hawthornegospel.org).

**Board
Member
on Call**

The Lifeline for Parents

Once a month in The Chapel, our Student Ministry hosts **The Lifeline** for parents with children from middle school through young adults. The focus is to become better equipped to parent our children in a broken world through specialized speakers and workshops, as well as gain support through fellowship and prayer. On **December 6th**, at **7:00 pm**, Christine Bae (MA, LAC, MHC-LP), who works with children, adolescents, and adults, will speak on *Suicide and Your Teen*. In her practice, Christine utilizes different types of therapy to cater to each of her client's needs along with Parenting Support/Coaching and Faith-based Counseling Questions? Contact Pastor Jake at jake@hawthornegospel.org.

ENCORE

Our Senior Adults will meet on **Tuesday, December 10th**, at **10:30 am** in The Chapel. The Homeschool Chorale, directed by Beth Prins, will share the wonderful message of Christmas in song, and Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr. will give the devotional. **Don't forget!** Bring a bag lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided.



Join HCA

in celebrating our Savior's birth on

Thursday, December 5th, in the Sanctuary

Pre-K and Kindergarten will hold their concert
from 6:30 to 6:45 pm

The Lower School will hold its concert
"Little Lambs in Bethlehem"
at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

The Upper & Middle Schools will hold their concert on
Tuesday, December 10th, at **7:30 pm** in the Sanctuary.

Come, Celebrate with Us!

Tuesday, December 24th, at 3:00 and 5:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Ring in the New Year!

Tuesday, December 31st, 2019
Annual Watchnight Service

Dessert & Fellowship at 5:00 pm
in the Church foyer
(Bring a dessert to share.)

Service begins at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Pray for the Sick

Home: Jay & Wendy Aftab; Vera Amaral; Marian Bakker; Ellie (*Schuit*) Bauer; Randy Broisma; Vicki Calabrese; Laura Christenson; Kari Ann Dale; Judy Delaney; Vince Della Ratta; Marie D'Elia; Miike De Urso; Phil Dimitri; Helene Dubetsky; Bob Estrada; Chuck Evans; Ellen Forstrom; Glenn Garside; Mark Halliwell; Mark Hastings; Carolyn Hubertz; Bobbie Jones; Jack & Dee Kemper; Ben Kudisch; Charlie Landers; John Lee; Joe Letterese; Jake & Arlene Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Carol Lupano; Lisa & Ruth Marion; Michael & Janice Martin; Karen Meima; Steve Meyers; Emelia Misovic; Alfred Molzan; Carlos Moran, Jr.; Len Mulé; Andrea, August, & Dawn Nicholas; Raymond Obssuth; Ermetta Olson; Ralph Opderbeck; Phil Paolucci; Carol Pavlik; William Pezzuti; Joan & Tom Podschelne; Jennifer Powell; Luz Pring; Rich Prins; John Prochaska; Michael Quinn; Alice Rascio; Laura Rehbein; Al Rick; Julie Rieke; Gladys Rink; Kaci Rodriguez; Bob Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Connie Sayles; Lories Stockbower; Laura Smith; Diane Spath; Adolf Stelter; Tim Tileston; Julia Anne Torrano (*newborn—gain weight*); Ilse Troper; James Unrath; Pablo Valentin; Lisa Van Hise; Diane Vigilanti

Hospital/Rehabs: Aidan Raudenbush; Antonia Spagnola

Meal Ministry Team

Through a team of volunteers, we will provide three meals for two weeks to church members/attendees in times of need. We serve families and individuals after the birth of a baby, surgery or a hospitalization, or during times of a crisis. Volunteers are contacted through email and are asked to sign up to provide a meal through a meal calendar. Sound like something you might like to do? If so, please contact Kathryn Wansong at the church office (kwansong@hawthornegospel.org) to make us aware of a need or to volunteer to help serve our church family.

New Beginnings

Christmas Stocking Outreach

Today, Ziploc bags, along with a list of suggested items needed to fill those bags, will be made available to those who wish to participate in this outreach. These items will be used to fill Christmas gift bags for the HIV/AIDS patients at a Newark facility. Completed bags are due back by **Thursday, December 12th**, and should be placed in the *New Beginnings Christmas Stocking Collection Box* that will be located in the church foyer next Sunday.

Ministry Volunteers Needed

Our New Beginnings Ministry offers an opportunity for you to come with us one Thursday evening as we visit with men and women who are ill and in need of encouragement and prayer. If you've ever thought that God might be calling you to serve Him in this way, now is the time to join us for an evening to experience His blessing in serving others. Our team of both men and women currently has an opening for another man. Why not join us for a visit—or for details, contact Cara Greene.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, December 4th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor David A. Schuit

December 8th, 2019 AM Services

Pastoral Staff
"God with Us"
Matthew 1

December 8th, 2019 PM Service

Pastor Mark Rolling
"A Savior Is Born"
Matthew 1

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Mark Rolling
"God with Us"
Matthew 1

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, December 11th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Mark Rolling

December 15th, 2019 AM Services

Pastoral Staff
"The Son of the Most High"
Luke 1

December 14th, 2019 at 6:00 pm and
December 15th, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Worship Community and the
Alpha and Omega Children's Choir
"The Carols of Christmas"
Directed by Rommel Guingon

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.
"The Son of the Most High"
Luke 1

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, December 18th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

Christmas Sunday

December 22nd, 2019 AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"Christ the Lord"
Luke 2

December 22nd, 2019 PM Service

Pastor Jonathan D. Minnema
"The Messiah Is Born"
Luke 2

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Jonathan D. Minnema
"Christ the Lord"
Luke 2

No Prayer Meeting on December 25th, 2019
Have a Blessed Christmas!

Grace of Giving Sunday

Join us on **December 8th** in prayerfully giving
an extra gift toward our

Paving the Pathway Building Project

which still is in need of funds to meet our goal.
A second offering will be received at all services.

Paving the Pathway Update

Goal: \$5,628,181.00!

Received: \$4,144,689.30 (through November 26th)

Needed: \$1,483,491.70

THANK YOU!

Ministry Financial Needs Update!

October 31 st , 2019 ~ Year-to-Date	General Fund	Missionary Fund
Received	\$ 2,610,208	\$ 487,988
Needed	\$ 2,722,505	\$ 480,532
Balance	\$ (112,297)	\$ 7,456

AC / Dehumidifier Compressor Replacement

Goal: \$6,285!

Received: \$2,062

Needed: \$4,223

Ways to Give: APP ~ WEB ~ PLATE

Campus Workday Volunteers

WE THANK YOU!

Much was accomplished on November 23rd.
Additional workdays will be scheduled!

Hope for the Holidays

A Christmas Remembrance Service

with Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.

will be held on

Saturday, December 14th, at 10:00 am
in The Chapel

If you have been bereaved of a loved one
any time within the last year and
wish to have the support of others
who also are experiencing loss,
you are cordially invited to attend
this annual service held by our
GriefShare Ministry

Luncheon will be served following the service.

To register, come to the Pavilion this morning,
email nelac@hawthornegospel.org, or
call 973-427-6960, extension 122.

The HGC Worship Community

and the

Alpha & Omega Children's Choir

Present

“The Carols of Christmas”

on

Saturday, December 14th, at 6:00 pm

and

Sunday, December 15th, at 5:00 pm

in the Sanctuary!