

“Christ the Lord”

Luke 2

“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 22, 2019

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

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

Pastor John W. Minnema
“CHRIST THE LORD”
Luke 2

At 5:00 PM

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

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**. Complete details will be noted in the bulletin soon. If you should have any questions, please contact Pastor Kirk De Boer at 973-427-6960, extension 175, or kirk@hawthornegospel.org.

Come, Celebrate with Us!

Tuesday, December 24th, at 3:00 and 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

During the Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, we need additional volunteers to help in the Nursery. If you can serve, please contact Sandy Lynn Bober at sandy@hawthornegospel.org or 973-427-6960, extension 166.



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

A Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 22

- 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)
- 1:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Ages 18-27; Warren home)
- 1:00 pm International Students Gingerbread House (The Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Sr. High Christmas Celebration (Y-401/TheLOFT)

Monday, December 23

- 8:00 pm College & Young Adults (Women Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Tuesday, December 24

The Academy is closed. The Church Office closes at 1:00 pm.

- 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm *COMMUNITY* Men's Bible Study (Upper Room)

Wednesday, December 25

HGC Campus Closed
Have a blessed Christmas!

Thursday, December 26

HGC Church Office is closed!

- 8:00 pm *COMMUNITY* (Women & Men Ages 18-27; Warren home)

Friday, December 27

Jr. High Youth Group is not meeting!

Saturday, December 28

- 8:00 am *Desire4Hope* Outreach in Paterson (Departs HGC Campus)

Sunday, December 29

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

HGC Library

Today: 9:30 to 10:00 am and 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Closed: December 23rd, 2019 through January 1st, 2020

Pastoral Leadership Team

John Minnema, Senior Pastor pastorjohn@hawthornegospel.org
Kirk De Boer, Executive Pastor kirk@hawthornegospel.org
Howard Van Dyk, Jr., Associate Pastor
pastorhowie@hawthornegospel.org
T. James Richmond, Pastor Emeritus Call the church office
Jake Minnema, Pastor of Student Ministries jake@hawthornegospel.org
Scott Warren, Associate Pastor of Student Ministries
scottw@hawthornegospel.org
Mark Horn, Director of Junior High Ministry mhorn@hawthornegospel.org
Sandy Lynn Bober, Director of Children's Ministries
sandy@hawthornegospel.org
Kathryn Wansong, Director of Women's Ministries
kwansong@hawthornegospel.org
David Schuit, Pastor of Missions and Adult Education
davids@hawthornegospel.org
Mark Rolling, Pastor of Discipleship pastormark@hawthornegospel.org
Timothy Stanley, Director of Outreach tstanley@hawthornegospel.org
Jonathan Minnema, Pastor of Teaching and Media Ministry
jonminnema@hawthornegospel.org
Rommel Guingon, Director of Music & Worship
rommel@hawthornegospel.org
James Jensen, Music & Worship Assistant jamesj@hawthornegospel.org
Chad De Boer, Church Administrator chad@hawthornegospel.org
Philip Horn, Pastoral Care hornphilip@yahoo.com
David Seidman, Head of School david.seidman@hca.org
Jessica Clavijo, Assistant Director of Children's Ministries
jessicac@hawthornegospel.org

www.hawthornegospel.org

www.hca.org

Congratulations! Pastor T. James Richmond will observe his 98th birthday on December 27th.

**Celebration
& Praise!**

Need a Great New Year's Resolution?

How about a new commitment to grow in your faith in 2020? Everyone needs help in this area, and we are offering a class that will assist you in developing habits that will enable to do just that.

So, if you want to get started on your spiritual journey, or if you have gotten off track from that journey, plan now to attend the...

Equipping Track

on Sunday, January 5th, 2020, at 10:00 am
in Room E-5

Sunday School Isn't Just for Kids!

The Winter Quarter of our **Adult Bible Classes** will begin on Sunday, January 5th, 2020. Detailed brochures on all classes will be available in the church foyer next Sunday.

In need of spiritual encouragement or prayer? The Board member on call this week is James Meagher (jmeagher@hawthornegospel.org).

**Board
Member
on Call**

Ministry Financial Needs Update!

November 30 th , 2019 ~ Year-to-Date	General Fund	Missionary Fund
Received	\$ 2,871,141	\$ 540,192
Needed	\$ 2,980,725	\$ 536,963
Balance	\$ (109,584)	\$ 3,229

December Giving

As we approach the end of 2019, we would like to see our **General Fund end the year in the positive.** Please prayerfully consider how you can be part of this with giving an extra gift, in any amount, to this fund. **Thank you for giving!**

Paving the Pathway Update

Goal: \$5,628,181.00!

Received: \$4,208,697.97 (through December 15th)

Needed: \$1,419,483.03

Helpful information regarding counting your financial gifts toward 2019:

Give via offering plate, drop off at the church office, or at our Annual Watchnight Service on December 31st.

Give via WEB or APP before 11:59 pm EST on the 31st.

Mail in, making sure your check is dated and postmarked no later than December 31st.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

Mark Your Calendars!

Membership Classes

Sunday, January 19th and 26th, 2020

at 11:30 am in room C-10.

Membership in a local church is an important step in the Christian's lifelong journey of discipleship. If you would like to become a member of Hawthorne Gospel Church, our next two-session Membership Class will be held on Sunday, January 19th and 26th, at 11:30 am in room C-10. Please sign up in the church foyer today to let us know you are coming.

Pray for the Sick

Home: Jay & Wendy Aftab; Vera Amaral; Marian Bakker; Ellie Bauer; Vicki Calabrese; Laura Christenson; Kari Ann Dale; Judy Delaney; Vince Della Ratta; Marie D'Elia; Michael De Urso; Phil Dimitri; Helene Dubetsky; Robert Estrada; Chuck Evans; Ellen Forstrom; Glenn Garside; Dearh Goller; Mark Halliwell; Mark Hastings; Carolyn Hubertz; Bobbie Jones; Jack & Dee Kemper; Gordon Kline; Violet Knyfd; Ben Kudisch; Charlie Landers; John Lee; Joseph Letterese; Jake & Arlene Locicero; Lisa Lovell; Carol Lupano; Lisa & Ruth Marion; Michael & Janice Martin; Karen Meima; Steve Meyers; Emelia Misovic; Carlos Moran, Jr.; Len Mulé; Andrea, August, & Dawn Nicholas; Raymond Obsuth; Ermetta Olson; Ralph Opderbeck; Phil Paolucci; Carol Pavlik; William Pezzuti; Joan & Tom Podschelne; Jennifer Powell; Luz Pring; Rich Prins; John Prochaska; Mike Quinn; Alice Rascio; Laura Rehbein; Al Rick; Julie Rieke; Gladys Rink; Kaci Rodriguez; Robert Rogers; Jacinta Ruiz; Connie Sayles; Lories Slockbower; Laura Smith; Diane Spath; Adolf Stelter; Tim Tileston; Ilse Troper; James Unrath; Pablo Valentin; Lisa Van Hise; Diane Vigilanti. **Hospitals & Rehabs:** Joan Peano; Julia Anne Torrano (*infant; recuperating/open-heart surgery*); Randi Venema (*recuperating from surgery*).

Our Christian Sympathy is given to the family of Charles Ryant who entered into the presence of the Lord on December 17th.

Here's Where YOU'RE Needed!

Children's Ministries

Infant Toddler Center (Nursery)

Adults and high school young people during ALL Sunday services.

Sunday School @ 10:00 am & Club 208 @ 5:00 pm

Table teachers in grades 4th and 5th
and helpers in all grades.

Special Needs Ministry

A *Buddy Break* Training Session will be held on

Saturday, January 11th, 2020 from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm**
in the Lower Chapel.

If you wish to become a *Buddy* and want to register for training
or if you have any questions about our Special Needs Ministry,
please call Eddy Santos.

To help in the Children's Ministries,
please contact Sandy Lynn Bober
(sandy@hawthornegospel.org or 973-427-6960, extension 166).



Sundays @ 5 Gospel Café

Set-Up/Clean-Up Team helpers still are needed!
Please contact Kelly Stephenson.

Men, We Need Ushers

At the 9:55 am Sunday service:
Contact Frank Tirrito
or Rick Cyriacks.

Men & Women Connectors Are Needed

At ALL Sunday services:
Please contact Clifford Cook.

UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

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

New Year's Sunday

December 29th, 2019 AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"Wonderful, Encouraging Words
from Jesus"

December 29th, 2019 PM Service

Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr.
"Dancing with Devotion:
Living a God-Pleasing Life"

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

FBC Missionary to Italy
Keith Jones
will bring a timely message

No Prayer Meeting on January 1st, 2020
Have a Blessed New Year!

January 5th, 2020 AM Services

Pastoral Staff
New Year's Communion
"Abounding Love"

January 5th, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Pastor Mark Rolling
"Walk by Faith, Not by Sight"
Beginning a new series,
Abraham: A Life of Faith

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor Howard Van Dyk, Jr. and Pastor Kirk De Boer
New Year's Communion
"Abounding Love"

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 8th, 2020 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor Mark Rolling

January 12th, 2020 AM Services

Pastor John W. Minnema
"The Superiority of Jesus Christ"
Hebrews 1:1-4

January 12th, 2020 PM Service

Pastor John W. Minnema,
Pastor Mark Rolling, and
Pastor Timothy Stanley
"Night of Prayer"

At Hackensack at 11:00 AM

Pastor David A. Schuit
Missions Focus Sunday

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, January 15th, 2020 at 7:00 pm in The Chapel
Pastor John W. Minnema

Thank You!

Our *New Beginnings* Ministry thanks you for your generosity in donating items for the patients it serves in Newark. The Ziploc bags that were filled, were sorted and placed in beautiful Christmas tote bags which were given out at our annual Christmas party. Many thanks always go to the dedicated women in our *Made with Love* Ministry who knitted/crocheted warm, colorful scarves that were tied onto the tote bags. We are blessed to partner with you each year as we bring the Good News of Jesus' rescue mission to the lost and hurting souls we see each week who need JESUS.

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.

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.

Two Women's Events SAME DAY

Saturday, January 25th, 2020

in the Pavilion.

(Snow Date: Saturday, February 1st)

Ladies' Hospitali-Tea

from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

and

Coffee Talk

from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

If you'd like to serve as a hostess for either of these events, please contact Kerri Schaefer.

Individual reservations for both events begin on Sunday, January 5, 2020 in the Pavilion!

Childcare Available

During our morning and evening services, we provide childcare for infants and toddlers in C-5/6 (*lower level of church*). If your child is not sick, please be sure to take advantage of this ministry.

Also during the services, please **turn off cell phones** or put them **on vibrate**. We appreciate your kind consideration and cooperation.