

Sunday Morning Worship

The 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 13, 2020

8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

8:00 a.m. service streamed live

Preservice song

Light of the World

Opening Hymn

Noel

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Song

Offering

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Children's Message

Family Five

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Hymn of the Day

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding LSB 345

Message

Rev. Mark Halvorson

Apostles' Creed

Offerings & Presentation of Offering

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing (Aaronic)

Closing Song

What a Savior

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly e-News. Email the church office if you are not receiving the weekly emails. office@kingofkingscr.org

Advent Services

Wednesday's at 7:00 PM ~ Christmas Eve 2:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 11:00 PM
Christmas Day 9:00 AM ~ December 27 9:00 AM

What's happening at King of Kings.....

Midweek Advent: Jesse Tree

Midweek Advent services continue this Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m., both in person and on our YouTube and Facebook feeds.

This year's Advent theme is Jesse Tree! In a world that often feels ungrounded and without support, we find during Advent deep and abiding hope in Jesus as the seed, root and life of our existence. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, we pause midweek to be grounded and rooted in Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Make plans to take part in this preparation to receive our Savior again this Christmas.

Songs of Christmas December 20th

Sunday, December 20 will be a special day of worship at King of Kings. Services at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. will include readings of scripture, a Live Family Five, a prerecorded children's presentation, numerous Christmas hymns and songs and celebration of the Lord's Supper. At 9:30 a.m. the congregation will have the opportunity to choose and sing favorite Christmas carols. We will do our best to sing as many songs together in person and online as possible. While many of our Christmas traditions have fallen victim to Covid-19, the music and singing that welcomes the Christ child will continue!

Reserve Seating for Christmas Eve

Due to space restrictions, it is helpful to reserve seating for attendance at King of Kings' Christmas Eve worship services.

Service times are 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. Please call the church at 319-393-2438 or email office@kingofkingscr.org. Please have a second choice ready in case your preferred option is filled and reserve only the number of seats you are certain to use.

Family Five is a short video lesson for all people, it includes a lesson for NOW and a question to discuss or activity to do with your family LATER.

Sunday's Family Five is titled "Light The Way".

Activity for **LATER**: Go for a drive and look at Christmas Lights. (How many nativities can you find?) As you drive say a prayer thanking God for the lights and the light of the world – Jesus!

Covid-19 Worship Center Maximum Capacity = 95

Additional seating with live feed of service in Classroom 1 (Heartland Room)

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers this week for...

For our Advent focus:

That in observing Advent we may see Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, who saves us from God's wrath, releases us from Satan's hold and presents us to God as his people, the inheritors of his righteousness.

King of Kings members & friends:

That healing and encouragement are granted to those who are ill: Dennis Ingram, who is gravely ill; Peggy Goodson, recovering from surgery; Greta Bond (mother of Deanna Glass) recovering from heart valve surgery; Laura Howe (Rob Howe's mother), suffering from treatment due to an inoperable brain tumor; Leilani Luedtke and Dawn Cook, recovering from surgery; Jerry Green as he recovers following a liver transplant; David Marousek, Faith Buss, Jan Fruth, Sherry Brendes; Jack, the grandson of Bob and Pat Harris, and those we name in our hearts.

For relief from the pandemic:

That God would stem the spread of the coronavirus, bring healing to those who are ill and bless us with confidence in God's love and mercy through all circumstances. Grant that we live in confident trust in God's eternal care for his people.

For families:

That Christ may be the source of joy, strength and comfort in every home, and through him families may be blessed with faith, freedom from doubt, and kept holy until the day of Christ's coming. Through the Spirit, grant that the seasons of Advent and Christmas may again bring into light the glorious purpose of the coming of the child in Bethlehem.

For the ministries of King of Kings:

That God continues to bless our worship, study of the Word, children's and youth ministries, and all other activities of this congregation, whether conducted in person or by other means. We especially pray that we all continue to seek the fellowship of the Church and this congregation so that each may be strengthened in faith and prepared for the struggles of daily life. Cause each of us to desire to hear your Word, receive your Sacrament and live and worship according to your will. May we not be divided in doctrine or witness.

Prayers for Others:

Healing, recovery, peace, strength —

Dennis Ingram
Peggy Goodson
Greta Bond
Laura Howe
Dawn Cook
Leilani Luedtke
Jerry Green
David Marousek
Faith Buss
Bob & Jan Fruth
Sherry Brendes
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)
Rev. Brian Saunders



December 13, 2020 — December 19, 2020



What the Bible Says About Hope

Introduction: 400% increase

“When your day is long- And the night, the night is yours alone
When you're sure you've had enough of this life-Well hang on, don't let yourself go-Cause everybody
cries, and everybody hurts sometimes” R.E.M. 1993

Key words from Isaiah 61: Good News, Bind Up, Freedom, Release, Favor, Comfort, Provide, Beauty, Gladness, Praise.

“A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices...” Lyrics from “O, Holy Night”

Key thought: The power of light is not fully appreciated until you are in complete darkness; in the same way the power of hope is often overlooked until one is in the grasp of despair.

*Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet
praise him, my Savior and my God. Psalm 43:5*

Biblical hope is not a mere wish, desire or preference. =to anticipate, usually with pleasure; expectation or confidence. KJV - faith, hope.

Hope has a NOW but _____ feature to it. It refers to something that has “partially” but not necessarily fully happened.

Hope and the Bible: *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Rom 15:4 NIV*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom 15:13 NIV

...we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that _____ that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel... Col 1:4-5 NIV

faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Heb 11:1

Conclusion: *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope... 1 Tim 1:1*

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