

# Worship Lifeline

## Congregational News

### \*\*\* WEDNESDAY EVENING EPIPHANY SERVICE \*\*\*

On Wednesday, Jan 6 at 7pm, we will gather via Zoom for a Holden Prayer Epiphany service. Use [this link](#) to join the service online or join via phone: Dial 1-646-876-9923, then enter 404 222 4020#, then enter # again.

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### \*\*\*PRAYER CONCERN UPDATES\*\*\*

We will begin 2021 with a new Prayer List going forward as of January 1. Please send your prayer requests to Mary Kay Kates at [marykaykates@gmail.com](mailto:marykaykates@gmail.com). Names will be included in the weekly Prayers of Intercession during the Sunday service, with additional information on the prayer requests listed at the end of the bulletin. Please feel free to update the requests as necessary.

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### \*\*\*CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE\*\*\*

The Call Committee has completed the congregation description and community characteristics modules of our Ministry Site Profile. Work continues on the remaining modules of the profile.

The Rev. Karen Boda is our Synod liaison, and committee members are Tom Wagner (Chair), Maddy Faass (Secretary), Martha Wooden, Barb Litke, Mary Yale, and Blandon Johnson. Herb McCaulla is the Council liaison.

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### \*\*\*DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE\*\*\*

10am at the church – drive by to drop off donations:

Jan 9 SE Gwinnett Coop  
Jan 23 Lilburn Coop

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### \*\*\*HEARTFELT THANKS\*\*\*

I cannot find the words to express how humbled I am by the many cards and notes of love and appreciation and the far too generous gifts. My spirit is uplifted beyond measure, and I look forward to serving this most special congregation of brothers and sisters in Christ in the coming year.

Love in Christ,  
Kelly Kraus

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## Readings for Jan 3

### Jeremiah 31:7-14

Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock

### Psalms 147:12-20

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)

### Ephesians 1:3-14

The will of God made known in Christ

### John 1:[1-9] 10-18

God with us: the incarnation of the Word

## Ministry This Week

### Sunday, Dec 27, Christmas 1

10:00 AM—Zoom ASLC Worship  
8:00 PM—F AA

### Monday, Dec 28

6:00 PM—F Cub Scouts Pack  
7:30 PM—Virtual Meeting OA

### Tuesday, Dec 29

9:00 AM—F Sandwich MeetUp\*  
10:15 AM--Z Christian Conversations  
7:00 PM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness  
7:45 PM—GR or LL NA

### Wednesday, Dec 30

6:15 PM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness  
6:30 PM—LL Word of Faith  
8:00 PM—F AA

### Thursday, Dec 31

6:00 PM—LL Cub Scouts Den  
7:00 PM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness  
7:45 PM—GR or LL NA

### Friday, Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!

### Saturday, Jan 2

9:00 AM—F Wyld Roots Yoga & Wellness  
9:00 AM—Virtual Meeting OA

### Sunday, Jan 3, Christmas 2

10:00 AM—Zoom ASLC Worship  
8:00 PM—F AA

Z=Zoom; F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office  
GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1;  
CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N=Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away from All Saints

\* Calendar Note: The Sandwich MeetUp limits participation to 4 individuals at this time. Sandwiches are shared with Rock of Ages in their ongoing shepherding with homeless/street people.

## In Scripture Today

### First Sunday of Christmas

During medieval times, Christmas was celebrated for twelve days, culminating at Epiphany, the thirteenth day. The first Sunday within these twelve days focuses on the biblical stories about Jesus' childhood: last year God's protection of the infant Jesus, this year the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple, and next year the boy Jesus conversing with the temple authorities.

### Luke 2:22-40

Luke's narrative of Jesus presented in the temple is a stark reminder that Christmas is the beginning of the death of Christ. Animals are slaughtered, the infant son is temporarily saved from sacrifice, and two old people are themselves ready to die. Yet in this word of death is the very light of the world.

## Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Continuing the reading that began on Advent 3, this joyous poem is chosen today because of the image of light. Christmas is celebrated in the northern hemisphere at the dark of the year. We always live in darkness, yet in Christ we celebrate the dawn God gives.

## Galatians 4:4-7

At the presentation the infant Jesus was redeemed, and so in the mystery of salvation, we are now redeemed. God is no longer our master and we God's slaves. Rather, God is the loving father, and we are God's family. Just as Isaiah said, we are given a new name.

## Russ' Reminders

### Anniversaries

#### DECEMBER

31 Charlene Adams

### Birthdays

#### DECEMBER

16 Raymond (Ray) Klages  
18 Cindy Murphy  
29 Anna Elizabeth Crutchfield  
30 Richard (Rick) Robinson  
31 Susan Lystad

#### JANUARY

18 Blandon L. Johnson  
20 Morgan Zupan  
21 Sharon Marion  
25 Julie Boyer  
28 Lorraine Herring  
29 Barbara Litke

## Worship Assistants

### Dec 27 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: Kelly Kraus  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Angie Sanderlin

### Jan 3 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: Miriam McCann  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

### Jan 10 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: Lisa Mitchell  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

### Jan 17 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: John Yale  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

### Jan 24 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: Kelly Kraus  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

### Jan 31 (Zoom)

Lector/ Worship Assist: Kevin Swanson  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

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## Who do I contact at All Saints?

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Joann Rosselle will coordinate Worship Assistants)
- ❖ Church Directory – Kelly Kraus  
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