

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

December 12, 2018

All
is
Calm

Worship at Lake Shore
The Third Sunday of Advent

The Worship of God
December 16, 2018

Sermon
Kyndall Rothaus

The Scripture
Ruth

A Service of Light in the Darkness

Tonight

Wednesday

December 12

5:15 p.m.



By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. — Luke 1:78-79*

A quiet interlude from the expectations of the holidays, especially for those who find this season difficult.

A time of worship to bring our pains and losses before God to redeem in hope.



Caroling and Chili Supper

Wednesday, December 19

Be here at 5:00.

We'll board the bus in the front of the church.

Bus leaves **promptly** at 5:15 p.m.

Email Sharlande@lsbc.com by Sunday to let us know that you are coming for caroling and chili.

Chili after caroling
(so eat an appetizer before you board the bus if you're used to eating early!)

\$3 adults and youth, \$2 children



Missions Tree

Many of you already have one of this year's Missions Tree ornaments hanging on your tree at home. But about forty of the project ornaments still need to be claimed by someone.

Take another look at the tree and see if you will be able to help one of the agencies in our community that are represented on the Missions Tree — Meals on Wheels, Family Abuse Center, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center, The Cove, Talitha Koum, Mission Waco's Meyer Center.

Or this year you may want to choose an ornament that represents a community that desperately needs help in a different part of the world — Song for Shalom, Ghana; Interfaith Welcome Coalition, San Antonio; Christian Mission to Ghana; refugee relief in Lebanon; Nsam Baptist Church in Cameroon; or CBF ministries in China or Puerto Rico.

So many needs in the world; these are the places we hope to partner with this Advent season.

If you would like to deliver gifts to Mission Waco's Meyer Center and Meals & Wheels, on December 20 and 21, email Ellen Brown or sign on the volunteer sheet by the tree.



Prayer for Peace

*offered in worship by Sharlande Sledge
Sunday, December 9*

Etty Hillesum was a Jewish spiritual writer, who, like Anne Frank lived in Amsterdam. And, like Anne Frank, she kept a diary, a habit she started years before the war. Always immersed in the Mystery of God, she said that one of our callings is to "reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it to others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world." May we pray together:

God, whose name is Peace, each of us has in our hearts a chapel, and we pray to reflect to the world the peace we know within that quiet space and help usher in God's reign of peace in our troubled world.

We pray that you will bring about a wholeness beyond our imagining — and that you will forgive us for not believing that peace is possible. O God of tender mercies, we pray that you will lead us in a pursuit of peace that leaves no stone unturned — not in ourselves, not in our world. May peace, wholeness, calmness, *shalom, salaams*, keep us grounded in your presence, for the holy, peaceful moments in our hearts area prelude to a more peaceful future.

God of tender mercies, break into the shadows of death that are doing their best to overwhelm our world. A band of herods still seems to stalk the earth. Too many of our brothers and sisters are caught in clashes of cultures. We pray for all those who turn toward evil and away from the path of peace, and all those who grieve. In Yemen, Rachel still weeps for her children. Parents are seeking peace for their children at our country's border. We share your lament at the world's searing pain and your sorrow at the great losses so many of your children are enduring. O God, in your mercy, hear our cries for peace.

God of tender mercy, we are grateful for your light in our lives — for in the midst of the shadows that surround us, your love prevails. It sustains us through the light of friends who offer us help and healing, laughter and guidance. It holds us in the arms of a church that gives us the assurance that you love us and the courage to take right actions on behalf of those the world rejects. Your love grounds us in a community of your children, dispersed throughout the world, who are moved to compassion and action in the name of peace.

God of tender mercy, we confess that this is a season when the problems in our world are so huge that we don't know how to pray or what to do when we hear so many calls to action. But still, Lord, we trust the strength of our prayers, faltering though they may be, to guide us into the calm space in our hearts and onto the way of peace. When we have no words, may we reach out to each one you place in our path with forgiveness, compassion, hospitality, and healing. In these ways, use us to be your hands and feet that bring peace to the earth, to be signs of your incarnation.

And may we tend to our calling to "reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it to others." For we believe that "the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world."

"O come, O come Emmanuel," tender and merciful God.
in whose peaceful name we pray,

Amen.

Welcome, Gayl Hobbs

We are so glad to welcome Gayl Hobbs to our worshipping and serving community. She has been an active part of the Lake Shore family since she moved to Waco in the fall of 2017. Gayl grew up in Waco and moved home to be near her parents, Barbara and Willie Hobbs in 2017.



A graduate of Reicher Catholic High, Gayl earned a B.A. at Chapman University in Orange, CA, with a degree in Communications with an emphasis in Radio/Television Broadcasting. After graduation she pursued her interest in communications, working with GTE and Bell South in Fort Lauderdale and then in Atlanta, where she worked on special projects for the Olympics and Delta Airlines.

After 22 years, her interests moved in the direction of hospitality. Gayl started as a concierge site manager then after three years became Vice-President of Concierge International, overseeing several site managers herself. For her 50th birthday, she opened her own residential concierge company, "It's Personal."

She moved back to Texas in 2010 to be near her family. Gayl was one of the first 100 employees hired at the Omni Hotel in Dallas. From there she moved to the Museum Tower where she was concierge. She sat on the board of directors for the Dallas Hotel Concierge Association and worked on the The Black Academy of Arts and Letters steering committee. She was a member of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

At Lake Shore, Gayl continues her vocation of service. She helped in the office when Krysta was out this summer. Recently, she helped prepare all of the Advent booklets for distribution. She goes with Martie Sauter to Caritas twice a month for "gifts in kind" to distribute through Carver Park Food Pantry, where she helps give food to the Food Pantry clients every other Friday. We look forward to serving alongside Gayl here at Lake Shore.

Prayer Concerns

Nathan Stone, whose treatment for bladder cancer began on Monday.

Ross Tarpley's grandmother, Peggy Ives, died on Thursday. Her service was on Sunday afternoon in Marshall.

Mikhayla Evans who received an encouraging report from her doctors—and who is engaged.

Brittany Ramirez, who asks for our prayers for her closest Chinese friends, Ray and Rebecca, Juniper's Chinese version of godparents, who are experiencing loss and grief this week. Rebecca had a second miscarriage last week; she just found out she was carrying twins. Brittany says, "They have been devastated, and honestly, I am, too."

Becky Kennedy, who was in Fairhope, Alabama, last weekend for her father's memorial service.

Pattie Herbert, who had a stroke Thursday night. A clot went to her right eye, and she does not have any sight in that eye.

Magi, David, and Maya Davis as they grieve the loss of their mother and grandmother.

Becca Sharpless and Tom Charlton as they move together through Tom's hospice care.

Michelle Powell took the train to Maryland last weekend to be with her parents, both of whom are in cancer treatment. Her dad asked her to come on home since her mother's cancer has progressed.

Tom and Carole Hanks

Walt Murphy's father is hospitalized in New England.

Carolyn Plaa, who continues to suffer great pain in her knees and back. She is awaiting the next steps in her treatment.

Sakina Dixon, who asks us to pray for her.

Linda Olson, who is now at Brazos Rehab (next to The Arbor House).

Carla Butler saw her oncologist last week. Some tumors have shrunk and others are totally gone!

Dorothy Neatherlin's sister, Joanne Wauson, died on Thursday, December 6. Her service will be on Saturday, December 15, at 1:00 pm at Western Heights Baptist Church.

Poinsettias for Advent

We have several more poinsettias available. You may give a pink poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary during Advent. Return the information form and \$15 for each poinsettia to the office. You may call Krysta to reserve poinsettias. We will place the poinsettias in the sanctuary this Sunday, December 16.



I would like to add a poinsettia(s) to the sanctuary during Advent:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

I have enclosed a check for _____

I have enclosed cash in the amount of _____

Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian
 Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist
 Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
 Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC
 Krysta Pittman, Office Manager
 Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Christmas Eve Service Monday, December 24 5:00 p.m.



If you have thought about getting a poinsettia . . . it's not too late.

We still have several poinsettias available if you would like to give one in memory or in honor of someone you love. By Thursday, call or email Krysta at krysta@lsbcwaco.org

Youth Update

This Week

Wednesday (12/12)

No Youth

(Light in the Darkness Service)

Sunday (12/16)

9:30am: Time Well-Wasted
 5-8pm: Christmas Workshop

Upcoming

December 16th

Progressive Dinner
 (Murphy/Miller/Swanson)

December 19th

Caroling w/ Church

January 11-13th

Mid-Winter

Chili after caroling Wednesday, December 19

chili, corn dogs, queso

\$3.00 for each person

We do not use the usual Wednesday night supper list for the chili supper. Email

Krysta@lsbc.com by Sunday for reservations.

Volunteers for

Sunday, December 16

Extended Care: Abrahams
 Ushers: Aaron Abels
 Andy Powell

The Ushering Committee is looking for one more volunteer to serve on this committee in 2019. If you are interested, please email JoLeen Eiklenborg.

Lake Shore's New "Pie Lady"

Following in the footsteps of Lake Shore's first "pie lady," Dot Martin, and the most recent "pie lady," Rosemary Richards, Pam Smallwood is now out and about delivering a homemade pies to our newest members. On Tuesday she baked pumpkin pies for Gayl Hobbs and the Poehls. Everyone who joined Lake Shore before this tradition was in place may be wondering how to join the church again! Thanks to Pam, our outgoing deacon chair, for serving in her new role by welcoming each new member with the wonderful surprise of a pie from the church..



Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2018 budget of \$486,000.00 are \$9,826.92. This week's budget receipts were \$16,363.50.

Year to date needs
 \$481,519.08

Year to date received
 \$398,026.05

Difference
 (\$83,493.03)

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