
KOINONIA

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (Koinonia) of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

2 Corinthians 13:14

NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

DECEMBER 2018



"Joy to the world the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room."

Songs and sermons of joy flow from
Bethlehem to Calvary to changed lives as we
celebrate Jesus' birth. Parts of sermons from
Garner Taylor and Charles Spurgeon give
Jesus His due praise:

"Jesus has been my Bridge and my Brother,
My Strength, my Light, my Life, my Peace.

Jesus was born in poverty.
... was cradled in another's crib.
... sailed in another's boat.
... rode on another's donkey.
... was laid in another's tomb.

But to Him belonged the riches of heaven.
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness
thereof.

Jesus never wrote a book, but all the libraries
of the world have books about Him.

Jesus is a friend in loneliness.
He is a strength in weakness.
A health in sickness, the widow's pension.
The prisoner's pardon, the orphan's
adoption.

Jesus, a song in one word.
A sermon in two syllables."

"I talk not about your works,
Salvation is no requirement at your hands.
I come to bring you a free gift
And He shall be your present and eternal
joy.

Pardon is for the guilty,
Forgiveness is for the sinful.
You are understanding, ill-deserving, hell-
deserving.

He saves wicked men
And rescues to Himself the vilest of the
vile."

God justifies the ungodly.
Is this you?





EVENTS

- Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 9 Second Sunday of Advent
Connection Service - 6:30 pm
- Dec. 16 Third Sunday of Advent
"The King Is Here" ~ Multi-Generational
Cantata - 10:45 am
Advent Festival Luncheon - Noon
- Dec. 20 Keen-Ager's Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service -
7:00 pm
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!

Connection Service

Sunday, December 9
6:30 pm



"THE TANGLED ROOTS OF CHRISTMAS"

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Speaker: Randy Brown

Join us for Christmas Carols prior to the service.

"Who Or What Do You Love More Than Jesus"

by: Brian Rendulich

We are born into this world with a heart and a will and hence a capacity to love. Also, we are given talents and abilities to help our fellow man. But even though we are placed on this earth amongst other people, God-the invisible One-is the only LORD in heaven we must declare our allegiance to...eventually. Furthermore, our spiritual efforts toward this great Being must be wholehearted. Those who do not claim God as their Saviour must come to a knowledge of Him to begin with. But those of us who espouse the teachings of Jesus and hold Him in our heart must stay devoted amidst all else.

How, then, do we stand? When we look at verses like Matthew 16:25 and Luke 9:23 does the commandment to give up everything to follow Him resound in our heart and soul? What does it mean to lose our life? Isn't surrendering our will in every area of life the least and best we can do? Our loyalty to Christ is largely there because of His faithfulness to us especially in lieu of the cross and the extent to which He suffered agony there to free us of the curse of sin. He gave all to save us from ourselves and seal us with His precious Holy Spirit. Why should we not reciprocate and love Him in return?

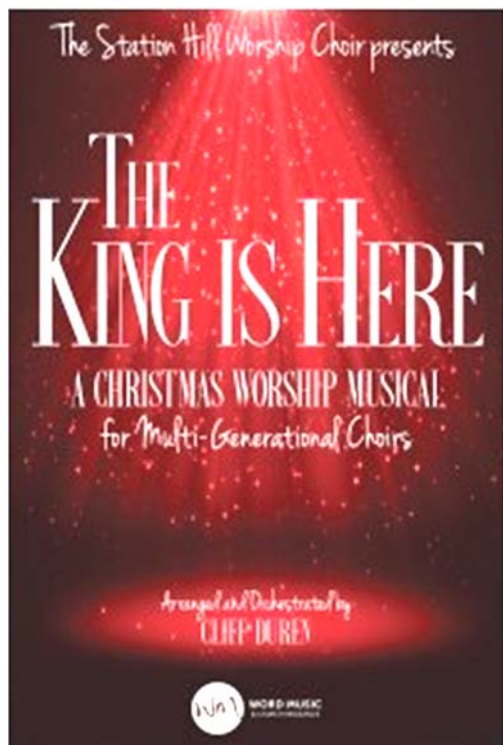
Yet, this love must be sacrificial. James 4:5 says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit which He has made to dwell in us." And it is this Spirit which, if yielded to, will give us the victory in our daily lives. Once our commitment is sound, obedience is sure to follow and He will own our hearts.

Yes, in all the world, there is nothing more blessed than knowing and following the Lord Jesus! But we must do our part while we are in this earthly tent so that one day He will declare to us, "Well done thou good and faithful servant!"



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 16
10:45 am



Invite your family, friends, neighbors to hear our Adult and Children’s Choir as they present their Christmas Cantata, “The King Is Here”.

Then join us for our Advent Luncheon . . .



CHRISTMAS CARDS



The window in the small narthex will be covered with paper so you can display Christmas cards to the congregation. You may sign one card to the entire church family and tape it to the “window”.

KEEN-AGERS



Calling all senior citizens of Norwin Alliance Church to attend the final 2018 meeting of Keen-Agers on Thursday, December 20th at 11:30 am for our Christmas Luncheon/Party.

The meal will be catered by LL Kuhn Catering. The menu will be: baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, tossed salad, mixed berry pie, and peach pie. The cost is \$10.50 and is due by December 16th.

Kevin Craycraft will play his bells for your entertainment.

Everyone 50 and up is welcome to come join us. Hope to see you there and help us celebrate our Savior’s birth.

Officers for 2019 were elected at our November meeting and will be installed at our December meeting. The 2019 Officers are as follows:

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| President | Ruth Long |
| Vice-President | Norma Wood |
| Secretary | Ruth Minto |
| Asst. Secretary | Nora Grove |
| Treasurer | Georgia Turnsek |
| Asst. Treasurer | Bill Swope |

VIGNETTES by VIRGINIA

Ponder the wonders and excitement of a new baby. Just imagine how teenage Mary must have felt as Jesus, King of the Jews, entered their lives as an infant. His bed was somewhat scratchy; visitors were totally unknown and probably numerous; near-by animals needed frequent care, and people had to be positive that taxes were paid so they could return home. 'Father' Joseph had a lot of new responsibilities, as did mother Mary.

Most of us are very busy during the Advent season. We watch the weather, decorate our homes, bake special cookies, make/purchase personal gifts, and travel to visit relatives or unique friends. Hopefully we take individual time for the Biblical Christmas truths to give us direction, hope, faith, inspiration, devotion, and love for God. More so, let us remember to have extreme JOY and gladness that Jesus came down to earth for us as a baby. He grew into manhood and for His ministry and redemption.

Instead of studying the words of a Christmas carol, the hymn that was chosen reminds us of the name of Jesus, the King. O WORSHIP THE KING was written in 1825 by William Gardiner (with Psalm 104:1 as reference).

1. O worship the King, all glorious above, And gratefully sing, His wonderful love; Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might, and sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form. And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3. All hail to the King! In splendor enthroned; Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders make known. Returning victorious, great conqueror of sin, King Jesus, all glorious, our victory will win.

Jesus is coming back to earth some day - - may be sooner than we want to think about? Are you ready? Have you accepted His love? Asked for His forgiveness for your sin? Do you understand the message of the cross and His shed blood? Jesus came to earth with a very specific reason (John 20:31). Celebrate the Christmas season with an open, loving heart! JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME!

**SAVE YOUR CANCELLED POSTAGE STAMPS**

Used, canceled stamps (trimmed with a 1/4" border, please) are collected and sold to help fund Christian literature into Spanish for Central and South America. Half-a-million dollars has been raised since the project began with the Alliance in Florida.

Please save your stamps and deposit them in the box located in the narthex (on shelf above the coat rack).


**GOD
 ROCK
 SAVIOR
 MESSIAH
 IMMANUEL
 HOLY • CHILD
 MIGHTY • GOD
 LORD • OF • ALL
 LAMB • OF • GOD
 CHRIST • OF • GOD
 KING • OF • KINGS
 THE • WORD • OF • GOD
 ALPHA • AND • OMEGA
 PRINCE • OF • PEACE
 LIGHT • OF • THE • WORLD
 HEAD • OF • THE • CHURCH
 SON • OF • THE • HIGHEST
 EVERLASTING • FATHER
 RESURRECTION • AND • LIFE
 JESUS**

**COMING
2019**

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| January 5 | Bible Quiz Meet at Norwin Alliance |
| January 20 | Missions Sunday School ~ Ron/Annette from Honduras |
| January 27 | Congregation Meeting |
| February 22 | Men's Dinner |