

**WELCOME!** We are pleased to have you worship with us today! All who are baptized and believe in Christ are welcome at the table. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for food and fellowship.

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING:** The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

**STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**RLCA Monthly Service Activity – November/December** – “Feeding Kids Ministry” and Salvation Army. To end the year of RLCA Monthly Service Activities, we will be collecting gifts of new warm items of outerwear in partnership with the “Feeding Kids Ministry.” Your items will be disbursed to students with the first FKM food packages in December. Items of any size and age are welcome. After the FKM items are dispersed to students, additional items will be shared with the Salvation Army. Please place items in the basket in the Church Narthex. We ended our “Feeding Kids Ministry” collection the first week in December. Salvation Army items ended December 15th.

**Feeding Kids Ministry** – Our next pack for RLCA will be on Monday, January 6th, at 5:30 pm at the back of Sunset School. As always, if you feel in your heart you would like to help, even if you don't know how you can, contact Jamie at 989-255-0297 or FKM 989-590-4724, or email at [feedingkids@rlca.us](mailto:feedingkids@rlca.us).

**BIRTHDAYS** – Happy Birthday to **Joan Lavoie, Sam Sansom, Helen Johnson, Dona Robb, and Mark Diamond!** May God continue to shower you with the blessings you truly deserve.

**FLOWERS** – Celebrate life, recognize a birthday or anniversary, memorialize a loved one or give to the glory of God with a bouquet for the altar on Sunday. Contact the Church Secretary at 989-354-7522 or email [secretary@rlca.us](mailto:secretary@rlca.us) to get details on ordering and to reserve your Sunday.

## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Blessed are you among women and  
blessed is the child you will bear!*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Praise Singing	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Prayer “Lord Be Glorified”
Scripture Lessons	Micah 5:2-5a Psalm 80:17 Hebrews 10:5-10 “Thanks We Give and Adoration” Luke 1:39-45
Sermon/Message	Pastor Doug Lopez
Hymn of the Day	“Hark, the Glad Sound!”
Apostles Creed	
Prayers of the Church	
Confession & Forgiveness	
Words of Institution	
Lord’s Prayer	
Communion	“Love Devine, All Loves Excelling”
Benediction	“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”
Closing Hymn	“Down from His Glory”

## This Week at RLCA

Monday, December 23 ..... 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Office Open  
Wednesday, December 25 ..... 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Office Open  
Friday, December 27 ..... 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Office Open  
Sunday, December 29 ..... 9:00 am Sunday Worship Service

**Pastor Doug's office hours are M-W-F 11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10, 2025 Perogies making and boiling  
January 12, 2025 Perogies pick up  
January 30, 2025, 9:30 - 11 FKM Spring Bazaar Meeting  
April 12, 2025 9-3 FKM Spring Bazaar

**PASTORAL MESSAGES:** Pastor Doug's message can be found on the RLCA website under "RLCA Livestream" as part of the service.

**GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS – December 9 – 15: \$ 2,135.00**

**FEEDING KIDS MINISTRY – December 9 – 15: \$ 3,600.00**

**Corey Briley Memorial: \$50.00**

**ATTENDANCE – December 15: 69 Church – 11 Streaming**

**PRAYERS:** We remember in prayer Stephen Gallagher, Arlie Prevost, Carol Smart, Jeff Kendziorski, Mike Chadkowicz, Lori Muszynski, Marlene Bartz, Sandi Skaluba, Tom Lavoie, Larry Kirby, Jere Stein, David Hamann. Pray for the following: all those who serve in the military, the children who are receiving food from FKM, incarcerated individuals, and individuals who are dealing with addictions and emotional health problems.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Prayer is powerful and can be a tremendous help for those in need. If you have a prayer request, or if you are interested in being a member of our prayer chain, please contact Linda Sansom at 989-657-5060 or email at [Linda199698@yahoo.com](mailto:Linda199698@yahoo.com). All your prayer requests will be kept in confidence among those in the prayer chain.

**FOR STUDY AT HOME:** The scripture readings for next Sunday are Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15, Psalm 111, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:22-40.



## Mission Statement

***Help people discover God, grow in faith, and find their purpose to make a difference.***

Doug Lopez – Pastor  
Dalair Dones – Assisting Minister  
Beth Preston – Reader  
Glenn & Beth Preston – Greeters  
John Knapp, Sherry Zomerhuis – Vocals  
Suelyn Bartz, Jeremy Smith – Instrumental  
Kevin Prevost, Cameron Treinen – Audio/Visual  
Joyce & Jerome Smigelski – Fellowship  
Glenn & Beth Preston – Turning Brook

## Vision Statement

**Know – where people encounter God in a deep and personal way.**

**Grow – Where people grow into Christians who reflect Jesus.**

**Go – where we reach out beyond our walls to connect people with Jesus Christ locally and beyond.**

**December 22, 2024**

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