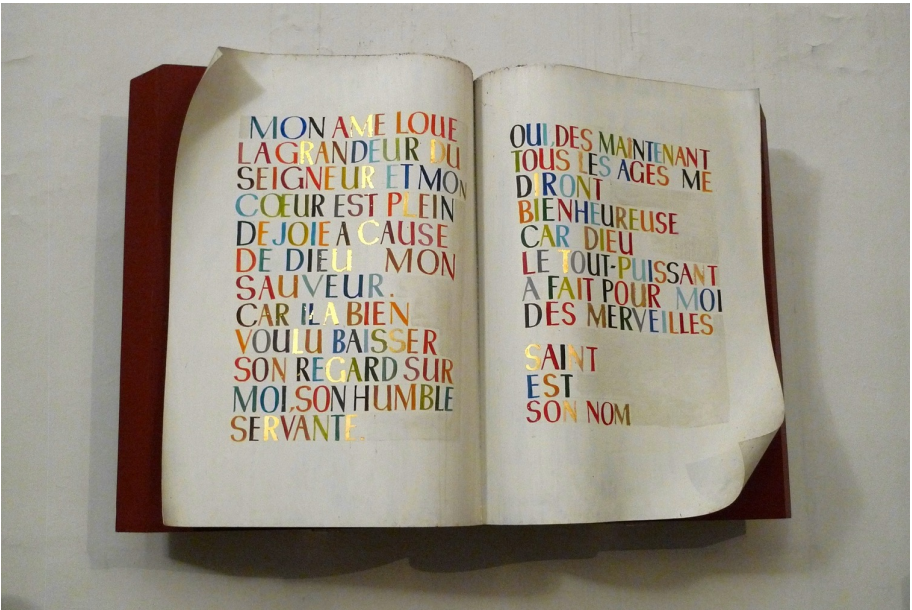


# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

22 DECEMBER 2024

# THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a congregation where music, liturgy,  
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*We gather each week for worship that is both firmly rooted in the ancient forms and traditions of Christian liturgy and attuned to contemporary concerns. We encounter the good news of Jesus in scripture, in song, in the sacraments, and in the gathered community. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle shapes our weekly worship, leading us to pray for and sing songs from different parts of the world.*

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*We are glad you are here—welcome!*

**Thank you** to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

*Reader:* Jonathan Mtata, Jane Bang

*Prayer leader:* Kiki Lawal

*Altar care:* Clare Duran

*Assisting ministers:* Faith Fookes, Rumiko Jaussi, Kristen Namigai,  
Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi

*Ushers:* Joan Kiologwe, Nashipai Naing'olah

*Offering counters:* May Chin Long, Tom Taylor

*Flowers:* German-Speaking Congregation

*Coffee hour:* Neighborhood Group A

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent + 22 December 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Japan, North Korea, South Korea*

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

No longer hidden behind the clouds  
but revealed in the body of Christ,  
***the glory of God shines forth.***

No longer far away, as if on a throne of distant galaxies,  
but as close as an infant in a mother's womb,  
***through a body, we are saved.***

Like seeing a cathedral rebuilt,  
no longer bearing dirt and grime,  
nor dulled by the smoke of time,  
***we behold God's face restored to us,***  
***singing, with Mary, a song of hope.***

# Hymn

## Canticle of the Turning

Rory Cooney based on Luke 1:46-58

Star of the County Down: Irish



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spi - rit sings of the  
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast. God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



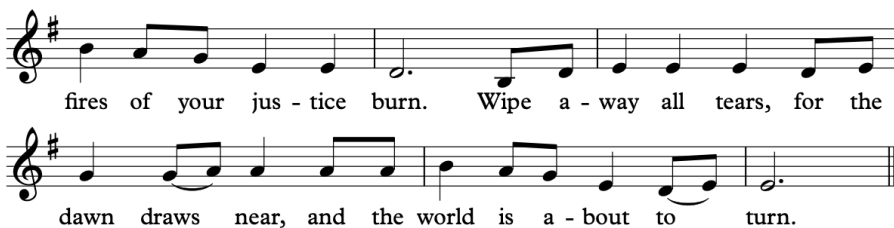
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn. There are ta - bles spread, ev - ery  
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blessed. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



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## Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

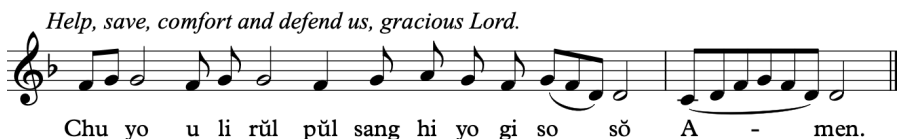
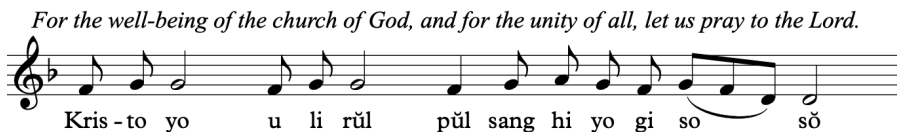
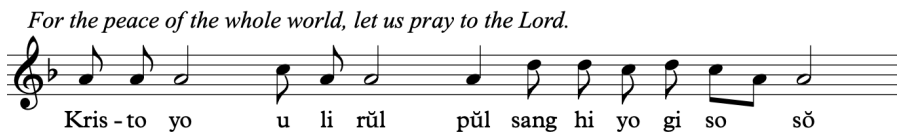
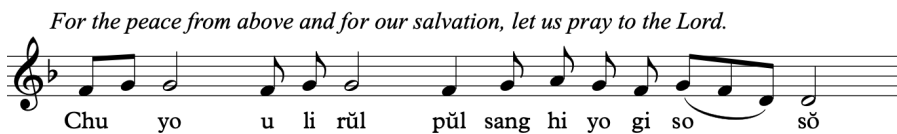
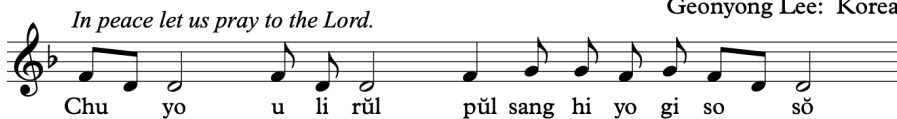
This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Response to the Word

# Litany

Geonyong Lee: Korea



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# Hymn

## Come, thou long expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

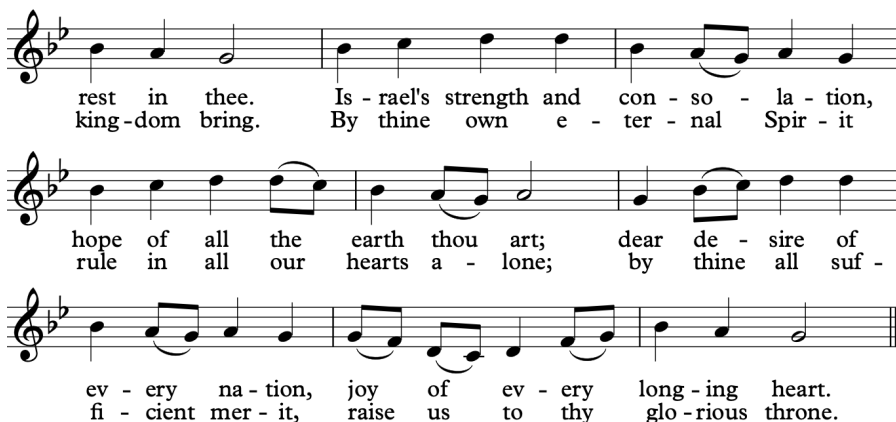
W. Walker: Southern Harmony: USA



Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus born to set thy peo-ple free;  
Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re-lease us, let us find our  
born to reign in us for-ev-er, now thy gra-cious



### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

### Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

### Psalms 80:1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
*you who lead Joseph like a flock!*  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
*shine forth*  
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.  
*Stir up you might, and come to save us!*  
Restore us, O God; let your face shine,  
*that we may be saved.*

O Lord God of hosts,  
*how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?*  
 You have fed them with the bread of tears  
*and given them tears to drink in full measure.*  
 You make us the scorn of our neighbors.  
*Our enemies laugh among themselves.*  
 Restore us, O God of hosts,  
 let your face shine,  
*that we may be saved.*

Alleluia

Adapted by Terry MacArthur from a Polish Christmas carol

hmm

hmm

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 1.  
*Glory to you, O Lord.*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me,



that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said:

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

Alleluia

The musical score for 'Alleluia' is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu. Al - le - lu. Al - le - lu. Al - le - lu.' The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes.

## Offering of Stars

## Hymn

## Unexpected and mysterious

Jeannette M. Lindholm

Calvin Hampton: USA



1. Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle
2. In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni -
3. We are called to pon - der mys - tery and a - wait the



word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain -  
 ty and time, Ma - ry learned that she would car -  
 com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas -



ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter  
 ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of  
 sion for each frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us



in our cour - age and we doubt what we have  
 God's com - pas - sion, of E - li - za - beth's great  
 in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the



known, God is faith - ful to con - sole us  
 joy, and she ran - to greet the wo - man  
 earth, while we watch with joy and won - der



as a moth - er tends her own.  
 who would re - cog - nize her boy.  
 for the pro - mised Sav - ior's birth.

Blessing the Stars

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy,  
*hear our prayer.*

The Passing of the Peace


The peace of Christ be with you.  
*And also with you.*


Gathering of Gifts

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Anthem

*When out of poverty is born  
English, Kathy Galloway. Music Este's Psalter 1592, England.*

Choir

1. When out of poverty is born a dream that will not die,  
and landless, weary folk find strength to stand with heads held high,  
it's then we learn from those who wait to greet the promised day,  
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart. Be blest: prepare the way.'

2. When people wander far from God, forget to share their bread,  
they find their wealth an empty thing, their spirits are not fed.  
For only just and tender love the hungry soul will stay.  
And so God's prophets echo still 'Be blest: prepare the way.'

3. When God took flesh and came to earth, the world turned upside down,  
and in the strength of woman's faith the Word of Life was born.  
She knew that God would raise the low, it pleased her to obey.  
Rejoice with Mary in the call, 'Be blest: prepare the way!'

## Offertory

## Of the Father's love begotten

Latin, Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; English, John Mason Neale

Twelfth century plainsong



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be-gan to be,  
2. Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts his prais-es sing,



Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
all earth bow to Christ, our Sov - ereign,



Christ, the source, the end will be. of the things that are, that have been,  
and our joy - ful tri - bute bring, let no tongue on earth be si - lent,



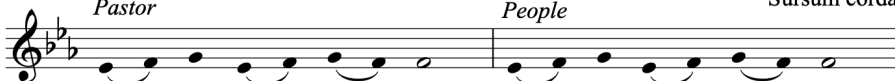
and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,

## Great Thanksgiving

Pastor

People

Sursum corda



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Pastor* *People*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

*Pastor* *People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

## Preface

### Sanctus

Sarin Sam. English S T Kimbrough Jr.

Sarin Sam: Cambodia

C Am

Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts, the

Em Dm C

Guard - i - an of my life. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Am Em

Lord God of hosts, the u - ni - verse sings your

Dm Am Em

praise. O Cre - a - tor who all things has

Dm Em Dm C

made. You are wor - thy to be a - dored and praised.

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## Eucharistic Prayer

### Words of Institution

### Remembering

We remember Jesus, his coming in our midst.  
 This bread, his body, this wine his blood.  
 We proclaim the mystery of our faith.  
*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

### Lord's Prayer

*in our many languages*

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

### Agnus Dei

### O Lamb of God

Mabel Wu: Hong Kong



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

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### Invitation to Communion

*All are welcome for communion.  
Come and take any empty space around the altar. You will receive the bread.  
Then choose a cup: a dark cup for wine, a lighter cup for grape juice.  
Place the used cup on the next tray before returning to your seat.*

# Songs during Communion

## O-so-so

Geonyong Lee: Korea

1. O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyŏng - hwa ũi - im - gŭm  
 1. Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sa - vior.  
 4. Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile all na - tions.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, re - con - cile all na - tions.

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2. O-so-sŏ o-so-sŏ, sa-rang ũi-im-gŭm,  
 u-ri-ga han-mom i-ru-ge ha-so-sŏ.

3. O-so-sŏ o-so-sŏ, cha-yu ũi-im-gŭm,  
 u-ri-ga han-mom i-ru-ge ha-so-sŏ.

4. O-so-sŏ o-so-sŏ, tong-il ũi-im-gŭm,  
 u-ri-ga han-mom i-ru-ge ha-so-sŏ.

## Magnificat

Jacques Berthier: France

1 2 Jacques Berthier: France

Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a Do-mi-num.

3 4

Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a.

II 1 2 3

Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, a-ni-ma me-a

4

Do-mi-num, a-ni-ma me-a Do-mi-num.

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*My soul magnifies the Lord.*

## Lo, how a rose e're blooming

St. 1,2 vorreformatorisch, Köln 1599 Alte Catholische Kirchengesäng, 1599  
 St. 3 Berlin 1853 harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609  
 English, Vs 1,2 Theodore Baker, Vs 3 Harriet R. Krauth, Vs.4 John C. Mattes

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
 2. I - sa - iah had fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;  
 3. O flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,  
 4. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man woe;

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as seers of old have sung.  
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.  
 dis - pels with glo - rious spen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery-where.  
 O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness know:



It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a  
 Hu - man yet ver - y God, from sin and death he  
 bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of

win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.  
 saves us, and ligh - tens ev - every load.  
 heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Sending forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Christmas Worship Services**

Our congregation will gather for worship several times in the coming week. All are welcome to join in the celebration of Christmas.

### ***Christmas Eve, 24 December 17h30***

Candlelight with an abundance of stars will shine over the carols. Bring star-shaped Christmas cookies to share.

### ***Christmas Day, 25 December 11h00***

Communion and carols celebrate the presence of Christ.

### ***First Sunday of Christmas, 29 December 11h00***

The celebration continues! Rev. Sarah Stephens preaching and presiding.

## **Christmas Carol Singalong – Today at 17h00**

This afternoon, 22 December, at 17h00, the English- and German-Speaking Congregations will hold a Christmas carol singalong at the church. Weather permitting, we'll be in the church garden, singing for one another and for our neighbors in the Old Town--and if the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll be in the sanctuary. Refreshments will be provided afterward; all are warmly welcome.

## **Consider a Year-End Gift to the Congregation**

For many, Christmas is a time for giving thanks and expressing generosity. Please consider a gift to the congregation as the year comes to a close, perhaps in thanks for the role it has played in your life or your family's life this year. It is possible to give via bank or post transfer, PayPal, TWINT, or in cash during an upcoming worship service. All the details are on our website, and any gift is meaningful and a great help: <https://genevalutheran.church/giving/>

*Thank you for generosity and your part in our community's life!*

## **Serving at the Soup Kitchen**

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 18 January 2025. It takes place from 8h30 until about 13h00 at Le Jardin de Montbrillant (Rue de Montbrillant 3) just behind Geneva Cornavin train station. All are welcome to sign up and help prepare and serve a warm meal. Contact the church office or Elisabeth Benn ([chriselis\\_benn@bluewin.ch](mailto:chriselis_benn@bluewin.ch)) for more information.

## **Administrative Assistant on Vacation**

Riza Le Geyt will be on vacation until 3 January. The office will be closed during this time, but emails and phone messages will be checked regularly. For any urgent matters, please contact Pastor Andy directly at 079 544 70 12.

## **Serving Weekly Coffee Hour**

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday. Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

25 December – All

29 December – Group B

5 January – Group C

12 January – Groupm D

*If you can help on a week when your group is assigned,  
please let your group's coordinator know.*

## **Food For Ukraine – Donations Welcome**

A friend of the congregation from Luzhany, a small town in southwestern Ukraine, is collecting food to be sent by van to his village this month.

Conditions in this region have been very difficult since the start of the war, and our support would be much appreciated at this time. Particular needs are: tuna, sardines, oil, rice, coffee, sugar, and salt. Chocolates for children at the local school are also welcome, as are adhesive bandages (bandaids). Donations are welcome through Sunday 22 December, either this Sunday morning or at the Christmas carol singalong this evening. Many thanks for considering joining in this effort.

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**This Week's Schedule:**

<b>Sun, 22 Dec</b>	<b>17h00</b>	Christmas carol singalong
<b>Tues, 24 Dec</b>	<b>16h30</b>	Choir practice
	<b>17h30</b>	Worship on Christmas Eve
<b>Wed, 25 Dec</b>	<b>11h00</b>	Worship on Christmas Day
<b>Sun, 29 Dec</b>	<b>11h00</b>	Worship on the First Sunday of Christmas, Rev. Sarah Stephens preaching and presiding
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

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**If you are a guest in our congregation today,** please fill out the connection card below—you can place it in the offering bag or hand it to the pastor or one of the ushers. We would love to be in touch and answer any questions you might have about our congregation.

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