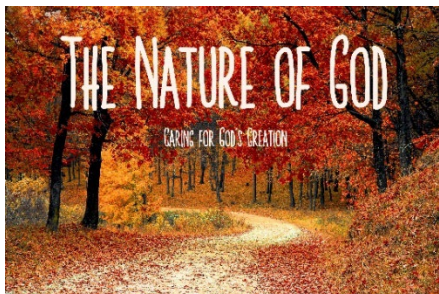


# Libertyville Covenant Church

November 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.



**Prelude**      Andante Cantabile from “Sonata in F minor” (Telemann/Ostrander)  
*Tom Borkman and Karin Lundstedt (trombone and piano)*

**Welcome**  
*(Please pass the attendance pads to your neighbors)*

## **\*Call to Worship**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: God made the bright, warm sunshine and the freezing cold snow.

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: God made the little tiny flowers and the great big pine trees.

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: God made the peaceful ponds and the crashing waves.

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: God made the cornfields and the rocky mountains.

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: God made the creeping caterpillars and kicking kangaroos.

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: God made you, and God made me.

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Come, let us praise God for making all things good.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**\*Songs of Praise**

God of Wonders

It Is Well

**\*Invocation**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

*(Take a moment and pass the peace to those around you or through the chat bar).*

**Mission Moment: Adopt-A-Family**

Joan Groody

**Scripture Readings**

Genesis 1:26-31

Romans 1:18-20

Owen Youngman

**Choir Anthem** “Praise God! Sing All Ye Heavens” (Mozart/arr. Hopson)

**Congregation in Prayer (Debts, Debtors)**

**\*Hymn #8**

“How Great Thou Art”

**Message**

*The Nature of God*  
*Revelation*

Pastor Steve Larson

**\*Hymn #58**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**Giving our Offerings to God**

**Ways to Respond Beyond the Service**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fantasia on "Duke Street" (Paxton)

Su-Yi Su

*Welcome to Libertyville Covenant Church! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. We invite you to refer to our website [libcov.org](http://libcov.org) for more information about the life and ministries of LCC. It is encouraging to know that many of you are worshiping with us from distant places as we join together virtually as well as in person.*



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Those with health concerns: Andrea Reynolds, Su-Wei Su, and Heather Larson. For Kevin Vollrath's safety and all in the Middle East.

*At this time of Thanksgiving when we remember all the blessings we have received, I want to thank each and every one of you for the love and support you have given me and my family over this past difficult year. The hospital visits and phone calls from Pastors Steve and Paul have been instrumental in coping with the loss of Dwight. The cards and beautiful flowers have been so comforting. The Memorial Service took many hands to make it perfect. To those in the kitchen who prepared the wonderful Swedish luncheon, I will always be so grateful! I am joining a wonderful church that shows compassion and kindness. I am truly blessed! Thanks again!!!*  
Susan Samuelson

**TODAY IN OUR CHURCH**

9:00 a.m.      Sunday School and Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m.     Worship, streaming ([libcov.org](http://libcov.org)) and in person  
12:00 p.m.     Choir Rehearsal  
NO Senior High Youth Group  
6:30 p.m.      Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Social

**Thank you for helping with November 19<sup>h</sup> Worship:**

**Sunday School:** Pre-School: Angela Kocinski, K-3<sup>rd</sup>: Jim Gillette,  
4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>: Sarah Palmberg and Lee Vollrath

**Worship Nursery:** Kat Tranel

**Greeters:** Maggie Johnson and Carol Nielson

**Coffee Hour:** Bill and Chris Anderson

**Lay Reader:** Owen Youngman

**Shepherds:** Rachel Couleur

**Tech Team:** Drake Runyon, Angela Kocinski and Noah James

**Ushers:** Bill (Marti) Anderson and Jim Krueger

**Thank you for helping with November 26<sup>th</sup> Worship:**

**Sunday School:** Pre-School: Angela Kocinski, K-3<sup>rd</sup>: Jim Gillette;  
4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>: Sarah Palmberg and Lee Vollrath

**Worship Nursery:** Karin Hildebrandt and Kirsten Peterson

**Greeters:** Caren and Lee Vollrath

**Coffee Hour:** Carol and Dennis Dieball

**Lay Reader:** Deb Lindahl

**Shepherds:** Angela Kocinski

**Tech Team:** Max Anderson, Larry Cholewin and Noah James

**Ushers:** Bill (Marti) Anderson and Jim Krueger

## *November/December Calendar*

### November 20<sup>th</sup> through November 26<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Steve on Vacation)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Monday Night Small Group</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Office is Closed</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Senior High Youth Group</b>

### November 27<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Monday Night Small Group</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Deacon Team Meeting</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CED Meeting (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Family Advent Night</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ping Pong Group</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Middle School Christmas Party</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Furniture Ministry</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Advent Worship Service</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Senior High Youth Group</b>

## *Upcoming November and Decembers Events*

- November 19 Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 followed by Pie Social
- November 29 Family Advent Night
- December 1 Middle School Christmas Party
- December 8 All Church Smorgasbord
- December 10 Senior High Christmas Party
- December 16 All Church Progressive Dinner
- December 17 Staff Coffee Hour
- December 20 Longest Night Service
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship Service



**TONIGHT:** This Thanksgiving season, what have we to be thankful for? So very much! Come and join us as we celebrate all of God's many blessings at our Thanksgiving Service. Sunday evening, Nov. 19, at 6:30pm we gather to sing, pray, and share stories of God's goodness to us all. We

conclude the service with a potluck dessert social, so come for the worship, stay to try everyone's fall desserts! (We will be collecting for Covenant World Relief, so bring your donations to the service.)

A graphic for a Turkey Bowl Flag Football event. It features a green grass field with a white yard line. In the center, there is a turkey head wearing a football helmet with "L.C.C." on it. Two footballs are positioned on either side of the turkey. The text "TURKEY BOWL" is written in a large, bold, red font with a white outline, and "Flag Football" is written in a smaller, white font below it. At the bottom, there is a brown banner with white text providing details about the event.

**Who:** Anyone who likes to play flag football (or would like to learn)  
**When:** 10:00 am–12pm, November.24<sup>th</sup> - Friday after Thanksgiving  
**Where:** Central park, 250 library lane, Grayslake (less than 15 mins north of the church)

## ADVENT EVENTS



Everyone is invited to begin the advent season on Family Advent Night, Wednesday, 11/29 from 5:30-7:30. Activities include dinner for all, Advent craft, Jingle Jam and more! Join the church family as we anticipate the birth of Jesus!

**Middle School Christmas Party, Dec 1st** Please be sure to mark your calendars and save the dates for our middle school Progressive Dinner. The Middle school party will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4:30 to 7:30p.m. and we will be providing more party details as the date approaches. We will require an RSVP for the party so that we have enough food and transportation for the night.



### **Christmas Smorgasbord Luncheon, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the narthex**

It's Christmas Smorgasbord time! Please join us on Friday, December 8 at 11:30 am. around the narthex fireplace. We will enjoy our favorite Swedish Christmas foods, carols, and warm fellowship as we begin the season together. If you have questions or would like a meal delivered to you, please contact Kris Nikkel (847-543-8861) or [kjnikkel@aol.com](mailto:kjnikkel@aol.com). See you there! Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

**Senior High Christmas Party, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** Details for this event will be delivered when we get closer to the date. We wanted to make sure everyone saves this time and date for the party as the end of the year is full of Christmas cheer. Looking forward to seeing our students gather for a Christmas Jamboree.



**All Church Progressive Dinner, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** The annual Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers all together held at one home, followed by dinner and dessert at 7:30 held at several host homes. Please join together for a very enjoyable evening! For more information, please contact Lori Hartnett or Kristen Bethancourt. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.



## **ADOPT-A-FAMILY for CHRISTMAS**

This Christmas we are again providing gifts for 40 children, as part of the Love INC/Catholic charities “Adopt-a-Family” program. Names with gift suggestions are listed on the link below. Please sign your name next to a child’s name and purchase a gift. **The wrapped gifts should be returned to church or to Joan Groody’s home BY**

**December 3rd.** The child’s name and ID# should be on the package. If the request is expensive, please feel free to substitute another item. If you have any questions, or to arrange a drop off time, contact Joan Groody (847-951-7533) or Debbie Tometz (847-362-3308). Thank you for your generosity [Click Here for Link](#)



**Calling all Singers!!** The choir welcomes anyone interested in singing for the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you would like to participate, contact me at [kjnikkel@aol.com](mailto:kjnikkel@aol.com) or 847-543-8861. Kris Nikkel, choir director.



The final Jill’s House campout of 2023 is just a little more than two weeks away – December 1-3. The December campout is always a blast as the kids are getting geared up for Christmas – come help them get into the holiday spirit! Please contact Kansas Dave for more information.

**LOST and FOUND:** Our Lost and Found box is full. Please check out the table in the narthex for any item that might have been misplaced. Unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill. Thank you!!



**LCC ONLINE GIVING PORTAL:** To give online, simply to go the LCC website ([www.libcov.org](http://www.libcov.org)) and click the “give” on the menu. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## October 2023 Treasurer’s Report

	<u>2023 YTD - Oct</u>	<u>2022 YTD - Oct</u>
<b>EXPENSES VS. BUDGET</b>		
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 464,362	\$ 437,412
Actual Expenses	426,836	402,431
Cost Savings / (Overrun)	✔ 37,526	✔ 34,981
 <b>INCOME VS. BUDGET</b>		
Regular Giving	387,058	380,275
Special Income	20,841	150
Total Income	✔ 407,899	✔ 380,425
Budgeted Giving	✔ 464,362	✔ 437,412
Giving Excess / (Shortfall)	✔ (56,463)	✔ (56,987)
 <b>INCOME VS. EXPENSES</b>		
Actual Income	✔ 407,899	✔ 380,425
Actual Expenses	✔ 426,836	✔ 402,431
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<u>✔ \$ (18,937)</u>	<u>✔ \$ (22,006)</u>

*After applying the ERC funds, we are still \$19k short of budget coming into the final 2 months of the year. Please prayerful consider how you can help us eliminate this gap and meet our financial budget commitments for the year. Thank you!*

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