

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

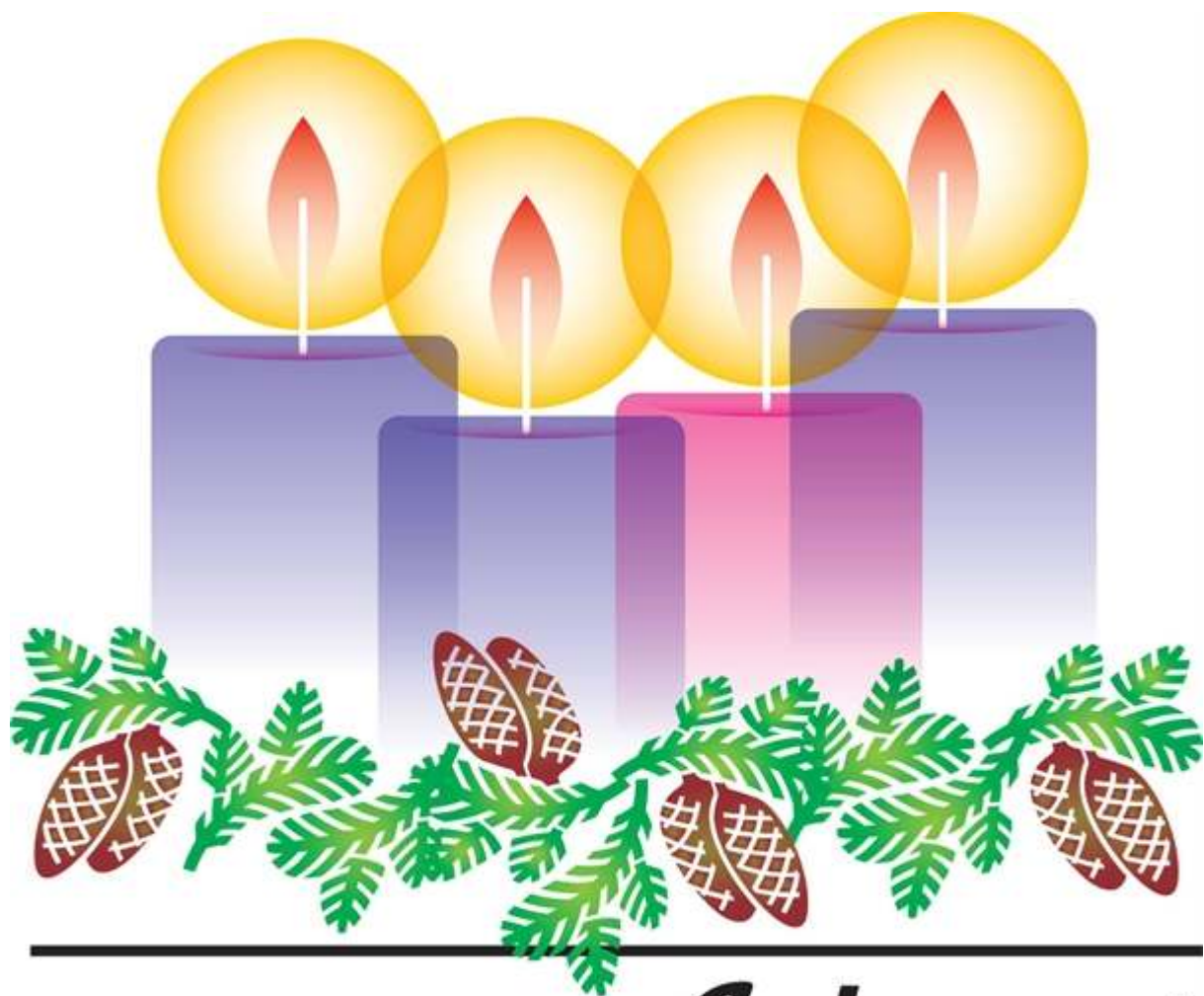
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**9:30 a.m. WORSHIP**



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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**December 23, 2018**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ADVENT**

## All Are Welcome

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling at the altar rail. Children are encouraged to come to receive the Lord's Blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (the smaller chalice), as well as wine, for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. The Assistant will hold both the wine and the juice and move from the center to the outside of the communion rail. Communion is continuous with kneeling. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Bob to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet.

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## Ministries for Today

Lector: 9:30 a.m. Doug Walck

Assistant: 9:30 a.m. Iann Buttermann

Altar Guild: 9:30 a.m. Irmis Bjerken

Ushers: 9:30 a.m. Brad & Karen Puerner, Gary Salisbury,  
and Barb Tommingo

December 16, 2018 Attendance: 9:30 a.m. - 127

# SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES CHURCH

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers*

*Fourth Sunday in Advent – December 23, 2018*

*9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 3*

+ Indicates Please Stand

**Bold** Indicates Congregation Joins In

## PRELUDE

## INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### + **THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT / RITE OF FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:*

P The Spirit and the church cry out:

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P All those who prepare for his appearance pray:.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P The whole creation pleads:

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### + **HYMN OF LIGHT**

***“O Light Whose Splendor Thrills”***

**ELW 563**

*Verses 1 and 3*

### + **GREETING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God. In the beginning you called light into being. You set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In every age, you call imperfect people to be bearers of your light. You call them to be bright with your wisdom and aflame with your righteousness, like stars forever.

C **Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ: kindled in the stable, magnified on the cross, and reflected in the lives of your holy people. With them, and with all your creatures we give you glory. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

P Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of your baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus. You belong to Christ. You are anointed to serve. Standing in God's presence, raise up your heads. The reign of God is near.

C **Amen.**

### + **GATHERING HYMN**

***“Savior of the Nations, Come”***

**ELW 263**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P As we light the candle on the Advent Wreath, let us pray.

C **God our Savior, nothing is impossible for you. Prepare our hearts to rejoice in your glorious advent. Amen.**

+ **HYMN**

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

ELW 257

*(Verse 3)*

*O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan’s tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save, and give them vict’ry o’er the gawe.*

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

+ **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of god, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup>But you, 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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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;

<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55** (*Sung responsively*)

<sup>46b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup>**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**  
**From this day all generations will | call me blessed:**  
<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me  
and holy | is your name.  
<sup>50</sup>**You have mercy on | those who fear you,**  
**from generation to | generation.**  
<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,  
<sup>52</sup>**casting down the mighty | from their thrones**  
**and lifting | up the lowly.**  
<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,**  
**to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**  
<sup>55</sup>the promise made | to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup>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)." <sup>8</sup>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), <sup>9</sup>then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Bob Hoffman

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ **The Holy Gospel according to: Luke 1:39-55**  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,  
<sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." <sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*"In Those Days . . ."*

Pastor Bob Hoffman

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"*

**ELW 265**

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of god in our lives with the word of the Apostles' Creed.

+ **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 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**

## THE PRAYERS

A As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful Lord, you keep your promises. Move your church to sing like Mary and rejoice like Elizabeth. Teach us to sing of your faithfulness all our days. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Ancient of Days, with joy you danced over the waters and birthed creation. Give us joy in caring for the soil beneath us, the water around us, and the sky above us. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Prince of peace, your sacrifice gives abundant life to all. Raise up leaders in every nation whose goals are health and wellbeing for all people and creation. Grant them wisdom and compassion to serve as you would have them serve. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Good Shepherd, you feed your flock. Fill the hungry with good things. Lift up the lowly. Accompany the refugee. Comfort the lonely. Heal the sick. Send us in haste to surround them with your love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Love Incarnate, you are with us at the manger, on the cross, and on the resurrection road. Walk with all who live with depression, grief, or heartache in this season. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Send your Holy Spirit on this congregation and our Call Committee as we prepare ourselves to call the pastor you have chosen for us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Ever-living God, you are Alpha and Omega. We thank you for all who sing now in the heavenly choir, especially those dear to us. Join our voices with theirs in praise of the Christ child. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## + SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another as we share Christ's presence in our midst.)*

# WE SHARE OUR GIFTS & TITHES

## OFFERING ANTHEM

*“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*

ARR. K. LEE SCOTT

Chancel Choir

### + OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### + THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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### + PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life. Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit. All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

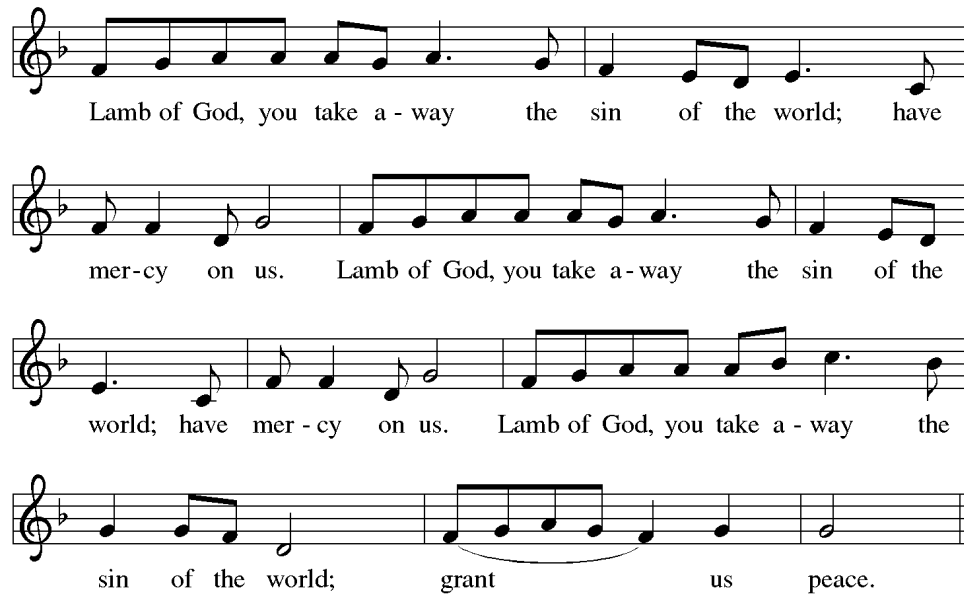
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*(Eucharist is celebrated by intinction, the dipping of bread into the wine or juice. All are welcome to partake of the sacrament.)*

A Please be seated.

## Lamb of God



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

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## COMMUNION HYMNS

*“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*  
*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

ELW 272

ELW 279

A Please stand as you are able.

+ **COMMUNION ACCLAMATION**

C **The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. Amen.**

+ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

A Let us pray.

C **Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

+ **THE BLESSING**

P May God direct your ways in peace. May God make you abound in love for one another and for all. May God strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

+ **SENDING HYMN**

*“Joy to the World”*

ELW 267

+ **PRAYER FOR SENDING**

C **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us such trust in your presence and power in our lives to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but knowing only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Amen.**

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the Chancel this morning are given by Gary Spragg in loving memory of Barbara Spragg.

### A CALL FOR ACTION

Every week, Shepherd of the Glades will be collecting and donating canned and boxed food to help persons in need at St. Matthew’s House, Grace Place, and Immokalee Friendship House. Suggested items are canned food of all kinds, powdered milk, peanut butter, jellies/jams, cereals, soups, rice, pasta, etc. Items need to be within code date and unopened. Just bring your donations to the Church and give to the ushers. All items are being delivered locally. The last delivery was to St. Matthew’s House.



### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

On Christmas Eve there will be two opportunities to worship, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to worship with us!

### FOR OUR YOUNGEST WORSHIPPERS

If you are worshipping with a child, there are activity bags for children to use during service which are located near the front door on the table. Please feel free to make use of them.

**THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:**

**Office hours this week are: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Monday; Tuesday is Christmas Day; 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob;  
Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. service**

**Monday & Wednesday, December 24 and 26, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bone Builders, Hanson Hall**

**Monday, December 24, 2018, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship**

**First Sunday of Christmas, December 30, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Bob**

**TWO WORSHIP SERVICES BEGIN**

**On Sunday, January 6, 2019, we begin our winter schedule with two worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.**

**ATTENTION: ALL CHILDREN**

**Sunday School will be held during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, beginning Sunday, January 6, 2019. Hope to see you there!**

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