

Our Mission is to Love God and Love Others

**First Sunday of Advent
November 27th, 2022
Order of Service**

Call to Worship

Come, let's go together to God's mountain---

a mountain of God's glory and peace.

Let's prepare for Christ's arrival---

the birth of the prince of peace.

Come, let's worship the Spirit of love.

Clothed in Christ's love, we are ready to worship and pray.

Opening Prayer

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

Even when we're tired, Lord,

we long to awake to your presence.

Even when we're distracted,

we yearn to be held spellbound by your power.

Even when we're lost and wander away from you,

we hope to rest safely in the arms of your grace.

Wake us from sleep, O God;

reveal your love and mercy,

and grant us the peace of your redemption.

In humble gratitude, we pray. Amen.

The lighting of the Advent Candle

Candle Lighting Response (Say He Will Come)

Say He Will Come

Pray He Will Come

To a sin filled world

With His Love

Chosen One

Sent from our God above

Say He Will Come

Pray He Will Come

And bring peace

To All Who believe

Chosen One

Sent from our God above

Say He Will Come

Pray He Will Come

And bring Joy

To All Who believe

Holy One

Sent to Bring Peace and Love

Assurance of Pardon

In God's love, we find rest. In Christ's grace, we receive forgiveness. In the Spirit's presence, we know peace. Thanks be to God. Amen

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

Welcome & Announcements

Intercessory Prayer/Offertory Prayer

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (verses 1-4)

Matthew 6:10(New International Version)

10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Message

"The Definition of Hope"

Rev. Paul Glover

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Benediction

Announcements

Tuesday Night Prayer Conference Call at 7 pm to 8 pm and Thursday Morning Prayer Conference Call at 6 am to 6:30 am (605) 472-5395 Code 476076 –Prayer requests can be emailed to prayer@flatlandsreformed.org

The food distribution program operates on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The next distribution is Saturday, December 3rd from 7:00 am – 9:00 am.

Friday, December 2nd -Pre-packing of food at 1:00 pm

FITBK – Free fitness classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm

ESL program - ESL classes will be held Mondays & Fridays from 6 pm-9 pm.

Wednesday Night Worship, The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next gathering Wednesday, December 7th at 7:30 pm, in the auditorium.

Every Woman Project –Every Woman Project's mission is to affirm the dignity of women by providing them with items needed for feminine hygiene care. Participants gather on the first Saturday of each month at 10 am to prepare care packets and then distribute them to women's shelters and residences.

Giving – You can give your tithes, offerings, gifts, and donations in three ways:

- Online**, go to www.flatlandsreformed.org, and click on the give tab at the top, then the give button.
- By Mail**, Flatlands Reformed Church, 3931 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York 11234
- In Person**, you can bring your gift to Sunday service

Thank you for your free-will giving, because it supports the life, and work of our community of faith.

Interested in joining or learning more about Flatlands and serving? If you are interested in joining our church or community of faith or would like to learn more about us and serve in one of our ministries, you can email info@flatlandsreformed.org

Flatlands Reformed Church

Vision

Flatlands Reformed Church strives to be a church that ministers to the needs of its members, the community, and the world.

Mission

Love God, Love Others

Values

- Culturally relevant without compromising the integrity of the gospel message
- Biblically literate and guided by God's word
- Committed to Discipleship
- Intentionally Evangelistic
- Promoting Gift-Based ministry
- Prepare and train Servant-Leaders
- Vibrant and inspirational worship that honors God and feeds the soul
- Fully member supported
- Healthy Spiritual Growth and the fruits of the Spirit are evident