

### **Acolytes and Basket Bearers**



We are excited to provide opportunities for children to volunteer during worship.

- Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger are invited to serve as a “basket bearer” to hold the baskets that collect glasses during communion. Some may require a parent’s help.
- Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older are invited to serve as an acolyte to light and extinguish the altar candles.

Visit the SignUp Hub in the Commons or use the Nov/Dec Worship Volunteers link at [www.godslovenewtown.org/signups](http://www.godslovenewtown.org/signups) to choose a week to serve. Training will be provided.

### **Reformation & Confirmation – October 29**



A big thank you to all the children and their families who attend worship on October 29th. The Sunday School students helped to celebrate Reformation and Confirmation by leading the congregation in singing “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”.



### **You’ve Touched Our Hearts, Pastor Dan**

The Sunday School children decorated hearts and created a “You’ve Touched Our Hearts” tree. The tree was presented to Pastor Dan on November 5, his last Sunday. The teens honored him by reciting a poem. Pastor Dan was very touched and appreciative.

### **Saint Nicholas Sunday – December 3**

On Sunday December 3, St. Nicholas himself will be visiting God’s Love during both worship services. During his visit he will collect gift donations for children in need and explain how he helped to inspire our gift-giving traditions. All are welcome to attend. If you’d like to purchase a gift for a child in need, please see the tag display in the lobby. This is an excellent opportunity to teach children about giving to others.

### **The Messenger:**

The Messenger is the weekly congregational newsletter. Watch for it in your email or read it online at [godslovenewtown.org/connect/newsletters](http://godslovenewtown.org/connect/newsletters).

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## Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, December 17

All families are invited to join the Sunday School classes on Sunday, December 17 for Hanging of the Greens. During this event the children will hear the story of the birth of Jesus, put the figures in the nativity scene, decorate the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary and sing Christmas carols. Watch for more details about how your child's class is participating. Please invite your friends and family to this fun and festive holiday event.

## Opportunities for adults during the Sunday School hour

While your children are in Sunday School, you are invited to participate in any of the following activities. Check the weekly Messenger for details.

1. Adult Faith & Life Class – Meets in Fellowship Hall to discuss a variety of topics geared toward connecting faith to everyday life.
2. Café - Enjoy coffee, baked goodies, and welcoming conversation in our Café, located near the sanctuary.
3. Young Adults – Gather in the Lounge for fellowship.
4. Volunteer – Get involved as a Nursery assistant, Sunday School assistant, or Café barista. Contact the church office or visit [godslovenewtown.org/signups](http://godslovenewtown.org/signups).

## Weekly Offering

A monetary offering, in any amount, is collected at Sunday School each week to benefit **God's Global Barnyard**. This ELCA program supports sustainable development projects for farmers and families in impoverished countries. Our goal is to raise \$715 for a family farm. To date we've collected \$163.89. Watch our progress on the thermometer in the main hallway. For more information visit [elca.org/goodgifts](http://elca.org/goodgifts).

## God's Love Nursery

Childcare is available Sundays from 8:30am to 12:30pm while parents attend worship and other Sunday morning church activities. Contact the church office if you are willing to take a turn serving as an assistant alongside our Nursery Attendant, Jen Pizzigoni.

## No Sunday School on the Following Dates:

November 26 (Thanksgiving), December 24 (Christmas Eve), December 31 (New Year's Eve)

## Christmas Eve Worship – Sunday, December 24:

9:30am – Family Worship with impromptu children's pageant (nursery care provided)

6:00pm – Candlelight Worship with music by Rejoice! Praise Band

9:00pm – Candlelight Worship with music by organ, choir, and handbells

## Weekly Worship:

Sunday worship services are at **8:45am**, **11:00am**, or **online** any time. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. Visit [godslovenewtown.org/worship](http://godslovenewtown.org/worship) for more information.