

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters in Luke 2:8-14 it reads:

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Is there any surprise that the declaration from the angel and the heavenly hosts at Jesus' birth proclaimed "Peace on Earth?" Peace on earth is something we all want to enjoy and live for, not only for ourselves but for all men and woman.

As we remember the Savior during this Christmas season I hope we can remember and ponder the peace that can be rendered through our Savior Jesus Christ. As we seek him, search for him, open the door for him, and have good will towards men our lives will be peaceful. I bear my testimony that this declaration announced more than 2000 years ago is surely good tidings of great joy for all.

Merry Christmas dear friends!

Chris Furstenau and the Garden Park Bishopric

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## Sunday Service Announcement—December 20<sup>th</sup>

The health and safety of our most vulnerable ward members continues to be our top priority. We continue to make periodic adjustments to procedures in response to changing conditions and guidance from church and government leaders. Most recently, we moved to broadcasting church services from the chapel, with the vast majority of ward members participating from home via zoom. The feedback we received has been largely positive, with most participants enjoying the opportunity to worship with all family members in the safety and comfort of their homes.

We have received instruction from stake leadership to provide the option to attend in person for those who wish. In response, those wishing to attend church in the chapel are invited to do so. We will continue to broadcast Sacrament meeting via zoom. Given the very high coronavirus transmission rate, we anticipate that the vast majority of us will elect to continue participating via zoom for now, but anyone wishing to attend in person will be most welcome.

So we can plan accordingly, if you would like to attend Sacrament meeting in the chapel, please let a member of the bishopric know by call or text. Those attending will need to observe infection control measures including social distancing, wearing face masks, using hand hygiene, staying home while ill.

Whether you join by zoom or in person, we look forward to worshipping with you.

Bishop Graham, 801.514.7994  
Randy Peterson, 781.720.9108  
Chris Furstenau, 801.330.1968  
Mark Hindley, 801.599.8175

[Click here to join December 20th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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## Sunday Service Program—December 20<sup>th</sup>

### GARDEN PARK WARD

*-Sacrament Meeting Program-*

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

December 20, 2020, 10am

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Conducting .....                     | Randy Peterson  |
| Organist .....                       | Judianne Peterson   |
| Opening Hymn (organ only) .....      | <i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear, No. 207</i>                                     |
| Invocation .....                     | TBA   |
| Ward Business .....                  | Brother Peterson  |
| "Pie Jesu" (prerecorded) .....       | Katie Waltman & Rebekah Blackner, violin duet<br>Accompanied by Lois Waltman, piano |
| Video Vignette .....                 | Colleen Stevens   |
| Video Vignette .....                 | The Werner Family   |
| "What Child Is This?" .....          | Mia & Maggie Merchant   |
| "Joy to the World" .....             | Judianne Peterson, organ  |
| Video Vignette .....                 | The Nicoli Family   |
| Video Vignette .....                 | The Penman Family   |
| "Angels We Have Heard on High" ..... | Judianne Peterson, organ  |
| Video Vignette .....                 | The Barry Family  |
| Christmas Message .....              | Allison Drinkwater Johnson  |
| "O Holy Night" (prerecorded) .....   | Suzanne Ferry Thorup  |
| Benediction .....                    | TBA   |

*Zoom broadcast is concluded*

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| Sacrament Hymn (organ only) ..... | <i>Jesus, Once of Humble Birth, No. 196</i> |
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*Administration of the Sacrament*

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## Relief Society

I love Christmas! To me it really is "the most wonderful time of the year". Every year I think I may want to simplify or cut back and every year I get excited and engaged in the whole spirit, beauty and joy of the holiday! I love the beautiful music with worshipful praises like "Oh come let us adore him!"

But without the Christ in Christmas, I can only imagine how commercial, ironic and flat the holiday season could seem. I'll never forget the first time I saw a label "Xmas" on something! I hated it! I found a book linking all of the Christmas symbols to Christ and have loved the reminders ever since.

Christmas trees are evergreens and represent eternal life. They always point Heavenward.

Candy canes are shepherd's crooks reminding us of the Good Shepherd.

We use the love language of presents to remind us of the greatest gift ever; that of God the Father giving us His son to atone for our sins.

Angels remind us of the angels announcing Christ's birth and giving God glory.

Lights are symbolic of the light of Christ (and so needed and uplifting in the dark of winter)

Wreaths and bows are symbols of unity and tying together.

Christmas decorations help me keep my sacramental covenant to "always remember Him." I love being reminded of our Savior at every turn!

I love the hope of Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward Men!

I love this ward and all of you!

*Merry Christmas!*

With love from Kathy and the Relief Society Presidency

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## Elders Quorum

Dear Brothers,

This Christmas message is as timely now as it was 55 years ago:

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
FORTY-SEVEN EAST SOUTH TEMPLE  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

HUGH B. BROWN

December 25 - 1965  
A Prayer at Christmas Time.  
Help us O God to attain a stature above  
the reach of flattery with its seeds of pride and  
arrogance; may we never employ it as a means  
of self aggrandizement.  
May we attest our love of Thee by serving  
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Merry Christmas!  
G.P. Ward Elders Quorum Presidency

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please reach out to your ministering families and anyone else you feel moved to - even better, let us know how you and they are doing
- **CORRECTION:** The welfare assignment hours are 9am-1pm (not 12pm as listed in previous announcement)
- Welfare Square assignment on December 29, 2020 9am-1pm at the bakery. Six volunteers needed. Please let me know if you can attend. Call/text Doug at 801-910-7128.
- The EQ will be teaching the Zoom lesson on December 27 from October 2020 conference. If you would like to teach, please let me or Emilio Nicoli know ASAP.

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## Happy Birthday!

December 1—Nicholas Heiner  
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December 2—Tilda Wilson  
December 3—Josh Campbell  
December 5—Pamela Miller  
December 8—Quinton Ruiz  
December 10—Eames Patch  
December 12—Sophie Shenkal  
December 15—Jasmine Linam  
December 17—Ralph Robbins  
December 17—Lauren Zollinger  
December 19—Nikki Peterson  
December 20—Geoff Parker

December 22—Kimberly Silcox  
December 25—Noelle Barry  
December 25—Lark Galli  
December 27—Amy Coady  
December 27—Aaron Cummings  
December 28—David Hopkins  
December 28—Emily Marchant  
December 29—Paul Richardson  
December 29—Gerald Walsh  
December 30—Maddie Waltman  
December 31—David Chipman  
December 31—Sally Epperson

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## Ward Announcements

### **Tithing Settlement**

Thank you to everyone who attended tithing settlement. I enjoyed visiting with you and your families.

We have completed our scheduled tithing settlements. If you would still like to meet with me for tithing settlement, please call Mark Hindley for an appointment. (801.599.8175).

Merry Christmas,  
Bishop Graham

**Sacrament Administration** From our Area President, Elder Holzapfel: "The sacrament can be offered to families who have not had the opportunity in their homes . . . The First Presidency has authorized the administration of the sacrament at least monthly." The sacrament may still be blessed and passed by your own family members that are able to do so. If you would like the sacrament brought to your home, please contact Relief Society President Kathy Younker (801.971.1504) or Elders Quorum President Doug Bunker (801.910.7128), and they will help make arrangements for you to receive it.

Although Garden Park Ward building is closed for ward activities, we understand that families occasionally use the gym for their family activities of fewer than 10 people. When using the ward building for family activities please bring a garbage bag from home and take home with you any trash that you may create, i.e. wrappers, paper towels, etc. We do not want garbage to accumulate while we are not on our normal cleaning routine. The bathroom under the stage may be used if necessary. Please wipe down all door knobs, and surfaces that you touch with the wipes on the kitchen counter, before and after use. Thank you for keeping each other safe.

Temple recommends continue to be available. Even though temples are currently closed, our Stake Presidency is encouraging all to keep their recommends current. Recommend interviews are being held by phone at this time, both at the ward and stake level. If yours is expired, please contact Mark Hindley at (801) 599-8175 to set up a phone interview with the Bishop. In addition, for years the Stake Presidency followed a practice of first come first serve for temple recommend interviews on Sunday afternoons. They have eliminated that practice during the pandemic. The current procedure, which is in effect until further notice, is for the member to contact either President Parker or President Patch and directly schedule a renewal interview. They should contact them via cell phone, by sending a text message. (Their numbers are in LDS Tools.)

There are many great resources available at [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.