

Announcements

- **Tonight** we are planning to participate in a joint worship service at **First CRC at 5:30pm**. The service will be one of song and Scripture, focusing on some of the familiar Christmas songs and the stories and Scriptures that are behind them. Please join us for worship as we continue to celebrate God's work for us in Jesus Christ.
- **Christmas Eve Service:** We are planning to worship together on **Christmas Eve at 6:00pm** as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and reflect on the impact of this amazing action of our God as we await his return.
- **Reminder** that there will be NO Church School & Catechism today or next week Sunday, December 28. They will meet again on Sunday, January 4.
- **Scheduling for 2015** - Please check the sign-up sheet on the welcome center if you want to be added to the **Feb/March/April/May** schedule of greeters, ushers, welcome center, monitors, nursery attendants, sound, power point and video technicians. Thank You.
- **Merry Christmas from World Renew!** World Renew would like to wish you a blessed Christmas as we remember the birth of our Savior. In the midst of the turmoil and crisis in our world, we can place our hope in Jesus. We can also extend Christ's hope by giving a gift to those who are living in poverty. Thank you for your gifts to World Renew through the Gift Catalog program and through your church offerings to help those who need it most.
- **The Voices of Victory** male quartet invites you to a New Year's Eve concert on **Wednesday, December 31** from 8:00pm-11:00pm at Hudsonville Reformed Church (3950 Highland Drive, Hudsonville). We will be joined by pianist Bryan Westra and by the Sacred Harmonies quartet. There is no admission charge; a free will offering to benefit Georgetown Harmony Homes will be taken. You are welcome to join us for an hour or two, or to stay for the entire evening of praise to the God of the Ages.
- **Walk for Warmth** on **Saturday, February 7** at 8:30am at City On A Hill in Zeeland. The Walk is a 2-mile, route around downtown Zeeland. Guest speaker is Karen McPhee, Superintendent of the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. Registration is free, donations are encouraged. All are welcome!



Welcome

As we worship our God and Savior this morning, we pray you feel welcomed as part of this community of God's people. This morning is the fourth Sunday of **Advent**, a time of waiting for the Lord, a time to consider the actions of our God – past, present and future. This morning the young people of our congregation will help lead us in worship and reflection on Luke 2:8-20. God chooses to powerfully announce the birth of the Messiah to a group of shepherds. It is a message of joy and the shepherds respond with joy at being able to share and receive this wonderful work of God.

Available during the worship services:

- Nursery (ages newborn - 3)
- Children's Worship (ages 3 through 2nd grade)
- Children's Worship Notes & Activity Bags
- Hearing Loop System
- Bible & Hymnals
- Recorded/Video Taped Services...see sound tech

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Office Hours | Pastor Dan Kinnas: Mon-Thurs 9:30am-5:30pm
Administrative Assistant: Mon & Thurs 9:00am-1:30pm

The deadline for bulletin announcements is on Wednesday.

Morning Worship 9:30am

Advent Series

Prelude – “What Child Is This?” by Rebekah Dykema

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Lighting of Advent Candle & Reading: “Joy” – Isaiah 52:7-10

*God’s Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

*PH 354:1-2 & 4-5 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Children Sing:

“I Have the Joy”

“Come On, Ring Those Bells”

“The B-I-B-L-E”

“Away in a Manger”

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Offering: General Fund

(offering is received during song)

LUYH 90:1-4 “How Great Our Joy”

Skit: “Shepherds and Christmas Presents”

*PH 347:1-3 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

(children dismissed during song for children’s worship)

*Bible Reading: Luke 2:8-20

The Message: “The Gifts of Advent: Joyous Insiders”

Prayer of Application

*The Benediction

*PH 337:1-4 “Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come”

*Postlude

Accompanist: Pat De Haan

**Please stand if you are able*

What’s Happening at Bethel

Today

8:45-9:15am: Prayer Time (Room 201)

9:30am: Morning Worship

“The Gifts of Advent: Joyous Insiders”

Children’s Worship (during the morning service)

5:30pm: Joint Service at First CRC

Wednesday

6:00pm: Christmas Eve Service

Thursday

Merry Christmas!

Looking Ahead

Jan. 5 (Mon) Council

Jan. 7 (Wed) Senior Breakfast at Community Restaurant

Jan. 7 (Wed) WNAB/GEMS & Cadets

Jan. 25 (Sun) Cadet Sunday

Jan. 26 (Mon) Elders/Deacons

Jan. 28 (Wed) Worship Committee (7:30pm)

Prayer Requests [prayer line: 866.688.7799]

- Please be in prayer for **Lloyd Veldhof** as he undergoes another round of cancer treatments this week.
- Please be in prayer for many students and other members of our congregation that have been dealing with the flu or other illnesses recently.

From the Deacons [receipts from offerings]

Christian Education Supplement Fund \$1,413 (am offering),
Forgotten Man Ministries \$163 (pm offering),
Bethel Missionary Fund \$50.

Serving Today [December 21]

Greeters

am: Mike & Karen Meyer

Nursery

am: Lin Compagner, Sue Gruessing, Nycole Kragt

Ushers

am: Lloyd Veldhof, Audrey Veldhof, Evan Broekhuis

Monitors

am: Alice Gruessing, Lucy Wierda

Welcome Center: Dorothy Brummel

Sound: Hugh B. **Power Point:** Shelly B. **Video:** Dave S.

Children’s Worship

Advent IV: The Magi Show The Way (Kim DB, Jill DH)

Christmas Eve [6:00pm - December 24]

Greeters: Shelly Bartels, Lin Compagner

Nursery: Evan Broekhuis, Liz Kinnas, Jill De Haan

Ushers: Karen Meyer, Henny Van Beek, Gertrude Van Haitsma

Monitors: Mike Meyer, Lloyd Veldhof

Welcome Center: Alma Vander Veen

Sound: Hugh B. **Power Point:** Brandon D. **Video:** Dave S.

Serving Next Sunday [December 28]

Greeters

am: Al & Esther Walters

pm: Doug & Lucy Wierda

Nursery

am: Kim Den Besten, Dan De Haan, Makayla Kragt

Ushers

am: James Wabeke, Susan Wabeke, Virginia Kragt

Monitors

am: Leon Kragt, Russ Westenbroek

pm: Wendy Kragt

Welcome Center: Shelly Bartels

Sound: Bryan K. **Power Point:** Libby W. **Video:** Dave S.

Children’s Worship

Christmas: Meeting the Christ Child (Nicole C., Libby W.)

Offerings

am: City On A Hill

pm: Community Action House