

Church Calendar

Today 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Fellowship Coffee afterwards
NO Sunday School, Catechism, or Adult classes
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Weds. 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service

SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY

Greeters: A.M. John & Laura Elgersma, Dave & Stephen Hofman
P.M. Ray & Phyllis Elgersma, Mike & Bonita Elgersma

Nursery: A.M. Sharla, Isabel, & Trevin Back
P.M. Deb Alons, Chyann Schreur

Children in Worship: Shannon Rydberg, Jeri Prins

Hospitality: Mike & Kristie Verhoef, Dave & Stephen Hofman,
Jerry & Sharla Back

Prairie View visiting: (Dec. 22 – 28) Ed Visser

Video: Mike Verhoef **Audio:** Ben Reitsma

Power Point: Kristie Verhoef

Doors: Keven Van Meeteren

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE – WED., DECEMBER 25 -9:30 AM

Greeters: Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven, Jesse & Kassai Manwarren

Pianist: Jamie Carlson **Offering:** The Banquet

Nursery: Carol Elgersma, Anna Van Ess

Video/PPoint/Audio: Mike & Kristie Verhoef, Ben Reitsma

Doors: Craig Solsma

NEXT SUNDAY

Offering: A.M. 1st – Budget 2nd –CES (Fair Share)
P.M. Benevolence

Greeters A.M. Kelly & Pam De Groot, Paige Graves
P.M. Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven,
Craig & Tammy Solsma

Nursery: A.M. Paige & Aubree Graves
P.M. Tonja Hoogers, Lindsey Koldenhoven

Pianist: A.M. Joy Vander Werff P.M. Catherine Schreur

Children in Worship: Linda Oldenkamp, Jeri Prins

Hospitality: Nick & Sara Schilling, Roy & Jeri Prins,
Larry & Karen Bosma

Prairie View visiting: (Dec. 29 – Jan. 4) Ben Reitsma

Video: Travis Solsma **Audio:** Bob Oldenkamp

Power Point: Amber Stange, Craig Solsma

Doors: Ben Reitsma

Our Advent worship this morning continues the story that began many years ago when Adam & Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden. Years later God called Abraham to start the journey back home, and gave him the promise his new home would be the Promised Land. And then when God's people were taken into exile, their home in the Promised Land was deserted. This morning we see that God now comes to make his home with us – in the small, forgotten little village of Bethlehem.

Our Advent worship meditation this evening reminds us once more that HE IS COMING! God's Word has reminded us that Jesus comes to our world unexpectedly and without warning, and that he comes like a refiner's fire and launderer's soap. Last week we rejoiced with the children that Jesus comes to bring joy to the world. The message this evening reminds us that Jesus comes as the Good Shepherd.

WORSHIP NOTES

Rev. Al Kuiper will lead us in worship today.

We will celebrate **Christ' Birth** on Wed. morning, Christmas Day, at 9:30 am.

Next Sunday morning, **Rev. Duane Tinklenberg** will lead us in worship
On Sunday Evening, **Dr. Sacha Walicord**, a professor from Dordt University, will lead us in worship.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

From the Deacons: We need \$11,000 in the next 2 scheduled Budget Offerings to meet our 2019 budget. Please give this prayerful consideration as the year comes to a close. Thank You.

The Evangelism committee's GROCERY DRIVE for UDMO and Love, Inc. is ongoing. Check the table in the Fellowship Hall for lists of items needed. There is an urgent need for groceries at UDMO.

The **weather announcement** texting service has been expanded to include important announcements and prayer chain notifications. If you have not received a text from church and you desire to receive these messages via text, contact Aaron Alons.

Extra 'church' T-shirts have been ordered ~ Please contact Judy (M) Visser if you would like one. (sizes and quantities are limited)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Fellowship Weekend: Friday, January 17 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. and January 18 & 19 – 7:15am-4:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is “Year of Grace” based on Titus 3:3-8. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Mon., Dec. 30. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. For more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org, call 507-215-3670, or talk with Bob Oldenkamp

Love INC is preparing for the start of their winter session of **Loving Help classes** in Sheldon. Classes are available for anyone living in O'Brien County. Classes will begin on January 9, 2020 and run through March 12, 2020. Classes are free and will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30. Free childcare is available. The classes being offered in Sheldon include EmployABLE, Faith & Finances, Embracing Life, and Bible Study, along with English for Adult Students.

For more information or to reserve your spot in one of these classes, please call (712) 324-9707 before Monday, January 6, 2020.

Students preparing for ministry in the Christian Reformed Church from Classis Heartland may apply for aid to assist them in their study for the 2020-2021 academic years by contacting Rev. Loren Kotman; 1111 5th Street, Hull, IA 51239; (712) 439-1123; pastor@hull1stcrc.com. The deadline is February 1, 2020.

Bible League Prayer Requests

Africa ~ Pray for the upcoming Church Planter Training in Ghana. Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower these new church planters to reach more people and grow God’s Church in this region.

Asia ~ Praise the Lord for the 45 Bible-based Literacy classes that began last month in Bangladesh. Pray for the teachers as they work among the nonbelievers to share the Gospel. Pray also that many will come to know Jesus as they learn to read and write in Bengali using God’s Word.

Europe ~ We praise God that the New Testament was completed in an easy-to-read Croatian translation in 2006. The church has been growing through this. And now after much dedicated and precise work, the Old Testament is about 99% complete! Pray for God to provide everything needed for a successful completion and launch of the Croatian translation of the ERV Bible.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Arlan Wiekamp is in the Orange City hospital. He has a build-up of fluid around his heart, which the doctors are trying to regulate. He will be going into Hospice Care.

Harold Hoftzyer's back pain is lessening, but he continues to have more tests run at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Mitch Verdoorn will celebrate his 96th Birthday this Tuesday, Dec. 24

Remember **John Vander Werff** and **Mitch Verdoorn** in your prayers, as they deal with the effects of cancer in their bodies.

Gerry Mouw is in the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. She had a heart attack, two stents were then inserted into her veins, and she is also battling pneumonia. She hopes to return to her home by this weekend sometime.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Tony & Chelsea Scott ~ Aiden, Allison, Austin
Laureen Vander Berg Arlan Wiekamp

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayers

Pray for Guidance

Pray that our Congregation would be open to the direction God has planned for Sanborn CRC, that we would joyfully seek His will for our church.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29: 11

How happy a person is depends on the depth of his gratitude

THE LORD'S DAY – December 22, 2019
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Rev. Al Kuiper

IN HIS PRESENCE

- Prelude ~ Starla Reitsma, Catherine Schreur
Welcome and Call to Worship ~ *Micah 5: 2*
Lighting of Advent Candle – **LOVE** – Young People's
* Advent Hymn **#328 "O Come, O Come Immanuel"**
* God's Greeting vs 1,4,5 LUYH 61
* Greeting One Another
* Song of Rejoicing **#340 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**
vs 1,3,4 LUYH 76

IN HIS GRACE

- Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
God's Will for Our Lives
* Song of Assurance **"Another Hallelujah"**
Congregational Prayer
Storytime w/ Shannon *"Advent Candles"*
Song **"Away in a Manger"** vs 1 LUYH 86

Offertory ~ Ava Reitsma

Offering: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **Benevolence**

Children's offering – **Goats for World Renew**

CIW (Ages 3–6)

Lesson 21 – "Christmas – Meeting the Christ Child"

(Children will be brought to Classroom across the hall for a snack)

IN HIS WORD

- Song of Preparation **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**
Scripture **Luke 2: 1 – 7** (p 893) vs 1,2,4 LUYH 88
Message **"PLACES OF CHRISTMAS –**
"God Comes to Our Forgotten Home"
Prayer of Application

IN HIS SERVICE

- * Hymn of Dedication **#346 "Once in Royal David's City"**
* God's Parting Blessing vs 1,2,4,5 LUYH 87
* Doxology **"Praise to God the Father Sing"**
* Moment of Silent Reflection *Stand if you are able
* Postlude

THE LORD'S DAY – December 22, 2019
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.
Rev. Al Kuiper

LIFT YOUR HEARTS TO GOD IN JOYOUS PRAISE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma
Welcome
Call to Worship
Silent Prayer

LIFT YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKFUL JOY!

Songs of Praise ~ led by Women's Chorus

"Away in a Manger"
"What Child is This"
*** *"Shine On Us"***

- * God's Greeting
- * Our Profession of Faith
- Prayer of Intercession

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 2: 1 – 12** (p 840)
Prayer for Illumination
Message: **"HE WILL COME: As the Good Shepherd"**
Prayer

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY

Offering: **Mission India**

- * Hymn ***"O Shepherd Hear and Lead Your Flock"*** LUYH 64
- * God's Parting Blessing
- * Doxology ***"All Creation, Join in Praising"*** vs 5 LUYH 81
- * Silent Prayer
- * Postlude

*Stand if you are able