

9:30 AM Worship
December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent
Hope / Sola Gratia

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper -- a gift of grace which God provides for his church. We are to discern that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God's love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ's body. All who have been baptized into Christ, and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living, are invited to participate in this sacrament. We serve non-alcoholic grape juice, and gluten-free wafers are available in the center of the bread plate.

Gathering

- *Gathering Song: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- *Welcome and Call to Worship
- *God's Greeting
- *Passing the Peace

Advent Expectation

*Advent Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah."

New Testament Lesson: II Corinthians 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

He is our hope, today and forever!

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started.

Hope is our confidence that by grace alone we are saved and that this is not of our own doing, but a gift from God. (Eph. 2:8).

Song: "Your Grace is Sufficient for Me"

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

During the communion: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Thanking God For His Grace

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the General Fund and Youth Unlimited

Offertory Song: "Come Light Our Hearts"

Children's Blessing

Receiving God's Word

*Song of Preparation: "What Grace is This"

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Message: "Sola Gratia"

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Departing as Witnesses

*Song of Response: "Amazing Grace"

*Blessing from God

*Parting Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

*Postlude

*Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod
Pianist: Louise Slager
Guitarists: Joseph Fox, DJ Slattery
Percussion: Jacob Visser
Violinist: Amy Brasser*

*Vocalists: Annelise Folkema, Jenn Mellema, Wes Miller, DJ Slattery
Advent Readers: Steve, Gail, Sydney, and Alex Wagenmaker*

SECOND CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP TODAY: The season of Advent begins today. The sanctuary has been decorated for the season and the Worship Committee has hung a new Advent banner and pulpit parament. Today we light the first Advent candle and we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The message is the second in the series on the Five Solas of the Reformation. Ephesians 2:5-9 is the text for "Sola Gratia." Our offerings are for the General Fund and youth Unlimited.

OUR NEW ADVENT BANNER and pulpit parament have the presenting color of purple which is liturgically symbolic of preparation or waiting. The star and streak of light dawning through the middle remind us that the One we are waiting for is the Light of the World.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER:

December 10, the Second Sunday of Advent: "Sola Fide" (Faith Alone).

December 17, the Third Sunday of Advent: "Solus Christus" (Christ Alone), and the Sunday School Christmas program, "New Star."

December 17, 5:30 PM Candlelight service at *Trinity CRC*

December 24, the fourth Sunday of Advent: "Soli Deo Gloria" (Glory to God Alone).

December 24, 10 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, led by FYSH.

December 25, Christmas morning worship services will be held at *First CRC (9:30)* and at *Trinity CRC (9:30)*.

December 31, Old Year observance.

SPECIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING: December 10 – Fremont Christian School, December 17 – Bethany Christian Services

WELCOME SHOWER: A crib is set up in the lobby to welcome Silas DeLonge, son of Andrew and Donna DeLonge, to the Second Church family and to "shower" him with gifts. The crib will be set up until December 11.

PRAYER PARTNERS: With the holiday season quickly approaching, please continue to remember your students in prayer and let them know that you're thinking of them.

THANK YOU to those who contributed to the CARE packages for our college students. Hopefully the packages brighten their days during these last weeks of school before Christmas.

POINSETTIAS: If you ordered a poinsettia from FYSH to take home before Christmas Day, you can find it on the table by Zach's office

STOCK THE PANTRY! During December we are collecting soup and crackers.

NEW ADDRESS: Case and Brittany Ryzebol, 1325 20th Ave SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

YOUR 2018 contribution envelopes are in your mail box.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Second CRC is looking for someone to lead our children's choir program beginning in January and going until a music assistant is hired. If you are interested in serving our students in this way contact Zach Van Wyk at 641-204-2049 or 2ndyouthdirector@gmail.com.

MATAMOROS: We are looking for new people to be involved with our adult mission outreach work in Matamoros, Mexico. Our week this year is Jan. 6 - 13. Please see or contact Mariel Poel at 231-349-9152 or Mike DeKuiper at 231-335-6171 for additional information.

OUR CHURCH is looking for a Music/Worship Assistant. Areas of service include piano accompaniment, direction of the children's and youth choirs and leadership of the annual children's Christmas program. Please inquire through the church office or by contacting search committee members Mark Wyn – 231-519-7374, or Wes Miller – 231-301-5968 if you are interested. A job description is available in the church office.

FYSH

- Sunday, Dec 10, 7:13 PM – FYSH Christmas Party

Fremont Young Life

- ❖ Monday, Dec 4, 7:56 PM – Campaigners at Zach and Lizzie Van Wyk's house
- ❖ Wednesday, Dec 13, 7:56 PM – Club at Fremont Rec Center
- ❖ Monday, Dec 18, 7:56 PM – Campaigners at Zach and Lizzie Van Wyk's house

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- **Grace Portenga**, Mariel Poel's mother and member of Second Church, fell and broke two ribs and has a compression fracture. Please pray for healing and relief from the pain.
- **Adam Wyn** has announced his engagement to Kate Brayman! Pray for God's blessing on their relationship and planning.
- Please pray for **Will and Jan Ruthven** with Appalachia Reach Out in Inez, Kentucky.

SECOND CHURCH CALENDAR

Today

9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
10:00-10:45	Children's Worship for ages 3-young 5
10:00-10:45	KidsOwn Jr for grades K-1, KidsOwn for grades 2-4
10:45-11:30	Children's Choir meets in choir room

Monday

7:56 PM Young Life Campaigners

Tuesday

9:30 AM Coffee Break meets in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

6:30 PM GEMS at Trinity
6:30 Cadets

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

- November 29 2nd's Matters
- TODAY Devotional for November/December

The special envelope offering last week for Fremont Service Committee was \$100.

Thanksgiving Day offerings were Crossroads Prison Ministry - \$100, Christian Education Fund - \$525, Faith Promise - \$400, Fremont Christian School - \$1,265, Fremont Service Committee - \$2,195, Fremont Friendship - \$25, General Fund - \$651, Habitat for Humanity - \$50, Kids Hope (Fremont) - \$50, Insight Pregnancy Services (Alpha

Family) - \$75, Lakeside Church - \$275, Mexico Mission Matamoros - \$20, World Renew - \$600, Young Life Campership - \$50

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Ushers (Call Bob Hayward if you cannot find your own substitute)

Today: Gordon Polanski, Mike DeWeerd, John Mellema, Roger Folkema

Next Week: Brad Gilliland, Gordon Polanski, Joe Jiran, Matt Mellema

Nursery Attendants

(Call Zach Van Wyk if you cannot find your own substitute)

Today: Infant: Vicki Gilliland, Jane VanOstenberg

Toddler: Jody Cook, Ellie Folkema, Elynn Kartes

Next Week: Infant: Christi Tank, Cathy MacLeod

Toddler: Elizabeth Wolffis, Luke Folkema, Josie Visser

Greeters

Today: Mike and Mary Folkema

Next Week: Tyler and Jody Cook

Medical Care Visitors Service begins at 2 PM

Today: Speaker Rev. Vern Picknally, families of Al and Bette Wagenmaker, Tom and Meghan Stepanek, Rick and Christi Tank and Lori Jacobs, pianist

Next Week: No service – Christmas party

Drivers for Deerfield Residents

Today: Al Baker

Next Week: Stan DeKuiper

Sound and Video Operators

Today: Jon Mellema, Jonathan Mellema

Next Week: Phil Deur, Bob Barnhart

Children's Worship

Today: Donna DeLonge, helper Ben DeWeerd

Next Week: Brittany Ryzebol, helper Maddy DeWeerd

Kids Own, Jr.

Today: Jody Cook

Next Week: Joni Boeskool

Kids Own

Today: Sylvia DeKuiper

Next Week: Audra Powell

Cookies (6 dozen each to be at church by 9:15 am)

Today: Elizabeth Wolffis, Sylvia DeKuiper

Next Week: Amy Brassler, Valerie Volz