

Third Sunday of Advent
Joy / Solo Christo
Christmas Program: "New Star"
Gathering

- *Gathering Song: "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"
- *Welcome and Call to Worship
- *God's Greeting
- *Passing the Peace

Advent Expectation

*Advent Song: "Come Light Our Hearts"
Cherub Handbell Choir

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 35:10

The redeemed of the Lord will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

New Testament Lesson: Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

Lighting of the third candle: Joy

When Christ our only savior comes into our lives,
He brings the fullness of joy.

He anoints our hearts with the oil of gladness.

His coming is good news of great joy.

Because Christ has come to us,

we can live in the joy of the Lord.

Song: "In Christ Alone"

Thanking God For His Grace

Morning Prayer

Offerings:

Noisy Coin Offering for ARO Children's Christmas Fund

(After the noisy coin offering the children in the program go downstairs to get ready for the program)

The General Fund and Bethany Christian Services

Offertory

Receiving God's Word

Scripture Lesson: Acts 4:1-12

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Message: "Solo Christo"

Prayer

"New Star"

Program songs include:

The First Noel

Holy Is Your Name

O Little Town of Bethlehem

New Star

Angels We Have Heard on High

We Three Kings

A Thankful Heart This Christmas

*Blessing from God

*Parting Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."

*Postlude

*Stand if able

Pianist: Cathy MacLeod

Guitarist: DJ Slattery

Cherub Handbell Choir: Addi Brewster, Cole Breuker, Dirk Buchanan, Theo Buchanan, Charlotte Cook, Eli DeLonge, Seth DeKuiper, Katie Deur, Anders Folkema, Ingrid Mellema, Scarlet Slattery, Kenzi Tank, Emma Wolffis

Cherub Choir directors: Gail Wagenmaker, Sandy Smith

Advent Readers: Ed, Sara, Ava, Emily, and Mila Krohn

Prayer: Zach Van Wyk

Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod

"New Star"

Program Director: Helen Mellema

Middle School Choir: Kendall Barnhart, Sam Brassler, Kyler DeKuiper, Madelyn DeWeerd, Gabi Folkema, Ben Mellema, Vincent Mellema, Reddick Powell, Ben VandenBerg, Josie Visser, Alex Wagenmaker, Sydney

Wagenmaker

Program participants:

Old Star: Brynna Barnhart New Star: Kate Mellema Mary: Taylor DeKuiper

Joseph: Chloe VandenBerg Elizabeth: Lydia VandenBerg King 1: Miriam Jiran

King 2: Elsie Barnhart King 3: Brevin Powell Caesar: Carter Cook,

Herod: Sam Mellema Scribe: Ava Krohn Shepherd: Natalie Pinkston

Innkeeper: Liam Buchanan Court Worker: Lola Jiran

Sheep: Grace Cook, Avery Pinkston, Angels: Lucy Folkema, Emily Krohn
Shepherds: Caleb Deur, Ben Slattery, Ricky Tank

Piano: Cathy MacLeod
Props: Stephanie DeKuiper

Costumes: Judy Deur, Sherry Lue
Words/Music helpers: Sylvia DeKuiper, Ann Pell, Louise Slager

SECOND CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP TODAY: We light the third Advent candle and the message, "Solo Christo" (Christ alone) is the fourth in the series on the Five Solas of the Reformation. Our children, under the direction of Helen Mellema, present a Christmas program "New Star." The noisy coin offering is for the Appalachia Reach Out Children's Christmas Fund and our regular offerings are for the General Fund and Bethany Christian Services.

OUR 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:

This evening: 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: The First Sunday after Christmas, Sunday morning worship.

January 7: Epiphany, Sunday morning worship includes the Lord's Supper.

SPECIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING: December 24 – Cadets, December 31 – Christian Education Fund

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR: We have a special choir for our Christmas Eve candlelight worship service (10 PM). Louise Slager is directing the choir and rehearsal is this morning, in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Grace Portenga, 1740 Village Drive, Room 227B, Muskegon, MI 49442

THANK YOU all for the many prayers and expressions of concern during my daughter's, Michelle (Shira) Sandborn, recent illness and surgery. The large cyst was removed and was not cancerous. Praise God! She is now home and recuperating. God bless you all!

Kathy Shira

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

FYSH

- Sunday, Dec 17, 7:13 PM – FYSH Christmas Party

Fremont Young Life

- ❖ Monday, Dec 18, 7:56 PM – Campaigners at Zach and Lizzie Van Wyk's house
- ❖ Wednesday, Dec 20, 7:56 PM – Club at Fremont Rec Center

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Remember those in prayer who are ill, recovering from surgery and those who are traveling during the holiday season.
- Please pray for **Will and Jan Ruthven** with Appalachia reach Out in Inez, Kentucky.

SECOND CHURCH CALENDAR

Today

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
7:13 PM FYSH Christmas Party

Monday

7:56 PM Young Life Campaigners at Zach and Lizzie's house

Wednesday

6:00 PM Shepherding Elders
7:00 Council meeting
7:56 Young Life Club @ Fremont Rec Center

Thursday

8:30 AM 55+ Breakfast at Side Street Café

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

- December 13 2nd's Matters
 - TODAY Devotional for November/December
- The special envelope offering last week for Fremont Christian School was \$35.

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

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

Today: Ryan Boven, Stan Deur, Jon Volz, Todd Visser
Next Week: Dan Ward, Randy Pell, Ryan Buchanan,
Tom Stepanek

Nursery Attendants

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

Today: Infant: Nanci Nieboer, Valerie Volz
Toddler: Ann Pell, Gabi Folkema, Sydney Wagenmaker
Next Week: Infant: Marique Buchanan, Sally Mellema
Toddler: Gail Wagenmaker, Carly Smith, Gabe Brassler

Greeters

Today: Ed and Sara Krohn
Next Week: Doug and Marleen Frens

Medical Care Visitors Service begins at 2 PM

Today: Trinity

Next Week: Speaker Rev. Fred Bultman, families of Don and Connie Teitsma, Dean and Jane VanOstenberg,
Todd and Kristi Visser

Drivers for Deerfield Residents

Today: Bruce Essebaggers

Next Week: Bruce Essebaggers

Sound and Video Operators

Today: Jason DeKuiper, Tyler Cook

Next Week: Phil Deur, Mahlon Volz

Children's Worship

Today: Sandy Smith, Gail Wagenmaker – Christmas program

Next Week: Elizabeth Wolffis, helper Jenna Karnemaat

Kids Own, Jr.

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Next Week: No classes - Christmas break

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

Today: Esther Jiran, Karen Admiraal

Next Week: Karen Vogel, Lizzie Van Wyk

Noisy Coin Collection

Today: Carter Cook, Brevin Powell, Grace Cook,
Chloe VandenBerg, Emily Krohn, Ava Krohn