

December 2, 2018
The First Sunday of Advent
Worship 9:30 AM

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

Prelude
*Gathering Song: "Here I Am To Worship"
*Welcome and Call to Worship
*God's Greeting
*Passing the Peace of Christ

Advent Expectation

*Advent Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Old Testament Lesson
New Testament Lesson
Lighting the First Advent Candle - Hope
Song of Hope: "Come Light Our Hearts"

Thanking God For His Grace

Congregational Prayer
Offerings: The General Fund
 Western Michigan Christian High School
Offertory Song: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
Children's Blessing
Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Children's Worship
Children K-4 are dismissed for KidsOwn Jr and KidsOwn

Receiving God's Word

Song of Preparation: "Hope Is Dawning"
Scripture Lesson: John 3:16
Message: "God Gave His Son"
Prayer
*Song of Response: "Great Prayer of Thanksgiving"
Communion

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Departing as Witnesses

*Blessing from God
*Parting Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"
*Postlude
*Stand if able

Piano: Karen Admiraal

Cajon: Vincent Mellema

Vocalists: Lizzie Van Wyk, Elizabeth Wolffis, Wes Miller

Youth Choir: Brynna Barnhart, Ava Krohn, Ella Westbrook, Kate Mellema, Hallie Snyder, Chloe VandenBerg, Alex Wagenmaker, Redick Powell, Kendall Barnhart, Kyler DeKuiper, Gabi Folkema, Ben Mellema, Owen Snyder, Maddie

DeWeerd, Ben VandenBerg, Sydney Wagenmaker

Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod

SECOND CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP TODAY, The First Sunday of Advent, December 2. Today begins the season of Advent and includes the lighting of the first Advent candle. Pastor Doug begins a series of Advent messages based on John 3:16, "God Gave His Son." Our worship also includes our being welcomed to go forward to receive the gift of the sacrament of Communion. Our offerings are for the General Fund and Western Michigan Christian High School.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT is the beginning of the church year. It is a time to recall and to experience the ancient expectancy for the Messiah with anticipation for Christ's birth and Incarnation. Advent is not part of the Christmas season itself, but a preparation for it. In Advent we share in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, and we renew our ardent desire for his second coming.

OUR ADVENT BANNER AND PULPIT PARAMENT have the presenting color of purple which is symbolic of royalty as well as preparation or waiting. The star and streak of light dawning through the middle of the banner remind us that the One we are waiting for is the Light of the World.

OUR ADVENT CANDLES are presented this year on a wooden beam. Our Advent theme from John 3:16 is that God sent his Son into this world for our salvation. The beam is a foreshadowing of Good Friday's cross beam. The table coverings include satin as a symbol of Christ's divinity and burlap as a symbol of his earthly humanity. Additionally, the sanctuary evergreen tree serves as a reminder of the eternal life that Jesus bought us on the cross.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, The Second Sunday of Advent, December 9. We will light the second Advent candle (Peace) and Pastor Doug's message from John 3:16 will be, "Whoever Believes." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Youth Unlimited.

SECOND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9: Have you ever wondered how the Matamoros mission project began and how 2nd Church became involved? Come to our next Second Sunday on December 9 to learn that and much more it. Dale Painter will give us background, tell us some of the successes and also share some failures. Plan now to attend and learn more about this wonderful mission outreach.

THANK YOU for all of your prayers for my father and please continue to pray for him and our family as he begins chemo right after Christmas.

Zach and Lizzie Van Wyk

POINSETTIA: If you ordered a poinsettia to be taken home, you will find it on the table by Zach's office.

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES: As a church we will be sending care packages to our students who are away at college. These packages will be sent in time for exams and end of the year projects and papers. There is a sign-up sheet with suggestions for what to donate located on the literature ledge. Please feel free to sign up to bring one or more of these items. All donations can be put in the box outside of Zach's office door by today, December 2. If you are a parent of a college student and their address has changed in the last year please email the updated address to 2ndyouthdirector@gmail.com

LOVE OFFERING: An envelope labeled "Love Offering" has been placed in mailboxes to give us an opportunity to show our good will and appreciation for our church staff this Christmas season. If you would like to participate, please place your Love Offering in the collection plate in the provided envelope by December 16. You may specify how your gift is to be dispersed if you desire. Please note: any late offerings that come in following December 16 will be added to the General Fund.

STOCK THE PANTRY: For the month of December the Deacons request soup and crackers for donation to the TrueNorth food pantry.

FYSH

- Dec 2 – No FYSH
- Dec 9, 7:13 PM – FYSH Bible Study

Young Life

- Dec 5, 7:56 PM – YL Club at Fremont Rec Center
- Dec 10, 7:56 PM – YL Campaigners at the Van Wyks

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Our sympathies are extended to **Paul Keehl** whose wife, Janet, passed away this past Tuesday morning. Visitation will be this Tuesday, from 4-7 p.m. and the service will be Wednesday, 2pm at the Crandell Funeral Home.
- **Pauline Afman**, (Jennie Dimkoff & Bonnie Emmorey's mother) is in Newaygo Medical Care Facility, regaining her strength while fighting pneumonia.
- Please pray for **Ted and Joyce Hoad's** daughter, Tammy, who has been battling cancer. Please pray that the results of tests that she will be undergoing will be encouraging.
- On Tuesday **Dirk Kolk** fell and broke his wrist.
- Pray for **Steve and Joy Van Sloten** in Turkey.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING TOTALS: Bethany Christian Services - \$50; Crossroads Prison Ministry - \$50; Fremont Christian School - \$60; Fremont Service Committee - \$1,620; Fremont Young Life - \$50; GEMS - \$20; Karin Medical Clinic - \$1,275; Kids Hope - \$100; True North Food Pantry - \$984; Vera Hansen - \$100

SECOND CHURCH CALENDAR

Today

9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
10-10:45	Children's Worship for ages 3-5
10-10:45	KidsOwn Jr for grades K-1, KidsOwn for grades 2-4
10:45-11:30	Children's Choir
10:45-11:30	Sunday School grades 5-12

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Coffee Break
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Wednesday

6:30	GEMS
6:30	B.A.S.I.C
7:56	YL Club

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

- November 28 2nd's Matters
- TODAY Devotional for Nov/Dec

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, Joe Jiran, Matt Mellema, David Brasser

Nursery Attendants

(Call Mary V. Folkema if you cannot find your own substitute)

Today: Infant: Jody Cook, Mary V Folkema
Toddler: Jane VanOstenberg, Carly Smith,
Maddie DeWeerd
Next Week: Infant: Ann Pell, Vicki Gilliland
Toddler: Cathy MacLeod, Sydney Wagenmaker, Luke Folkema

Greeters

Today: Gary and Mary Breuker
Next Week: Mike and Sylvia DeKuiper

Medical Care Facility Visitors Service begins at 2 PM

Today: Speaker Rev. Bob Broekema; families of Al and Bette Wagenmaker, Marcia Kolk, Ed and Sara Krohn
and Karen Admiraal, pianist
Next Week: No service

Drivers for Deerfield Residents

Today: Bruce Essebaggers
Next Week: Stan DeKuiper

Sound and Video Operators

Today: Joe Jiran, Mahlon Volz
Next Week: Phil Deur, Bob Barnhart

Children's Worship

Today: Sandy Smith, helper Maddie DeWeerd
Next Week: Karen Admiraal, helper Jenna Karnemaat

Kids' Own

Today: Joni Boeskool
Next Week: Lizzie Van Wyk

Kids' Own Jr

Today: Julie Karnemaat
Next Week: Julie Karnemaat

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

Today: Elizabeth Wolffis, Helen Mellema
Next Week: Amy Brasser, Valerie Volz