

**December 30, 2018**  
**Worship 9:30 AM**  
Gathering

Prelude

\*Gathering Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

\*Welcome and Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Songs of Praise: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" and "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Depending on God

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Thanking God For His Grace

\*Song of Gratitude: "Joy to the World"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: The General Fund and Hand2Hand

Offertory Song: "O Holy Night"

Children's Blessing

*Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Children's Worship*

Receiving God's Word

\*Song of Preparation: "Away in a Manger"

Scripture Lesson: John 3:16

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Message: "Receiving Gifts"

Prayer

Departing as Witnesses

\*Song of Response: "Joy Has Dawned / Angels We Have Heard on High"

\*Blessing from God

\*Parting Song: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

\*Postlude

\*Stand if able

*Piano: Kaitlyn Arendsen*

*Cajon: Ben VandenBerg*

*Praise Team: Kate Volz, Sydney Wagenmaker, Ben Mellema, Steve Wagenmaker*

*Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod*

**SECOND CHURCH NEWS**

**WORSHIP TODAY, December 30.** In the continuation of celebrating the Christmas season, with the Christ candle lit, and our banner declaring "Our Light Has Come" we celebrate God's gift of Jesus to the world. Pastor Doug's final message from John 3:16 is titled, "Receiving Gifts." Our offerings are for the General Fund and Hand2Hand.

**THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF CHRISTMAS** encompasses the twelve days following the birth of Jesus. The star and streak of light dawning through the middle of our sanctuary banner remind us that the One who has come to us in the manger is the Light of the World.

**HAND2HAND SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY:** Through mid-November 1,127 backpacks have been filled with food items. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to this important cause which helps feed children in need right here in our own community. Should you have interest in learning more about Hand2Hand Ministry or discussing volunteer opportunities please contact a member of the Outreach Committee.

**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, January 6.** The Christian festival of Epiphany, twelve days after Christmas, commemorates the arrival of the Magi/Wise-men sometime following Jesus' birth. It represents the beginning of the revealing of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. Next Sunday we will testify to his coming to save us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and we read Matthew 2:1-12, for a message titled "Drawing All Unto Himself." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Fremont Christian School.

**STAFF NOTES:** The church office will be closed this week Monday and Tuesday. *2nd's Matters* will be published on Thursday.

**IF GATHERING, MARCH 9.** Are you ready? It's coming back! A day of renewal....A day of challenge.... A day of being reaffirmed in what God says. IF: Fremont 2019 is a one-day women's conference where we'll learn to rely on the wisdom of God, rather than our own understanding. Mark your calendars for this one-day conference on March 9, 2019 at the Dogwood Center. Registration for 2nd CRC women opens today! Make sure to sign up at [tinyurl.com/iffremont](http://tinyurl.com/iffremont) to reserve your spot today. Registration will open to the general public on January 6.

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

Beginning next week, the requested January donations to the TrueNorth food pantry is cereal, pancake mix, and syrup

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

- Last Sunday morning Ken Wolffis' father, Jerry, passed away. Pray for **the extended Wolffis family** as they have been engaging the holidays with this added reality. A funeral service was held on Friday.
- **Bill Sneller** suffered a heart attack last weekend and was hospitalized in Sebring, FL. He hopes to be released from the hospital by this weekend.
- Pray for safety in travel and blessings in ministry for those from Second Church who leave this week for service in Matamoros, Mexico: **Mike and Sylvia DeKuiper**, **John and Helen Mellema**, **Ashlyn Volz**, and **Dave and Mariel Poel** along with their daughter **Rebecca** and granddaughter **Sydney Sytsema**.
- Pray for **Hope Okeny** in Uganda.

## **SECOND CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **Today**

9:30 AM  
10-10:45

Morning Worship Service  
Children's Worship for ages 3-5

### **AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE**

- TODAY Devotional for January/February

### **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 Brassler

#### **Nursery Attendants**

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

Today: Infant: Ashlyn Volz, Marique Buchanan

Toddler: Gail Wagenmaker, Kendall Barnhart, Gabe Brassler

Next Week: Infant: Katie Boven, Jane Wolffis

Toddler: Lizzie Van Wyk, Sydney Wagenmaker, Taylor DeKuiper

#### **Greeters**

Today: Randy and Ann Pell

Next Week: Ed and Sara Krohn

#### **Newaygo Medical Care Facility Visitors** Service begins at 2 PM

Today: Speaker Rev. Vern Picknally: Matt and Jenn Mellema, Paul and Sally Mellema, Wes and Melissa Miller and Marie Richmond, pianist

Next Week: Speaker Rev. Bob Broekema; Elna Nieboer, Phil and Rachel Pinkston, Dave and Mariel Poel and Louise Slager, pianist.

#### **Drivers for Deerfield Residents**

Today: Mike DeWeerd

Next Week: Mike DeWeerd

#### **Sound and Video Operators**

Today: Joe Jiran, Mahlon Volz

Next Week:

#### **Children's Worship**

Today: Elizabeth Wolffis, helper Ben Mellema

Next Week: Gail Wagenmaker, Vincent Mellema

#### **Kids' Own**

Today: Christmas Break

Next Week: Sara Krohn

#### **Kids' Own Jr**

Today: Christmas Break

Next Week: Julie Karnemaat

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

Today: Mary V Folkema, Jenn Mellema

Next Week: Jody Cook, Tara Kartes