

**December 9, 2018**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Worship 9:30 AM**

**Gathering**

Prelude  
\*Gathering Song: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
\*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 Second Candle - Peace  
Song of Peace: "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

**Thanking God For His Grace**

Congregational Prayer  
Offerings:           The General Fund  
                          Youth Unlimited

Offertory Song: "Holy Is Your Name"  
Children's Blessing: *Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Children's Worship,  
                                  Children K-4 are dismissed for Kids Own Jr and Kids Own*

**Receiving God's Word**

\*Song of Preparation: "My Soul Finds Rest"  
Scripture Lesson: John 3:16  
Message: "Whoever Believes"  
Prayer

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**Departing as Witnesses**

\*Song of Response: "There Is A Redeemer"  
\*Blessing from God  
\*Parting Hymn: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
\*Postlude  
\*Stand if able

*Piano: Ashlyn Volz  
Vocalists: Kate Volz, Jane Wolffis, Jon Volz  
Advent Readers: Adam Ward, Randy Pell  
Congregational Prayer: Ann Pell  
Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod*

**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.

***SECOND CHURCH NEWS***

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

**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 evergreen trees serve as a reminder of the eternal life that Jesus bought us on the cross.

**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, The Third Sunday of Advent, December 16.** The Children's Worship Handbell Choir will ring "Joy to the World" and we will light the third Advent candle (Joy). Pastor MacLeod will have a short message from John 3:16, and our Sunday School children will present a Christmas Program, "What Did I Miss?" Our offerings will be a Noisy Coin offering for mosquito nets for Karin Medical Clinic, and for the General Fund and Bethany Christian Services.

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAYS ADULT EDUCATION:** Have you ever wondered how the Matamoros mission project began and how 2nd Church became involved? Come to the sanctuary following our worship service this morning to learn that and much more. 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. There will be a nursery provided.

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY,** Wednesday, December 12, 2 PM. Find out more about our Reformed heritage and theology as we discuss pages 38-43 of "Reformed: What It Means, Why It Matters." Open to everyone, we meet at church from 2-3 PM

**OUTREACH MEETING** on Wednesday, December 12, at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL** for the support that has been shared with our family as we celebrated Janet's life, our wife, mom, grandma and great grandma. The prayers, cards and visits have been an outpouring of love from you. We are grateful for her life and the faith that she had and we are grateful for the 2nd CRC church family. You have been a blessing to our family. Paul Keehl Family

**THANK YOU** to those who contributed to the care packages for our college students. 11 boxes were filled and sent out to brighten the students' days during these last weeks of school before Christmas.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to everyone at Second Church who made Polly Hoekman feel so welcome last Sunday. If you are in the habit of sending Christmas cards, Polly really cherishes everyone she receives and reads them over and over. Her address is: Green Acres, Polly Hoekman, 801 E Main St, Fremont, MI 49412.

**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.

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Check out the new book displays in the narthex and the library and find some great new reads! There are also some short Christmas reads on display in the library. Clipboards are out for you to write down the date, your name and the books you are checking out!

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

### **FYSH**

- Dec 9, 7:13 PM – FYSH Bible Study
- Dec 16, 7:13 PM – Christmas Party

### **Young Life**

- Dec 10, 7:56 PM – YL Campaigners at the Van Wyks
- Dec 19, 7:56 PM – YL Club at Fremont Rec Center

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

- Please pray for **Jean Sneller**, who will be having shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday, December 11.
- Pray for **Vera Hansen** in Germany.

### **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
11:30-11:45	Youth Choir practice
7:13 PM	FYSH Bible Study

#### **Monday**

7:56 PM	YL Campaigners at Van Wyk's
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#### **Tuesday**

9:30 AM	Coffee Break
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#### **Wednesday**

2:00 PM	Mid-week Bible Study
6:30	GEMS
6:30	B.A.S.I.C. at FCS gym
6:30	Outreach meeting
7:00	Administrative Team

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

- December 5 2<sup>nd</sup>'s Matters
- TODAY Devotional for Nov/Dec

### **SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS**

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

Today: Brad Gilliland, Joe Jiran, Matt Mellema, David Brassler

Next Week: Jon Volz, Gabriel Brassler, Ryan Boven, Stan Deur

#### **Nursery Attendants**

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

Today: Infant: Ann Pell, Vicki Gilliland  
Toddler: Cathy MacLeod, Sydney Wagenmaker, Luke Folkema

Next Week: Infant: Valerie Volz, Christi Tank  
Toddler: Nanci Nieboer, Ben Mellema, Elynn Kartes

#### **Greeters**

Today: Mike and Sylvia DeKuiper

Next Week: Zach and Lizzie Van Wyk

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

Today: No service

Next Week: Trinity CRC

**Drivers for Deerfield Residents**

Today: Stan DeKuiper

Next Week: Bruce Essebaggers

**Sound and Video Operators**

Today: Phil Deur, Bob Barnhart

Next Week: Jon Mellema, Jonathan Mellema

**Children's Worship**

Today: Karen Admiraal, helper Jenna Karnemaat

Next Week: Gail Wagenmaker, Sandy Smith – Christmas Program

**Kids' Own**

Today: Lizzie Van Wyk

Next Week: Christmas Program

**Kids' Own Jr**

Today: Julie Karnemaat

Next Week: Christmas Program

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

Today: Amy Brasser, Valerie Volz

Next Week: Esther Jiran, Karen Admiraal

**Noisy Coin Collection**

Next Week: Carter Cook, Lydia VandenBerg, Grace Cook, Liam Nyblad, Elsie Barnhart, Ava Geers