

January 6, 2019

Worship 9:30 AM

Epiphany

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 Songs: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" and "As With Gladness, Men of Old"

*Welcome and Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Depending on God

Litany for Epiphany

Thanking God For His Grace

*Song of Gratitude: "Hosanna"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: The General Fund and Fremont Christian School

Offertory

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

Children grades K-4 are dismissed for KidsOwn Jr and KidsOwn

Receiving God's Word

*Song of Preparation: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

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Message: "Draw All to Himself"

Prayer

*Song of Response: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Communion Song: "Glorious and Mighty"

Departing as Witnesses

*Blessing from God

*Parting Song: "Jesus Shall Reign"

*Postlude

*Stand if able

Piano: Cathy MacLeod

Violin: Amy Brasser

Vocalists: Annelise Folkema, Carly Smith, Wes Miller,

Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod

WORSHIP

WORSHIP TODAY, Epiphany, January 6. The Christian festival of Epiphany, twelve days after Christmas, commemorates the arrival of the Magi/Wise-men following Jesus' birth. It represents the beginning of the revealing of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. Today we 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 "Draw All to Himself." Our offerings are for the General Fund and Fremont Christian School.

THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF EPIPHANY is recognized by the church as the day the Magi, guided by a star, found the Christ child. Epiphany is also the season following the twelve days of Christmas during which we recognize the revelation of the Christ to all nations through the Gospels' stories of Jesus' life. It is the season of the dawning in our minds of who Jesus Christ is.

OUR EPIPHANY BANNER OF STARS reminds us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. This year, for the nine weeks of Epiphany, we'll print a verse each week with this theme, beginning with Isaiah 9:2 - "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." (This verse is also quoted in Matthew 4:16.)

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, January 13. 400 years ago, in 1619, the church clarified some basic points of theology which are known by an acronym which spells TULIP. We will be considering these five beliefs about ourselves and God beginning January 27 using current wordings which spells FAITH. Next Sunday will be an introduction to the series, "The Reformed FAITH: God is Sovereign." Our offerings will be for the General Fund and Resonate World Missions.

EVENTS

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, January 9, 2 PM. Find out more about our Reformed heritage and theology as we discuss pages 43-47 of "Reformed: What It Means, Why It Matters." Open to everyone, we meet at church from 2-3 PM.

SECOND SUNDAY, January 13: Second Sunday Adult Ed returns next week where we will again look at our Christian response to some of the world's shortcomings. Plan now to attend and learn more about our Christian responsibility in this world.

THE MOBILE FOOD TRUCK will be at Second Church on Wednesday, January 16. Volunteers are needed from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. Please sign up on the sheet on the literature ledge.

IF GATHERING, MARCH 9. Mark your calendars for this one-day conference on March 9, 2019 at the Dogwood Center. Make sure to sign up at tinyurl.com/iffremont to reserve your spot today. Registration opens to the general public on January 6

STOCK THE PANTRY: For January our Deacons welcome donations to the TrueNorth food pantry of cereal, pancake mix, and syrup.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- ❖ **Bill Sneller** has returned to his home in Sebring, FL following his recent hospitalization.
- ❖ **Jean Sneller** is being treated in Zeeland Hospital for a sodium imbalance. Her shoulder is healing in the meantime, but her arm remains in a sling.
- ❖ **Mike and Sylvia DeKuiper, Dave and Mariel Poel, and John Mellema** are serving with SOS Ministries in Matamoros, Mexico this week.
- ❖ **John and Helen Mellema** ask for prayers for their son Jason who has begun treatment for a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- ❖ 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
7:13 PM	FYSH Bible Study

Monday

7:00 PM Friendship

Tuesday

9:30 AM Coffee Break

Wednesday

2:00 PM	Mid-Week Bible Study
4:00	Discipleship
6:30	GEMS
6:30	Outreach
7:00	Administrative Team
7:56	Young Life Club

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

- TODAY Devotional for January/February
- January 3, 2019 2nd's Matters

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

Nursery Attendants

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

Today: Infant: Katie Boven, Jane Wolffis

Toddler: Lizzie Van Wyk, Sydney Wagenmaker, Taylor DeKuiper

Next Week: Infant: Elizabeth Wolffis, Ellie Geers

Toddler: Esther Jiran, Elynn Kartes, Lola Jiran

Greeters

Today: Ed and Sara Krohn

Next Week: Doug and Nanci Nieboer

Newaygo Medical Care Facility Visitors Service begins at 2 PM

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

Next Week: Reeman

Drivers for Deerfield Residents

Today: Mike DeWeerd

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Sound and Video Operators

Today: Joe Jiran, Bob Barnhart

Next Week: Jon Mellema, Jonathan Mellema

Children's Worship

Today: Gail Wagenmaker, Vincent Mellema

Next Week: Karen Admiraal, Carly Smith

Kids' Own

Today: Sara Krohn

Next Week: Melinda Barnhart

Kids' Own Jr

Today: Nanci Nieboer

Next Week: Julie Karnemaat

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

Today: Jody Cook, Tara Kartes

Next Week: Louise Slager, Marique Buchanan