December 20, 2020 Worship 9:30 AM

Our worship service is livestreamed:

Watch on YouTube at <u>tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive</u> or on Facebook at facebook.com/SecondCRCFremont/live/

Gathering

Prelude: "Come Light Our Hearts"

Welcome Call to Worship God's Greeting

Passing the Peace of Christ

Song of Praise: "He Has Come for Us"

Depending on God

Fourth Advent Candle: Wonder Advent Reading: Luke 1:46b-49 Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Children's Blessing

Advent Music: "Song of Mary"

Congregational Prayer

Receiving God's Word

Song of Preparation: "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:26-38 Message: "Wide-eyed Wonder" Song of Response: "Be It Unto Me"

Departing as Witnesses

Blessing from God

Parting Hymn: "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

Musicians: Wendy Kops, Annelise Hyrns, Sydney Wagenmaker, Jon Volz Advent Reader: Ella Westbrook Special Music: Natalie Pinkston, Breven Powell, Carter Cook, Will Folkema Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship, December 20, The Fourth Sunday of Advent – live stream only. tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive

For the Fourth Sunday of Advent we use scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. The use of these texts joins us with the worldwide church and in solidarity with a world enduring this pandemic while we wait for the Advent of Christ. Today we light the Fourth Advent Candle, Ella Westbrook reads Luke 1:46b-49, Natalie Pinkston and Breven Powell sing "Song of Mary" accompanied by Carter Cook and Will Folkema on handbells. The scripture text for Pastor Doug's message, "Wide-eyed Wonder," is Luke 1:26-38.

Christmas Eve service, 7 pm. This year our Christmas Eve worship service will be a service of Lessons and Carols. It will not be open to attendance, but it will be available on-line beginning at 7:00 pm.

Sunday Worship, December 27

Next Sunday we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the season of Christmas. Pastor Doug is preparing a message from John 3:16-18, "The Purpose of Christmas."

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for those in our church family who continue with medical and therapeutic needs such as **Dee Rauwerda** who continues to be cared for in a hospital in Phoenix, AZ; and **Doris Broekema** (hand and wrist) and **Wayne Vogel** (back) dealing with rehabilitation. Other of our members are restricted in living facilities, or in homes, and most all of us are limited in holiday gatherings with friends and family members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Resources

Our Student Ministries Committee has obtained the following devotional for our congregational use during Advent: <u>Advent devotional</u> If you do not have a printer at home, we have some copies available at church that you can pick up or that we can deliver.

From the Administrative Team

<u>Finances</u>: At the end of November, our church is behind on our budget by roughly \$25,000. As you plan your year-end giving, please consider giving to 2nd Church to help cover this shortfall.

From the Shepherding Elders

The membership of Katelyn (Volz) Blamer has been sent to and received by the Reeman CRC.

2021 Giving Envelopes

Your giving envelopes for 2021 are in your mailboxes in the lobby. If you would like it to be mailed to you, please let Valerie know at office@secondcrcfremont.org.

Offerings

Our Deacons welcome our support for our congregation's financial obligations with our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive. Additionally, donations can be submitted online via bank account, credit, or debit card at this link: Second CRC - Online Giving or download the "GivePlus" app if you wish to give to funds other than the General Fund. Special envelope offerings are:

December 20 – Christian Education Fund December 27 – Love, INC

The December 13 offering for the Wellspring Adult Day Services was \$110.

Stock the Pantry: For December, the requested items are soup and crackers.

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

TODAY Devotional for Jan/Feb

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Sound and Video Operators</u> Today, Dec 20: Jason Snyder, Tyler Cook, Zach Van Wyk Next Week, Dec 27: Redick Powell, Jason DeKuiper, Kit Powell

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