

January 7, 2023

# Morning Worship

## GATHER

Welcome and Call to Worship

\*Song: **Turn Your Eyes vs 1-4**

\*God's Greeting

\*Song: **Knowing You vs 1-3**

## GRACE

Scripture Memory: Psalm 23: 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Song/Offertory: **The Lord My Shepherd Rules My Life vs 1, 2, 5**  
[Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children's' Worship]

## WORD

\*Song: **He Leadeth Me 1-3**

Scripture: *Psalm 23*

Series: Directionally Challenged

Message: **He Leads Me**

Prayer

## SENT

\*Benediction

\*Song: **Lead Me, Guide Me vs 1-3**

\*Postlude

Pastor Dave

Accompanist: Tonia Westmaas

\*Congregation stands if able

# Welcome!

*If you have a prayer request or you would like to know more about us, please fill out the Welcome Card and place in one of the Connection boxes as you leave the sanctuary.  
To view our services online go to: [firstchurchdudsonville.org](http://firstchurchdudsonville.org) and click the link at the top of the page.*

## THIS SUNDAY:

**AM: Psalm 23** Series: Directionally Challenged Message: **He Leads Me** Life is often compared to a journey, filled with twists, turns, and crossroads. At times we feel uncertain of the path ahead or we wrestle with the choices we need to make. In this sermon series, we'll find God's Word to be our essential guide for decision-making and discernment. Offering: Faith Promise

**PM: Matthew 6: 25-34** Series: Directionally Challenged Message: **God's Will and My Worry** Our evening message tonight will be part 2 of this 4-part series on discernment and decision-making. Special Musical Guests: The Dordt University Orchestra Offering: Dordt University Orchestra

## NEXT WEEK:

**AM: Proverbs 2: 1-6** Series: Directionally Challenged Message: **Compass Points** Join us next Sunday morning as we continue to explore how to discern God's will in the decisions and choices of life. Offering: Capital Improvement

**PM: Genesis 5: 1-2** Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: **Male and Female He Created Them** Next Sunday we'll jump back into our series on Sound Doctrine. We will be learning what the Bible has to say about humanity, specifically, the Bible's teaching on gender. Offering: Degage

## THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** meets after morning service.
- **Adult Sunday Education** meets after morning service.
- **Pastoral Council**, Monday, January 8, 7:00PM
- **Men's Prayer Group**, Tuesday, January 9, 7:00PM
- **Cadets meeting**, Wednesday, January 10, 6:30PM

Evening offerings for the month of **January** will go to Degage. Offerings will be passed by collection plate during the singing of the Offertory.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Use of Church Facilities** - Outside of regularly scheduled meetings (i.e. Cadets, GEMS, Pop!, Bible studies) please be sure to contact Betty Velderman. Even if it's a quick meeting, she needs to know so you don't interfere with other group meetings and for cleaning purposes. Thanks - Council.

**Council has decided** that we will begin collecting our offerings by passing the collection plates during both services.

**Sunday Adult Education on the book of 1 Peter** - Sunday mornings, 11 a.m., in the Upstairs Fellowship room. Everyone is welcome. No books or pre-reading; just show up! Leader: Pastor Marc VanBerkum

**Are you 20-35 years old?** We are trying to start a young adult group for both singles and married couples and are looking for people to join and or help start it up! There will be a meeting on January 7 after the morning service in Pastor Dave's office to help get ideas and kick start this opportunity! If you have any ideas of what you would like to see in a young adult group or would like to help start it please come to this meeting or contact Alyssa Horstman at (616) 581-0544

**South Elementary Support** - We will, again, be collecting snacks for South Elementary students. Please purchase individually wrapped items (granola bars, small bags of pretzels/cookies/crackers, fruit and grain bars, cracker and cheese packs) and place them in the labeled tote in the foyer. Contact Cheri Huisman with questions.

**YOUNG AT HEART:** Join us for breakfast on Wednesday, January 17 at 9:30 at Arrows in Hudsonville. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**Euchre Game Night** - The next Euchre game night is Saturday, January 20th at 6:30 in the church basement. Come join us for a night of fun, fellowship and card games. Please bring a dish or snack to share. Sign up sheet is in the welcome center.

**January Missionary Highlight:** Kevin and Sue Prins, *Excelling Leaders*

- Pray for Kevin and Sue as they work to encourage and equip missionaries and their families.
- Pray for the two Radiant Life Retreats that the Prins' will be hosting this year.

**FIRST CRC/PINE REST PARTNERSHIP Free Teletherapy for You & Your Family**

First CRC provides free teletherapy to you and your household members. Whatever your struggle, be sure to use this resource so that you or any household member can recover as quickly as possible. There is no co-pay or out-of-pocket cost; simply call 800.442.0809 (press 1) or send an email to eap@pinerest.org .

**Nursery:** The Nursery is open for morning services.

This Week: Kelsey Brouwer, Alissa Stuive, Natalie Groenendyk

Next Sunday: Becca Williams, Kelly Hoezee, Cora Hoezee

**Ushers for January:**

**AM:** Jeremy Matthyse, Ron Moelker, Mike Krikke, Tony Cadahia

**PM:** Eric Laansma, Andrew Power, Ray Ponstein

**Coffee Server:** This Week: Judy Ponstein

Next Week: Ann Sterk

## PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

**A Birthday to Remember!** Happy birthday to **Molly Schreur**, celebrating her 30th birthday on Friday, January 12!

**An Anniversary to Remember!** Happy Anniversary to **Gary and Judy DeHaan**, celebrating 56 years together on January 12!

**Concerns and Praises:**

- **Sharon Walters** as she lives with the effects of PML/brain infection
- **Barb, Sarah and Katie Los** – Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- **We express our sympathy to Jack & Cheri Huisman** in the passing of Jack's mother **Coby Huisman** on Thursday morning. May our gracious God comfort all who mourn.

**Shut-ins: Elmer Hoffman, Molly Schreur, Donna Machiela, Adrian and Delia Persenaire.**

If you have any needs or prayer requests, please contact your Care Group Elder/Deacon or Pastor Dave.

**Our Prayer Coordinator, Tammy Schnyders**, produces a monthly prayer sheet, "Partners in Prayer", sends out prayer emails, and regularly updates the Praise and Prayer Line [669.5548]. If you have a prayer need contact Pastor Dave, your Care Group Elder, or Tammy Schnyders.

**Dear friends at First** - Dan and I are so blessed to be a part of First CRC. Thank you for all the remembrances in this season and for all the cards, goodies and many visits. - Thank you **Dan & Barb Bloem**

**Thank you** to the consistory and church for the gift bag for Christmas. Thanks to the congregation as well for all the greetings and visits. - **Arlene Krikke**

## FROM THE DENOMINATION

**Kids Corner: Caring for You** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Did you know that along with caring for others, God wants us to care for ourselves, too? It makes God happy when you treat your body with respect and care, just like you would treat a special, holy temple. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

**Unity Christian High School** has several teaching positions open for the 2024-25 academic year. If you or someone you know is looking for a new teaching opportunity, please visit Unity's website ([www.unitychristian.org/connect/EmploymentOpportunities](http://www.unitychristian.org/connect/EmploymentOpportunities)) for more details and instructions on how to apply. Positions available are: Full time – Science, Spanish, STEM; Part time – Industrial Arts, Art.

**Zion Christian** is still looking for a girls varsity soccer coach. Additionally, we need a boys JV and boys middle school coach for next fall. Anyone interested please contact Joel Bont ([jbont@zionchristian.net](mailto:jbont@zionchristian.net)) or fill out an application (<https://zionchristian.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Coach-Application.pdf>).

## FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

**Bilingual Volunteer Needed** as Teacher/Liaison The Life Skills Program at Love Your Neighbor is a highly effective program for transforming the lives of families and individuals who are eagerly trying to overcome financial difficulties. To allow more community members into the program, we are seeking a bilingual (Spanish/English) speaking individual who can teach an 8-week, financial literacy class and walk along with a Spanish-speaking family as they navigate through the program.

- Monday nights for two hours, for 8 weeks, starting January 8, 2024.
- Class materials are provided and available in Spanish and English
- The location will be the Pinewood Elementary School in Jenison For more information, please contact Brian or Emile at 616-662-3300 or email [brianh@lovewm.org](mailto:brianh@lovewm.org)

## January 7, 2023 - Evening Service

Prelude  
\*Call To Worship  
\*God's Greeting  
Ministry in Music  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering: *Dordt University Orchestra*  
\*Song: **Ten Thousand Reasons vs 1-3**

Scripture: *Matthew 6: 25-34*  
Series: Directionally Challenged  
Sermon: **God's Will and My Worry**

\*Song: **Ancient of Days vs 1-3**  
Ministry in Music  
\*Benediction  
\*Song: **It Is Well With My Soul vs 1-3**  
Postlude

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Accompanist: Tonia Westmaas  
Ministry in Music: Dordt Chamber Orchestra

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