

November 26, 2023

Morning Worship

GATHER

Prelude

The Lighting of the Advent Candle - The Palmbos Family

*Song: **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus vs 1-3**

*God's Greeting

*Song: **Imagine vs 1&2**

PRAYER

Faith Story: Roger Hielkema

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message

[Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children's Worship]

*Song: **Living Hope**

WORD

Series: The Gifts of Christmas

Scripture: *1 Peter 1: 3-9*

Message: **Hope**

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **Rejoice, Rejoice Believers vs 1&3**

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave

Scripture Reader: Mark Byker

Accompanist: Tonia Westmaas

Worship Team: Sarah DeVries, Maribeth Laansma, Kristin Power, Alissa Stuive

*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: firstcrchudsonville.org and click the link at the top of the page.*

THIS SUNDAY: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AM: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 Series: The Gifts of Christmas Message: **Hope** This Advent season, join us for a transformative journey as we experience "The Gifts of Christmas." Beyond the twinkling lights and festive decorations, we will explore the profound gifts that we are given in Christ. This morning, we we'll look at God's beautiful gift of Hope. Offering: Faith Promise

PM: Ephesians 6: 10-18 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: In Ephesians 6, the Apostle Paul provides insight into the reality of supernatural, the spiritual warfare that surrounds us, and the key to tapping into supernatural strength—the Armor of God. Offering: Starlight Ministries

NEXT WEEK: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

AM: Romans 8: 22-25 Series: The Gifts of Christmas Message: **Patience** We are all familiar with waiting, with delays and postponements. But how familiar are you with patience? Have you ever thought of patience as a gift from God? Offering: Capital Improvement

PM: Children's Christmas Program: Emmanuel, God With Us Join us for a heartwarming worship service filled with joy and wonder as we celebrate Jesus who is Emmanuel, God with us. This service will include a message from Isaiah 7:14, Christmas carols, and the Christmas story shared in words and song by the kids of First CRC. Offering: Starlight Ministries

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** - after morning worship.
- **Sunday Adult Education** - after morning worship.
- **Pop! Snr High** - Sunday, December 3, 6:00PM.
- **Pastoral Council** - Monday, December 4, 7:00PM.
- **Ladies Bible Study** - Tuesday, December 5, 7:00PM.
- **GEMS** - Wednesday, December 6, 6:30PM.

Evening offerings for the month of **December** will go to Starlight Ministries. Offerings may be placed in the boxes located at the sanctuary entrances.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational meeting to approve the 2024 budget will be on December 17 after the morning service. Copies of the budget are in the mailboxes so it can be reviewed in advance. Voting will be by ballot with absentee ballots available in a folder at the welcome center. Absentee ballots must be signed and can be given to a council member or put in the Admin Clerk's mailbox.

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

Security Team Volunteers needed - The security team needs a few more members to assist during worship services. If you would like to be involved with the security of our facility, please contact Jeff Horstman or Dave Williams. Training will be available on December 13 & 20.

Youth Pianists - You are invited to play a Christmas carol during the morning service on December 17. Please contact Emily VandeGriend by December 10 if you are interested.

Who can you invite? There are postcards at the Welcome Center for you to handout to those who may not otherwise attend church.

Catechism/Sunday School Christmas program practice will meet after the morning service on 12/3 & 12/10 and take a short break for the Christmas season. Catechism and Sunday School will resume on 1/7/24.

Attention Men.... Anyone interested in joining us 2 Tuesdays a month (2nd & 4th) is very welcome.. because our meetings are spontaneously led by just reading a short book chapter, you can come as you please... our prayer time after the interaction time is also individually driven by items of praise or petition for all of us to share. Share, yes. That is something men find hard to do. But, we have concurred that to our blessing and God's praise. Next meeting Dec. 12th.

Photos needed - Our church website is in the process of being upgraded to a newer version. If you are a leader of a group, please take a photo of your group and email them to info@firstchurchdudsonville.org. Contact Cheri Huisman with questions.

Our photos in the basement also need to be updated. Five-10 photos from GEMS, Cadets, POP Ministries, and Church Life need to be sent to sylvia.aukeman@yahoo.com in the next couple of months. Any questions call Sylvia at 616.450.8126

Our missionaries, Tim & Angie Sliedrecht, are working with International Friendships, a ministry that provides life-changing hospitality and friendship to international students at local universities/colleges. Many of these students come from warmer climates than Michigan and are in need of winter clothes. Would you help us show them the love of Jesus by donating new or gently used warm winter coats, hats, gloves, and/or boots? You can drop them off in the labeled box in the foyer until today, December 3.

Financial Peace University/Dave Ramsey resources. Help yourself to some free FPU resources on the table in the foyer.

December Missionary Highlight:

Ray and Angie DeLange, Church Planting Catalysts with East-West Ministries

Prayer Items:

- Pray that Angie finds relief from her back pain.
- Pray for physical and spiritual protection for the students and staff at Pars Theological Centre.
- Pray for the Middle Eastern people group to whom the DeLanges are ministering.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.

This Week: Jen VanDragt, Cindy Palmbos, Kyla Cook

Next Sunday: Rochelle Kuyper, Kristin Schut, Jenna Palmbos

Ushers for December:

AM: Dave Aukeman, Andrew Bard, Zac Byker, Alan Groenendyk

PM: Dan Helms, Dan Los, Cal Palmbos

Coffee Server: This Week: Natalie Timmer

Next Week: Yvonne Vander Heide

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Concerns and Praises:

- **Tatum Matthyse**, son of Jamie and Samantha, is home and doing great after his successful heart surgery.
- Keep in prayer those who live with on-going health concerns: **Kathy Krikke, Donna Machiela, The Los family, and Charlie Elgersma.**

Shut-ins: Wilma Johnson, Juliana DeYoung, Gert Holwerda, Arlene Krikke.

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.

Thank you First church family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and transportation. Pastor Dave for his prayers, visits and phone calls. - **Norma Schepers**

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: The Prophet's Message of Hope - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The devotion is all about how the prophet Isaiah talked about how light shining in the darkness gave people comfort. We know Isaiah 9:2 is about Jesus coming to earth and dying on the cross for our sins. How amazing is that! The hope we have is a person! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Story of the Prophets."

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

New City Kids Christmas Bash – First CRC's Mission Impact guests New City Kids is hosting a Christmas bash called Rooted in Love on Wednesday, December 6 at GLC 20 Monroe Live (11 Ottawa Ave NW, Grand Rapids). Social hour starts at 5:30PM and the show starts at 7:00PM. Tickets for this can be purchased at newcitykids.org/rooted

FESTIVAL OF NATIVITIES @ RIDGEWOOD CRC: Join us on Sunday, December 10, for hot drinks, a Festival of Nativities, Christmas carols, and a light supper. Starting at 4:00 pm, you may view over 40 nativity sets from around the world while sipping warm beverages. A multi-generational Christmas Program and carol-sing begins at 5:00 pm, followed by a free meal in our multi-purpose room. Questions? Contact Sharon (616-669-2630) or Vicki (616-457-9405). We're praying that many of you join us for this special evening!

The King's Choraliers invite you to join them to celebrate God's gift of his Son at Christmas. Our concert, "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come," will be on Sunday, December 10, at 7:30 PM at LaGrave Ave. CRC, 107 LaGrave Ave., in Grand Rapids. Our guest vocal group will be the Calvin Christian High School Chorale. We will also have guest instrumentalists as well as a carol sing. A free will offering will be received.

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Volunteer Opportunities at Love Your Neighbor

- Pickup & Delivery (those with trucks are highly encouraged!)
- Small Appliance Test & Repair
- Store Cashiers
- Shoe volunteers in Treasure's Resale Shop
- Volunteers to sort and price donations before they go to the Outback Store
- Test and Repair Ministry (Training is provided!)
- Landscape volunteers for the Hudsonville Campus

November 26, 2023 - Evening Service

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: **Once In Royal Davids City vs 1, 4, 5**

*God's Greeting

*Song: **What Child is This? vs 1-3**

PRAYER

Congregational Prayer [requests]

Song: **Of the Father's Love Begotten vs 1, 4, 5**

WORD

Series: Sound Doctrine – Understanding and Living What We Believe

Scripture: *Ephesians 6: 10-18*

Message: ***Supernatural***

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **All is Well**

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