

December 10, 2023

# Morning Worship

### GATHER

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candles - The Aukemans

\*Song: **O Come O Come Emmanuel vs 1-3**

\*God's Greeting

\*Song: **King of Kings vs 1-4**

### PRAISE

Profession of Faith: Alyssa Horstman

Song: **Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me vs 1-4**

Congregational Prayer

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

\*Song: **Comfort, Comfort Now My People vs 1&3**

### WORD

Scripture: *Romans 8: 22-25*

Series: The Gifts of Christmas

Message: **Patience**

Prayer

### SENT

\*Benediction

\*Song: **He Shall Reign Forevermore**

\*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave

Scripture Reader: Jeff Brinks

Accompanist: Kim Byker

Worship Team: Ben Bouma, Jason Dekker, Eric Laansma, Blake Timmer

\*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](http://firstcrchudsonville.org) and click the link at the top of the page.

### THIS SUNDAY: 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? This morning we will hear, and celebrate, the public profession of faith of Alyssa Horstman.  
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 Matthew 1: 22-23, Christmas carols, and the Christmas story shared in words and song by the kids of First CRC.  
Offering: Starlight Ministries

### NEXT WEEK: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**AM: Isaiah 40: 1-11** Series: The Gifts of Christmas Message: **Comfort** During Advent we sing of tidings of "comfort and joy." In this message we'll unwrap and delight in God's Christmas gift of comfort. After morning worship there will be a Congregational meeting to approve the 2024 budget.  
Offering: Samaritans Carriage

**PM: Genesis 1-26-27** Series: Sound Doctrine Message: **Learning to be Human** What does it mean to be a human being? What does God's Word say about who we are? These questions have never been more important. Are we simply more highly evolved monkeys? And what might Artificial Intelligence mean for our understanding of who we are. Join us next Sunday as begin a 3-part study of the Doctrine of Humanity  
Offering: Starlight Ministries

### THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** - after morning worship.
- **Sunday Adult Education** - after morning worship.
- **Pop! Jr High** - Sunday, December 3, 6:00PM.
- **Admin Council** - Monday, December 11, 7:00PM.
- **Men's Prayer Group** - Tuesday, December 12, 7:00PM.
- **Cadets, GEMS** - Wednesday, December 13, 6:30PM.
- **Security Team Meeting** - Wednesday, December 13, 7:00PM.

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 next Sunday, December 17, after the morning service. Copies the 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 TODAY 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.

**Walk Up Choir** - On December 24th during morning worship you are invited to participate in our Walk up choir. We will sing God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen. No rehearsals, just come sing!

**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 two 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 Gods praise. Next meeting Dec. 12th.

**YOUNG AT HEART:** Join us for Breakfast at Arrows in Hudsonville on Wednesday, December 20th at 9:30AM.

**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@firstcrchudsonville.org](mailto:info@firstcrchudsonville.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](mailto:sylvia.aukeman@yahoo.com) in the next couple of months. Any questions call Sylvia at 616.450.8126

**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: Rochelle Kuyper, Kristin Schut, Jenna Palmbos  
Next Sunday: Sandy Helms, Jenna Persenaire, Elizabeth Power

**Ushers for December:**  
**AM:** Dave Aukeman, Andrew Bard, Zac Byker, Alan Groenendyk  
**PM:** Dan Helms, Dan Los, Cal Palmbos

**Coffee Server:** This Week: Yvonne Vander Heide  
Next Week: Betty Velderman

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

**Concerns and Praises:**  
• **Mic Jurgens** will have hip surgery this Tuesday.  
• **Jean Mulder** [frequent attender at First CRC] had successful hip surgery last Tuesday.  
• Keep in prayer those who live with on-going health concerns: **Dave Vruwink, Flo Bosscher, Sharon Walters, Kathy Krikke, Donna Machiela, The Los family, and Charlie Elgersma.**  
**Shut-ins: Elmer Hoffman, Molly Schreur, Donna Machiela, and Adrian/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.

Financial Report – November 2023						
	11-30-23	11-30-23	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	\$	%
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		
General Fund	24,820.53	29,276.00	288,796.09	322,036.00	-33,239.91	89.7%
Capital Impr.	10,885.00	2,500.00	25,560.00	27,500.00	-1939.10	92.9%

## FROM THE DENOMINATION

**Kids Corner: Promises and Peace** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). During Advent, we remember the story of Mary, a teenager, called by God to be Jesus' mother. "How could this be?" she wondered at first. But the angel Gabriel assured Mary. "God's favor is on you," he said. "Anything is possible with God." Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) like the Bible story podcast "The Birth of Jesus."

**Deep Christmas Joy** - God gave us his Best Gift at Christmas, and Jesus tells us to give as we have so abundantly received. Your donation to the World Renew Gift Catalog will bring real joy to someone who is struggling to survive each day. Donate today at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-552-7972.

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

**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

### Requesting Donations

- We are requesting donations for ALL travel sized items (body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, bar soap, etc.) and baby wipes.
- We are in need of women's deodorant, shaving cream, mouthwash, and baby wipes
- We are in need of kids shoes, men's clothing, and kitchenware.

If you or someone you know is struggling due to the increase in gas and groceries, please reach out to our connection center at 616-662-3300x128!

## December 10, 2023 - Evening Service

Prelude  
Welcome

\*Song: **Angels from the Realms of Glory vs 1, 2, 5**  
God's Greeting

\*Song: **The King of Glory Comes vs 1, 3, 4**

Scripture: Matthew 1: 22-23  
Message: ***Emmanuel, God With Us***

### Christmas Carols

\*Song: **Jesus Saves vs 1-4** [kids dismissed]  
**\*Emmanuel vs 1**

**O Little town of Bethlehem vs 1, 3&4** [kids re-enter sanctuary]

Sunday School Christmas Program

Song: **Hearts Waiting Reprise**  
[Sunday School kids and Congregation]  
\*Benediction

Go in Peace

Pastor Dave  
Accompanist: Kim Byker

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