

SERMON NOTES

“The Gift of Love”
with Pastor Scott Bonestroo
Luke 2:1-7; John 3:16-21



Alton Reformed Church
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Love

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- Go to church website, click Worship tab, click Live Stream

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WELCOME to ALTON REFORMED CHURCH

We are glad you have joined us for worship today!

Please help yourself to some coffee before or after worship.
Nursery is available on our lower level for children ages 3 and younger. Children worship bags and bulletins are available outside the sanctuary.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

#125 Joy To The World
#145 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Baptism

#124 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Advent Reading

#128 It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7; John 3:16-21

Message: “The Gift of Love”

#123 O Come O Come Emmanuel

Benediction

#625 Doxology

GIVING

- Place your offering in the wooden boxes by the doors as you exit the sanctuary.
- Text: 712-248-4898 - First time givers text the word ‘give’ to get started.
Type the dollar amount you wish to give.
- Online at www.altonreformedchurch.com/give
- Scan the provided QR code



THIS WEEK AT ARC

Sunday, December 7

- 9:30 a.m. - Worship
- 10:45 a.m. - Cross Training
- Congregational Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. - Christmas Caroling
- 5:00 p.m. - MSYG
- 6:30 p.m. - HSYG

Wednesday, December 10

- 6:30 p.m. - Christmas Program Practice
- Praise Team Practice

Saturday, December 13

- 9:00 a.m. - Christmas Program Practice
- 9:00 a.m. - AA & Al-Anon Meetings

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon Series: Wonder of Christmas

Christmas is a time of wonder at God’s amazing plans. As we move towards Christmas, we will marvel at the Wonder of Christmas through the eyes of those present at the first Christmas revealed in the words of our Advent Candles: Hope, Love, Joy, Peace.

Baptism

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Kaycee Jade TeGrootenhuis, the daughter of Kiefer and Brittany. Baptism is a gracious gift and an amazing reminder that Kaycee belongs to God. We praise God for His abundant blessings.

Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will follow worship this morning. We will hear ministry reports, elect Consistory, and review the church budget. The following Consistory nominees will be presented for approval: Deacons – David Palsma and Andy Van Wyk; Elder – Lloyd Te Brink. Copies of the Consistory approved 2026 Annual Church Budget have been placed in the church mailboxes.

Christmas Caroling

Join us for Christmas Caroling **today** at Prairie Ridge in Orange City at 3:15 p.m. It’s a wonderful opportunity to bless our shut ins. We will have song books available. All ages are welcome!

Children’s Christmas Program

Our Children’s Christmas Program is next Sunday, December 14, during morning worship. We have practice on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 13 at 9 a.m.

Christmas Program Cookies

We will be serving cookies and juice after the Christmas program on December 14. If you are willing to help by providing cookies, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Please check with Chris Van Beek if you have any questions.

Christmas Eve

Join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m. The offering received at our Christmas Eve Service has been designated for local ministries we support as a church: ATLAS; Genesis House; Bethany Christian Services; Hope Haven; and Inspiration Hills. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate toward these ministries, please contact one of our deacons.