

## SERMON NOTES

“Real Hope”  
with Pastor Scott Bonestroo  
Luke 1:26–38; Matthew 1:18–25



Alton Reformed Church  
SUNDAY BULLETIN  
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# Hope

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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

*Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)  
He Shall Reign Forevermore*

### Prayer

*#132 Angels We Have Heard On High*

### Advent Reading

*Christmas Offering*

**Scripture:** Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

**Message:** "Real Hope"

*#137 What Child Is This*

### 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](http://www.altonreformedchurch.com/give)
- Scan the provided QR code



## THIS WEEK AT ARC

### Sunday, November 30

- 9:30 a.m. - Worship
- 10:45 a.m. - Cross Training

### Wednesday, December 3

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

### Saturday, December 6

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New 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.

### Christmas Caroling

Christmas caroling will be **Sunday December 7**. Meet at Prairie Ridge Care Center in OC at 3:15. Please consider this opportunity to bless our shut ins through caroling. We will have song books available. All ages are welcome!

### Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be **Sunday, December 7**, following worship. We will hear ministry reports, elect new elder and deacons, 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. Please make plans to join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

### Children's Christmas Program

Our Children's Christmas Program will be **Sunday, December 14**, during morning worship. We will have practice on Wednesday, December 3 & 10 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 6 & 13 at 9 a.m. Contact 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.

### New Library Books:

Hopes Enduring Echo by Kim Vogel Sawyer  
Land of Dreams #1 by Lauraine Snelling  
Who Is My Neighbor #7 by Creston Mapes  
Who Touches the Mountains #1 by Deborah Raney  
The Christmas House by Beverly Lewis  
The Pretender #3 by Wanda Brunstetter  
Whispers of Truth #4 by Valerie Bodden  
Promises of Mercy #5 by Valerie Bodden  
House on Sand #1 by Debby Handman  
The Gamblers Wife #2 by Debby Handman  
The 36 Hour Day by Nancy Mace and Peter Rabins  
Letters From Madelyn by Elaine Sanchez