

Offering Schedule

The mission boxes will be for FRMI.

12/09	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS
12/16	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Synod Assessment
12/23	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	NRCS
12/25	Christmas	TBA		
12/30	1 st	General Fund	2 nd	Seminary Fund
12/31	New Year's Eve	1 st General Fund	2 nd	NRCS

Nursery Schedule

Extra Help If Needed

12/09	a.m.	Genesis Spratt	Amber Willekes	Mary Rogers
	p.m.	Cathy DeJong	Jessica Diehl	Mary Rogers
12/16	a.m.	Connie Prol	Ella Koeber	Genesis Spratt
	p.m.	Mary Rogers	Christiana Prol	Genesis Spratt
12/23	a.m.	Michelle Elshout	Sophia Prol	Genesis Spratt
	p.m.	Kayt Naves	Olivia Nieuwenhuis	Genesis Spratt
12/25	a.m.	Helen Rogers	Meghan Lewis	Genesis Spratt
12/30	a.m.	Rebecca Laman	Tirzah Laman	Genesis Spratt
	p.m.	Joanne VanWingerden	Brooke Willekes	Genesis Spratt

Greeters

12/09	a.m.	Don VanDeMoere, jr	p.m.	Kevin Willekes
12/16	a.m.	Dan F. Bivona	p.m.	Bill Devroe
12/23	a.m.	Chris Diehl	p.m.	Dave Elshout
12/25	Christmas	a.m. Garry Koeber		
12/30	a.m.	Paul Laman	p.m.	Phil Laman
12/31	New Year's Eve		p.m.	Jacob Lewis

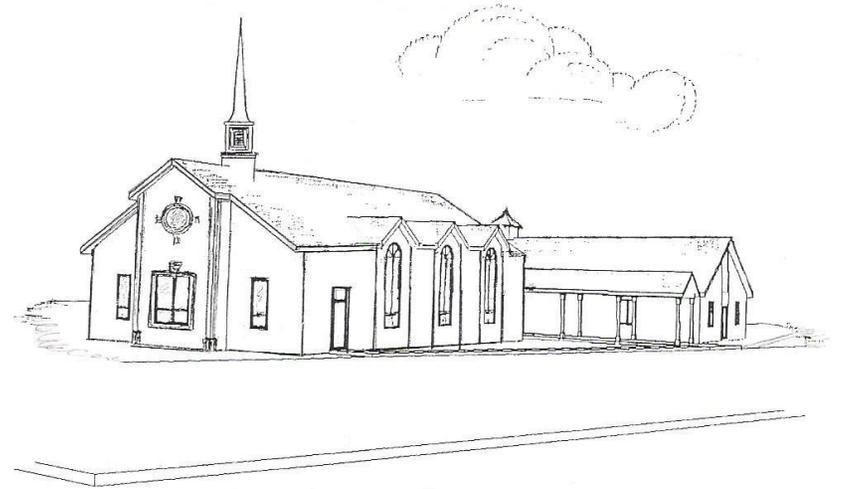
Calendar of Activities, D.V.

12/09	Sun	YPS meet after the evening service
12/11	Tues	Church Visitation
12/12	Wed	Women's Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
12/12	Wed	Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.
12/17	Mon	Consistory Meeting 8 p.m.
12/20	Thurs	Sunday School Christmas Program 7:30 p.m.
12/23	Sun	Atrium Ministry 2 p.m.- GK, JRN, EVG
12/23	Sun	YPS meet after the evening service
12/25	Tues	Christmas Day Service 10 a.m.
12/31	Mon	New Year's Eve Service

Please visit www.frcpp.org and look under the "Events" tab for additional Important missions, denomination, and congregational news and activities. Services via the Web: You can search for our church on SermonAudio.com or the church's website.

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*"I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122: 1*

Rev. Jerrold H. Lewis, Pastor
LORD's Day Worship
9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

The LORD's Day
December 9, 2018

A.M.

Law of God

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 7: 1-16 (9b)**
Sermon: **"No assurance without faith"**

P.M.

Scripture Reading: **Luke 1: 1-20 (14-16)**
Confession of Faith
Sermon: **"Great in the sight of the Lord"**

He Became Poor

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

Christ, who was rich, became poor. To be poor is painful. It is not easy to be poor. But to become poor from a state of wealth is even more difficult. That can easily happen here on earth among people. That is, however, no comparison to what happened to Christ. The poverty He took upon Himself is beyond our understanding. He could say, "The earth and its fullness is Mine," but He was born in a stable. He was born in poverty. He, who bore the world with a mighty arm, had to be carried in the arms of His mother as a helpless child. The Son of God became poor--so poor that there was no room for Him anywhere. There was no room for Him to be born. Later on, He said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matt. 8:20).

Christ became poor in glory. There was no luster and no majesty when He was born in a stall for animals. He was laid in a manger--a feeding trough for animals. That was the first dwelling He received on this earth; that is how it all started. He was wrapped in clothes to cover the shame of His nakedness, for He became just as any other child of Adam. Sin was imputed to Him.

Christ was born poor, and although He received clothes when He was born, later on, His clothes would be taken from Him--Roman soldiers cast lots for them. He became so poor that as He was hanging on the cross, "we hid as it were our faces from him" (Isa. 53:3). Christ, the Son of God, became so poor that He had no rights left with God the Father--no rights whatsoever. His last piece of clothing was given to the heathen.

He was also poor in honor. From His birth on, Christ was despised and persecuted. He was a wanted man. As soon as He was born, Mary and Joseph had to

flee to Egypt with Him. In His life the enemies of God wanted Him killed, and finally, He was cast out of this world.

Christ was also poor in power. He used to dwell in the heavens; He only had to command and it would happen. He who had power over all things in heaven and earth was finally nailed to the cross as the weakest One, but that is why He came into this world. He became poor in God; that was His deepest poverty. God the Father would forsake Him and let His enemies strip Him and scourge Him, and then nail Him to a cross.

Christ was poor, for He had to pay the debts of all His people. He was poor, for He was covered with their guilt. He was, therefore, on this earth, a poor Christ, a poor Jesus, a poor child. Finally, He would be so poor that there would be no place for Him either in heaven or on earth. Forsaken of God and of men, He became poor. He became as poor as the poorest of sinners, and in this way, He would be the Savior of sinners.

Frans Bakker, *"The Everlasting WORD"*

Announcements

We warmly welcome once again **Rev. J.A. VandenBerg** from **Providence Reformed Church** in our midst. He will be conducting the services for us today. Due to the heavy workload our pastor is carrying at this time, the Consistory has asked Rev. VandenBerg to preach for us. May the Lord richly bless him and us this day.

The cancer that **Randy DeJong** has, is now spread to his spine. May we ask the Lord to remember him and also **John Touw** as they must continue to battle this dreadful disease. May He remember them not only for the body, but also their eternal welfare as well.

Memory work for Sunday School: **Christmas Program material.**

The **Young People's Society** will meet this evening after the service.

In accordance with **Church Order**, we will be hosting our **Church Visitors, Revs. J. Overduin and Pronk** on **Tuesday, December 11th**. During this time, opportunity will be given for any member to meet with them should you so desire. In order to do this, you must meet with the Consistory. Please contact them so this can be arranged.

The **Women's Bible Study** will meet on **Wednesday at 9:45 a.m.**

There will be **Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

We congratulate the following members who hope to celebrate their birthdays this week **Ann Hamilton** on **Monday 12/10**, **Doris Densel** on **Thursday 12/13**, and **Pete Sloomaker** on **Friday 12/14**. May you seek the Lord to carry and deliver you through this year. **Isaiah 46: 4**