

### Offering Schedule

The mission boxes will be for FRMI.

12/16	1 <sup>st</sup>	General Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Synod Assessment
12/23	1 <sup>st</sup>	General Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup>	NRCS
12/25	Christmas	1 <sup>st</sup> General Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup>	NRCS
12/30	1 <sup>st</sup>	General Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Seminary Fund
12/31	New Year's Eve	1 <sup>st</sup> General Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pulpit Supply
01/01	New Year's Day	1 <sup>st</sup> General Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup>	NRCS
01/06	1 <sup>st</sup>	General Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Messenger

### Nursery Schedule

"If you are not available to attend nursery on the date assigned, please find a substitute or switch with another attendant." Thank you

12/16	a.m.	Connie Prol	Ella Koeber
	p.m.	Mary Rogers	Christiana Prol
12/23	a.m.	Michelle Elshout	Sophia Prol
	p.m.	Kayt Naves	Olivia Nieuwenhuis
12/25	a.m.	Helen Rogers	Meghan Lewis
12/30	a.m.	Rebecca Laman	Tirzah Laman
	p.m.	Joanne VanWingerden	Brooke Willekes
01/01	a.m.	Catherine Lewis	Bethany Lewis
01/06	a.m.	Karen Diehl	Katelyn VanWingerden
	p.m.	Wendy Rogers	Hadassah Laman

### Extra Help If Needed

December & Jan 1<sup>st</sup>: Genesis Spratt

January: Kayt Naves

### Greeters

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
01/01	a.m.	Jeremy Naves		
01/06	a.m.	Ben Nieuwenhuis	p.m.	Jake Nieuwenhuis

### Calendar of Activities, D.V.

12/17	Mon	Consistory Meeting	8 p.m.
12/20	Thurs	<b>Sunday School Christmas Program</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
12/23	Sun	Atrium Ministry	2 p.m.- GK, JRN, EVG
12/25	Tues	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
12/31	Mon	<b>New Year's Eve Service</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
01/01	Tues	<b>New Year's Day Service</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>

Please visit [www.frcpp.org](http://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 16, 2018

**A.M.**

Law of God

Scripture Reading: **Haggai 2**

Sermon: **"The Desire of All Nations"**

**P.M.**

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 2**

Confession of Faith

Sermon: **"The Star of the Magi"**

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***"But we preach Christ crucified..."***

1 Corinthians 1:23

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*"By grace are ye saved, through faith". Eph.2:8*

If it be true, that "by grace, we are saved," it is equally true, that "this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and that men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil."

*This great redemption is by price.* And, O! what a price! the precious blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God. This blood cleanseth from all sin; satisfies offended Justice; clears away the obstacles in the sinner's path to glory, and procures pardon and peace and the gift of the Holy Ghost. "He made peace for us, by the blood of His cross." "We have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

*This redemption is by power.* God the Holy Ghost descends into the sinner's heart, applies the healing balm to the previously smitten conscience, and by His Almighty influence, produces the new birth, the new creation. He leads the trembling sinner to the bleeding sacrifice; points to the cross; gives saving faith; causes joy to spring up in the heart; and thus enables the

soul, delivered from the penalty and pollution of sin, "to sing in the ways of the Lord," and to glorify the rock of his salvation.

None can love this work of grace, but the subjects of grace. This sadly wounds the pride of man, but so it is. We must forever stand indebted to unmerited love for this great salvation. All boasting is here excluded. "He that glorieth, must glory in the Lord, [In the Lord] have I righteousness and strength."

O! that I may now put the crown upon the head of Jesus. May all my affections center in Him. To Him may I devote every power, and be altogether consecrated to His praise. O! my soul, forever bless thy beloved Lord, for thus becoming thy Redeemer. He is always near His people to support and comfort them. He dwells in their hearts by faith. He abides in them by His Spirit, to enlighten their minds, to purify their hearts, to regulate their wills, to direct their walk, to lead them in the paths of righteousness, for His name's sake.

**S.B. Reade (1850)**

#### Announcements

We extend our deepest condolences to **Mary & Duane Rogers, Konnie & Kevin Willekes** and their families with the passing of their dear grandmother, **Mrs. Wilma DeVries** in Michigan this past Tuesday. We pray the Lord for His comfort, strength in the coming days, but most of all His peace.

On **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, **Chloe Ann Bivona** was born to **Dan** and **Kate**. We give thanks to the Lord that all was made well with both mother and child. May the Lord richly bless **Chloe** that she may be brought to know the Lord early.

On Friday, **Doris Densel** was admitted to Valley Hospital due to high fevers. We ask the Lord's deliverance once again, granting her renewed health, strength but also to be drawn closer to Him.

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

The **Consistory** will meet Monday evening at 8 p.m.

The Sunday School **Christmas Program** will be held this **Thursday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to see and hear what the children of the congregation have learned. **Ladies, would you please provide refreshments for that evening. Thank you!**