

### Offering Schedule

#### The mission boxes will be for FRMI.

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
01/13	1 <sup>st</sup>	General Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup>	NRCS
01/20	1 <sup>st</sup>	General Fund	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Synod Assessment

### Nursery Schedule

#### Extra Help if Needed

12/30	a.m.	Rebecca Laman	Tirzah Laman	Genesis Spratt
	p.m.	Joanne VanWingerden	Brooke Willekes	Genesis Spratt
01/01	a.m.	Catherine Lewis	Bethany Lewis	Genesis Spratt
01/06	a.m.	Karen Diehl	Katelyn VanWingerden	Kayt Naves
	p.m.	Wendy Rogers	Hadassah Laman	Kayt Naves
01/13	a.m.	Katy Prol	Julia Elshout	Kayt Naves
	p.m.	Nicolette Driesse	Selah Rogers	Kayt Naves

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

### Greeters

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
01/13	a.m.	John Okken	p.m.	Jeff Prol
01/20	a.m.	Duane Rogers	p.m.	Paul Sullivan

### Calendar of Activities, D.V.

12/31	Mon	New Year's Eve Service	7:30 p.m.
01/01	Tues	New Year's Day Service	10 a.m.
01/03	Thurs	Market Street Mission	4:45 p.m.- KW
01/06	Sun	Installation of Office Bearers	
01/06	Sun	Bethel Ranch	2:30 p.m.- ED, JDN
01/07	Mon	Consistory Meeting	8 p.m.
01/09	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:45 a.m.
01/09	Wed	Prayer Meeting	8 p.m.
01/10	Thurs	Ladies Society Meeting	7:45 p.m.
01/11	Fri	Good Shepherd Mission	7 p.m.- DE, JeP/AV
01/13	Sun	YPS meet after the evening service	
01/18	Fri	Girls Club Meeting	7 p.m.
01/23	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:45 a.m.

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 30, 2018

**A.M.**

Law of God

Scripture Reading: **Luke 2** Text: **52**

Sermon: **"And Jesus Grew"**

**P.M.**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 2: 1-12**

Confession of Faith

Sermon: **"The Son of Man Has Authority to Forgive Your Sins"**

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

1 Corinthians 1:23

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Dear congregation,

J.C. Ryle says,

"Satan has no objection to your being a respectable member of the Christian Church. He will allow you to sit comfortably in church every Sunday. He knows full well, that so long as you do not "strive" — that you must come at last to the worm that never dies, and the fire that is never quenched! Take heed that you do not come to this end. I repeat it, you have only to do nothing — and you will be eternally lost! Think above all things, what a state this is to die in! Your life is but a vapor. A few more years at most — and you are gone! Your place in the world will soon be filled up; your house will be occupied by another. The sun will go on shining; the grass and daises will soon grow thick over your grave; your body will be food for worms, and your soul will be lost to all eternity!"

The Question *we* ask upon reading this is, "What is it to strive? Are we told here to contribute to our salvation?" No, this is not what *strive* means here. What then does it mean? It means to be diligent in the use of all MEANS that may promote *my salvation*. It means to take heed of the world's deceptions which are lies, coming from the *father of lies*. It means thinking often of *my short stay* in this world, my time between the cradle and the grave. It means to be active in all that the Word of God *sets before me* each Lord's Day for the salvation of my soul. To strive means I enter in upon a wrestling match unto life

or death. As Jacob wrestled with the Angel, so must I strive with my own heart, or *I will never* see heaven.

We snag our hearts on words, doctrines, and the subtle teachings of men, bypassing the clear teaching of Christ. "*Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you will seek to enter in, and will not be able*" Luke 13:24 (Hebrews 4:11). The beauty is, a striving soul is one in whom the Spirit of God is *already working*. It is by His power that we strive. But Ryle is absolutely correct; if we *do* nothing, *feel* nothing, *plead* nothing, and *use* nothing in the means, then our case is lost, and hell is our portion (John 3:18).

**Canons of Dordt, Head 4 and 5, Article 9**

*It is not the fault of the gospel, nor of Christ, offered therein, nor of God, who calls men by the gospel, and confers upon them various gifts, that those who are called by the ministry of the word, refuse to come, and be converted: the fault lies in themselves.*

May the Spirit awaken us to this *striving* and *entering* in 2019. Amen.

Your friend and pastor,  
J. Lewis

#### Announcements

There will be no Sunday School Classes today. All classes will resume the next Lord's Day.

The **New Year's Eve Service** will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. **New Year's Day Service** will be held on Tuesday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m.

Members of the **Evangelism Committee** will visit the **Market Street Mission** on Thursday. May the Lord bless these efforts.

On the next Lord's Day there will be installation of new office bearers-**Adrian Sloodmaker** as elder and **Daryl Rogers** as deacon. **Henry Driesse** and **Don VanGrouw** will be stepping down as elder and deacon, respectively.

The mission boxes at the exit of the sanctuary will be designated for **Trinitarian Bible Society (TBS)** during the month of **January**. Please remember this cause in your giving and also your prayers.

#### House Visitation Schedule

Week of January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bill and Bette Devroe (Rescheduled)
Week of January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Adrian & Claire Sloodmaker (Rescheduled)
Week of January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Jake, Audrey, Andrea, and Matt Van Wyck (Rescheduled)