

December 20, 2015

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Church Family

## Order of Worship

### Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 424:1-3  
Reading of the Law  
Reading of Scripture  
Psalter 351  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 85  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 399  
Benediction\*  
Doxology - Psalter\* 424:4

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

### The Incarnation Explained

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38  
Text: Luke 1:34, 35

### Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 424:2, 4  
Psalter 193:1, 2, 5, 6  
**Evening Worship - 6:00 PM**  
Silent Prayer  
Votum and Salutation\*  
Psalter\* 57  
Reading of Scripture  
Psalter 326  
Apostles' Creed  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 259: 4-6  
Sermon  
Prayer  
Offertory  
Psalter\* 3  
Benediction\*  
Doxology - Psalter\* 406:4, 5

Sermon:

### What Frightened Felix?

Scripture: Acts 24  
Text: Acts 24:25

### Homebound:

Mrs. Elsie Arnoudse  
Mrs. Fran Hekman  
Mrs. Dorothy Hitchcock  
Mrs. Barb Kwekel  
Mrs. Florence Langerak  
Mrs. Esther Richards  
Mrs. Mina Van't Hof  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Vanden Toorn  
Mrs. Gertrude VanderGraaf  
Mrs. Marian VerHage

### Remember in Prayer:

Mrs. Lorraine Slopsema  
Mr. Trent Timmer  
Mr. Rick Vander Veen

### Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family

Mark & Melanie Moerdyk were blessed with the *birth* of healthy boy, *Jayden John*, Wednesday, December 16. The family is doing well.

The congregation extends sympathy to John & Rene` Vander Hart on the loss of John's mother, Dena Vander Hart, on December 12.

In gratitude to God for Marian Ver Hage, the congregation is invited to her *95<sup>th</sup> birthday open house* Tuesday, December 22, 6:30 – 8 PM at Edison Assisted Living, for cake and punch. Your presence is gift enough!

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# Meditation

## THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Romans 8 *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”*

If we speak of the love of Christ; *when did it begin*; in past eternity? “Then I was with him as one that was brought up with him: I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of the earth; my delights were with the sons of men.” Proverbs 8:30, 31. This river of love began to flow before the world was---from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. Christ’s love to us is as old as the Father’s love to his Son. This the river of light began to stream from Jesus toward us, before the beams poured from the sun---before the rivers flowed to the ocean---before angel loved angel, or man loved man. Before creatures were, Christ loved us. This is a great deep. Who can fathom it? This love passeth knowledge!

*Who was it that loved?* It was Jesus, the Son of God the second person of the blessed Godhead. His name is, “Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace,” “King of kings and Lord of lords,” Immanuel, Jesus the Savior, the only begotten of the Father. His beauty is perfect: he is the brightness of his Father’s glory, and the express image of his person. All the purity, majesty, and love of Jehovah dwell fully in Him. He is the bright and morning Star: He is the Sun of righteousness and the Light of the world: he is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valleys---fairer than the children of men. His riches are infinite: he could say, “All that the Father hath is mine.” He is Lord of all. All the crowns in heaven were cast at his feet---all angels and seraphs were his servants---all worlds his domain. His doings were infinitely glorious. By him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in the earth, visible and invisible. He called the things that are not as though they were---worlds started into being at his word. *Yet he loved us.* It is much to be loved by one greater in rank than ourselves---to be loved by an angel; but, O, to be loved by the Son of God!---this is wonderful---it passeth knowledge.

*Whom did he love?* He loved us! He came into the world “to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” Had he loved one as glorious as himself, we would not have wondered. Had he loved the holy angels, that reflected his pure, bright image, we would not have wondered. Had he loved the lovely among the sons of men---the amiable, the gentle, the kind, the rich, the great, and the noble---it would not have been so great a wonder. But, Ah! He loved sinners, the vilest sinners--the poorest, meanest, he guiltiest wretches that crawl on the ground, etc.

R. M. M’Cheyne

# Welcome

Thank you so much for coming to worship God with us today. We hope and pray that you will be blessed among us and that you also will be a blessing to us. If you have any prayer needs or if you’d like to know more about our church, one of our pastors or elders would be very happy to speak with you.

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“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:10-11

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## Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will conduct our worship services, DV.
- The Sunday School (Beginners through 7th Grade) will have a *practice today* for the Christmas Program, after the morning service. All the students are asked to line up downstairs.
- There will be a *Christmas Day service* on Friday, December 25, led by Dr. Jerry Bilkes.
- The Sunday School *Christmas Program* will take place immediately after the Christmas Day service on Friday, December 25, DV.
- Next Sunday, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our worship services, DV.
- There will be no Sunday School/Catechism classes next Sunday.
- There will be a *New Year’s Eve* service Thursday, December 31 at 7 PM, led by Pastor Murray, Lord willing.
- There will be a *New Year’s Day* service on Friday, January 1 at 9:30 AM, led by Pastor Macleod, DV.
- Pastor Murray and his family will *be on vacation* from December 14-29. Pastor Murray will be preaching at a Reformed Baptist church in Fort Lauderdale during that time.
- The deadline for *bulletin announcements*, for the next two weeks, will be *Wednesday at noon* due to the Christmas/New Year holidays.



<b>Nursery</b>		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Alexandra Sijtsma	Janna Birn
	Liz Prince	Emma Vander Boon
Evening	Arleen Boven	Cassandra Naulty
	Sarah Walkotten	Makenna Pronk
<i>Christmas Day</i>	Betsy Prince	Abbie Prince
	Hannah Karel	Josephine Haab
Next Week		
Morning	Courtney Prince	Jeanette DeBlaay
	Laura Hults	Lauren Bilkes
Evening	Jen Klaasen	Kim Kleyn
	Annelise Moerdyk	Trienna Moerdyk
<i>New Year's Eve</i>	Lisa Van Strien, Sonia Wielhouwer, Gabby Karel	
<i>New Year's Day</i>	Liz Prince, Hannah Kleyn, Joni Murray	
December	Mother in Charge	Betsy Timmer

<b>Ushers</b>		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Tom Karel Jr	Andrew Bergsma
Next Week	Joel Markwat	Jim Vander Graaf

<b>Offerings</b>			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	General Fund	Denominational Fund	Mediterranean Mission Fund
Next Week	Education Fund	Benevolent Fund	Powassen
<i>Christmas Day</i>		Guatemala Mission	
<i>New Year's Eve</i>		Word & Deed	
<i>New Year's Day</i>		General Fund	