

Platte Christian Reformed Church

"In All Things, Christ Pre-Eminent"

Pastor Drew Hoekema



Prepare Him Room

Let Men Their Songs Employ

Sunday, December 14, 2025

10:00 AM - Morning Worship Service

4:00 PM - Children's Christmas Program

NO Sunday School - [Christmas Program Practice](#)

The both services will be Live Streamed on web & scanners.

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Mission Statement

To Know Christ-as Savior and Lord

To Be Like Christ-by Our Words and Actions

To Share Christ-at Home and Throughout the World

Sunday Morning Worship

December 14, 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent

Praise of God

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

**Angels, From the Realms of Glory* – CH 259

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* – CH 277

Reconciliation with God

Call and Prayer for Confession

Advent Children's Message

Thanksgiving to God

Joy to the World – CH 270 [v. 1-3]

Morning Pastoral Prayer

Guidance from God

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

Message: **"Let Men Their Songs Employ"** –

Advent 2025: Joy to the World [3]

Prayer of Petition

Sending by God

**Good Christian Men, Rejoice* – CH 273

*Profession of Faith: Psalm 23

*Benediction

**Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise* – PH 187 [vv. 1 & 6]

Collection will be taken for **Local Fuel Barrel at the exits as you leave**

(*) – indicates congregation standing (**) – indicates member or praise team led

**December 14, 2025 – Morning –
Matthew 2:1-12
“Let Men Their Songs Employ” –
Advent 2025: Joy to the World [3]**

What **one truth** struck you about this message?

What **one thing** will you seek to do differently this week?

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2: 10-12

WELCOME: We welcome you as we worship in the Name of Jesus who came to earth to redeem us so that we might be born again and made children of God. May our adoration of Him today be just as sincere as the Shepherds and the Wisemen at his crude crib.

Children aged 3-5 meet **Val Kuipers** in the foyer before the sermon this morning for **Children's Church**.

Today's cookies have been provided by **Greg & Connie Bormann** in honor of their **50th Wedding Anniversary**.

This evening, in lieu of our evening worship service, we will host our annual **Children's Christmas Program** at **4:00pm**.

OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Grab a cup of coffee after church and come visit at our **Second Sunday Sermon Response** meeting in **Room 8**. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Our Executive Committee will be preparing plans for **Fellowship Groups** this month:

- **Hosts Needed!** The role of host(s) is to facilitate fellowship by helping elders or deacons to organize fellowship meals or service outings. In addition, hosts would take initiative to plan meals or outreach to group members with special needs. ***Note that the use of your home is not expected!*** This is a great way to use your gifts to bless the church family! Talk with Pastor Drew or a council member today with interest or questions.

- **Attending families** who have not yet become members are invited to be included as well. If you would like to be placed into a fellowship group, please talk with a councilmember or Pastor Drew!

From the Deacons! Any donations that you would like to submit for 2025 will need to be in by December 29th.

Check out the bulletin board for Christmas letters/cards from organizations that we support and flyers of upcoming events in the area!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Benefit Lunch for LeRoy Severson will be held on **today**, at the Platte Community Building from **10:30am–2:00pm**. Proceeds from the event will go toward helping cover medical expenses and providing support to LeRoy and his family. Donations will be accepted at the event, and silent auction items will be available.

Join us as we travel the road to Bethlehem - from the comfort of your own car! We invite you to our Drive-Thru Living Nativity at New Holland CRC on **tonight** from **5:30-7:30pm** to see real people and live animals portray the story of Christ's birth! And we encourage you to contact a shut-in or someone who doesn't drive at night to enjoy the Christmas story along with you! All are welcome!

DCS Scrip order will be placed on Tuesday, **December 16**. Orders may be placed in Joan's mailbox until Sunday afternoon or brought to DCS by 8:30 am on Tuesday. The deadline for online orders is midnight Monday night. Thanks for using this means to support Christian education!

Bake Sale: **Platte Care Center** will be having its annual Bake Sale on **Friday, Dec. 19th** from **2-4pm**. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated! Funds from the Bake Sale go to the Activity Department to provide entertainment, prizes for BINGO and furnish ingredients for meal of the month; just to name a few. Stop by and get some goodies for holiday parties!

Spring Cursillo- A weekend on Christian Living—to strengthen and encourage your Christian faith. Who can attend ? Anyone over 18. Men’s weekend starts Thursday, Feb 19th in the evening and ends Sunday afternoon the 22nd. Women’s weekend Thursday Feb 26th in the evening and ends Sunday afternoon March 1st. There is no cost to attend. For more info, contact Karla Overweg.

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

Sunday–Missionaries: LaVeryl & Max Voss- JAARS (Wycliffe)

Monday: Special Grace: Candy Van Dusseldorp

Tuesday: Drew, Katie, Dawson, Penelope, & Violet Hoekema

Wednesday: Elmer & Judie Visscher, Craig Boltjes

Thursday: Sherm & Lois Visscher, Kathy Bultsma

Friday: Albert & Delilah Beltman, Elaine Dyk

Saturday: Henry & Barb Buitenbos, Hannah Hansum

ADVANCE NOTICES

*****Sun., Dec. 14 - Christmas Program @ 4 PM***

*****Sun., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 5 PM***

*****Tues., Dec. 30 - Deacons Mtg. @ 6 PM***

Work group #3 will be in charge of the next event/funeral.

Serving Schedule:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Proj.</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Valet</u>	<u>Coffee</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Dec. 14	Larry H.	Sean S.	Keri B./ McKenna K.	Jeremy B.	Henry B./ Jim B.	Local Fuel Barrel
Dec. 21	Brady K.	Tony H.	Deb B./ Mary K.	Rylan D.	Michael B./ Kathy B./ Carol L.	Banquet