

Platte Christian Reformed Church

"In All Things, Christ Pre-Eminent"

Pastor Drew Hoekema



Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:00 AM - Morning Worship Service

6:00 PM - Evening Worship Service

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 7, 2025

A Service of Word and Sacrament

The Second Sunday of Advent

Praise of God

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

**O Come All Ye Faithful* – CH 249

Reconciliation with God

Prayer for Confession

Advent Children's Message

Joy to the World – CH 270 [vv. 1-2]

Guidance from God

Scripture Reading: **Luke 2:1-7; Ephesians 3:14-19**

Sermon: **"Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room" –
Advent 2025: Joy to the World [2]**

Thanksgiving to God

Morning Pastoral Prayer

**O Little Town of Bethlehem* – CH 250

*Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed

Nourishment in God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Love Has Come – CH 256

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus – CH 352

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending by God

**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* – [vv. 1, 4-6]

*Benediction

**Collection will be taken for DCS & World Renew at the exits as you
leave**

**December 7, 2025 – Morning –
Luke 2:1-7; Ephesians 3:14-19
“Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room” –
Advent 2025: Joy to the World [2]**

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

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

Sunday Evening Worship

December 7, 2025

Gathering

Song and Carol Requests

Invocation and God's Greeting

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel – CH 245*

Sharing

We Gather Together – PH 312

Prayers of God's People – *requests will be received*

Learning

Scripture Reading: **Luke 14:1-14**

Message: **“Dinner and Table Manners” –**

Eating with Jesus [6]

Prayer for Application

Sending

**Not Haughty Is My Heart – PH 276*

**Parting Blessing*

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – CH 43 [vv. 1 & 2]*

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*"I will praise You forever for what You have done;
in Your Name I will hope, for Your Name is good.
I will praise You in the presence of Your saints." Psalm 52:9*

WELCOME: We welcome each one who has come today to worship here in Spirit and in Truth. May God, who sent His only begotten Son to us in the miracle of Bethlehem, find in your life the devotion of a true worshipper.

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

Communion: this morning, we hold our monthly celebration of the Lord's Supper. All those who have professed faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in an orthodox, Bible-believing church are welcome to join for the feast. For those who are physically unable to come forward, elders will be able to bring the bread and cup to your seat.

Next Sunday, we will hold our annual **Children's Christmas Program** at 4pm. We will not be holding evening worship.

From the council:

*The membership of **Sonja Parker** was released, as she has become a member of Zion Reformed Church (RCUS), in Menno. We pray that the Lord would continue to grow Sonja in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ in this new church family!

***Officers** were selected for the upcoming **2026 council**:

President: Ivan Van Dusseldorp

Clerk: Jerome Bentz

Vicar: Darrel Kraayenbrink

Records Clerk: Jim Buitenbos

General Fund Treasurer: Bob Middendorp

Deacon President: Jeremy Bultsma

PRAYER & PRAISE

Thank You for all the donations given to the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We are glad to announce the healthy birth of **Nora Mae Peters**, a baby girl, to **Jared & Kaycia**. Thank the Lord for this gift, and ask Him to provide grace for the Peters in adjusting to this change, and specifically to Nora, that she would grow in His wisdom and knowledge.

This past week, **Dorothy Vander Tuin** was transferred from McKennan Hospital to rehabilitation at Prince of Peace Assisted Rehab, where she will remain for several weeks. Continue to pray for Dorothy to be given God's strength to persevere, and for her broken leg to gain healing. She would love to hear from you! The address is:

Prince of Peace Assisted Living
c/o Dorothy Vander Tuin - Rm. # 9
4513 S. Prince of Peace Place
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder!! Christmas Program Practice will be held **after church today and next Sunday!**

Fellowship Groups - Hosts Needed! As we look to organize the new Fellowship Group system for the upcoming new year, one essential need is **host couples or individuals**. The role of host(s) is to work with elders or deacons to organize fellowship meals or service outings. In addition, hosts would take initiative to plan meals or outreach to group members who have special needs. This is a great way to use your gifts to bless the church family! Talk with Pastor Drew or a council member by next Sunday with questions or interest.

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: Silent Night - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: Silent Night" at www.kidscorner.net. Do your worries ever feel really loud? You can tell them, "Shhhhhh! Jesus is here," and remember that He loves you and gives you peace. Explore all the great content at kidscorner.net, including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vine Table Meal: will be on **December 13th** at **11:30am**. They will be serving Beef Roast. Please invite a friend! Sign up in the Narthex or call Norma Lorensen. We are looking to share this ministry with any who would like to help.

Benefit Lunch for LeRoy Severson will be held on **Sunday, December 14**, 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. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the day; to get involved, please **contact Jerad Hutchens** by email at Jerad@BuildSummit.com.

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 Sunday, **December 14th** 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!

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!

THIS WEEK PRAY FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP

Sunday–Missionaries: Victor & Lori Selemani (Victoria, Clara, Joshua, David & Mikayla) YWAM– Mozambique, Africa

Monday: Special Grace: Mae Lieuwen

Tuesday: Scott, Nellie, Hunter, Melody, & Marshall Crosby

Wednesday: Ken & Nancy Van Zee, Maggie Backes

Thursday: Gary & Marsha Vanden Bos, Tami Boltjes

Friday: Pearce & Karleah Vander Pol, John Buitenbos

Saturday: Brent & Pam Veurink, Kevin Dyk

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. 7	Jay S.	Rylan D.	Josie D./ Hunter C.	Duane M.	Jerome B. Alan W.	DCS/ World Renew
Dec. 14	Larry H.	Sean S.	Deb B./ McKenna K.	Jeremy B.	Henry B./ Jim B.	Local Fuel Barrel