

WE ARE EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO PASSIONATELY ENCOURAGE OTHERS IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST.

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

* Songs of Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Amazing Love

Advent Candle Reading - Travis, Lacy & Olivia Sherman

Olivia singing Go Tell It On the Mountain

Children's Sermon - Koby

Scripture - Luke 1:39-56

Message - *Love Magnified*

Prayer

* Song - God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

* Benediction

(Asterisks () indicate when to stand, if you are able.)*

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for peace and strength for the families of **Lois Schipper** and **Marj Eilderts** as these ladies have passed away. Pray for **JoAnn Hippen** who is recovering from surgery after breaking her hip. Praise the Lord that **Dorothy DeBeer** was able to return home from her stay at the Hampton Care facility; continue to pray she can gain strength in the comfort of her home. Please be in prayer for all who are dealing with Covid-19. Please continue to pray for **Don Heuer** (father of Erin & Lucas/Kate) as he goes through treatment after receiving test results that his cancer has spread beyond his glands. Continue to pray for **Pastor Vance** that his brain can heal from the concussion. Continue to pray for **Larry Everts** who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

*(If you have a matter to be added to the prayer chain,
please call Dort Kampman at 319-830-8958
or Chuck Krusey 319-231-6838.)*

Announcements

Notice of Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 17 following the worship service. We will meet to elect the approved candidates for elder (Scott Wildeboer) and deacon (Steve Burns) and to approve the proposed budget for 2021 (which will include discussion of the proposed plans to resurface the parking lot). For any church members who might wish to participate in this meeting remotely, we are considering making this meeting available via Zoom. More details on those arrangements will follow in January.

Fa-la-la-la-la... Join us for Christmas Caroling **TODAY** at 2:00pm!! This year more than any, Christmas caroling is a special gift we can give to our loved ones. As we won't be entering homes, we may be outside of windows, or in garages, but we will be doing it with love and compassion for our friends and family who need Christmas cheer to brighten their year. There will be no meal after caroling, rather than full bellies, we will all leave with full hearts.

If you would like to contribute to Pastor Nate's Christmas gift given from the congregation, please have money to Kristi Cleary **today**.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Hope Reformed Church, **December 24th** at 7:00 pm. There will be music, candles, and a message to prepare your heart for Christmas morning. All are welcome to attend!

Just as Christmas decorations were put up, they need to be taken down. Join us **January 2nd** at 9:30 am to help organize and put away the decorations. Many hands make for light work. Thank you for your help! Note – Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

For those of you interested in using contribution envelopes for the upcoming year, please leave a note in Jo Schipper's mailbox. If you currently use the envelopes, your number will remain the same. If you would like to set up an automatic withdrawal through online giving, forms are available by the church mailboxes and can be given to Lacy Sherman.

thank you

Christmas time can feel very busy, but it is important that rather than moving right to the next thing, we take a moment to appreciate the things that have happened.

Last Saturday we had a Nativity Program for our JAM kids. The weather didn't cooperate, but thankfully we were able to move indoors. Thank you to Koby, Erin, Brenda, Caryl, and Pastor Nate who planned this fun program for the kids, to Scott & Travis for building backgrounds and equipment that was needed, to the Cleary's who made delicious cookies for all to enjoy, to Brian who recorded and made DVDs of the program. But most of all, thank you to the parents who shared their kids with us during practices and the program. It is such a blessing to watch the younger generation act out the Christmas Story.

This year we have been so blessed to continue to host JAM for our children. On Wednesday we celebrated the end of the year with a Christmas party, including a story, craft, movie, game, and cookies! Thank you to the JAM leadership who has made this year possible and worked so hard to keep the program going. JAM will resume on Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30 pm.

Thanks to the generosity of our Hope family, the Angel Tree program was able to reach out to 10 families again this year who have a parent in prison, both in Butler county and in the Marshalltown area. So whether you gave a donation, shopped for the kids, wrapped the presents, delivered the gifts, or helped to make beautiful quilts to wrap these kids in God's love, thank you for being 'Jesus with skin on' to these precious children. Matthew 19:14

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER 20 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20 – CHRISTMAS CAROLING 2:00 PM

DECEMBER 24 – CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00 PM

JANUARY 2 – IRON MAN BIBLE STUDY 8:00 AM

JANUARY 2 – TAKING DOWN THE GREENS 9:30 AM

JANUARY 6 – JAM RESUMES 6:30 PM

JANUARY 11 – CONSISTORY MEETING 6:30 PM

JANUARY 17 – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10:35 AM

Offering for December 13, 2020:

General: \$2,035 Building: \$0 Mission: \$213

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

December 20

WELCOME TEAM: _____
SOUND/VIDEO: Travis Sherman & Nick Carlson
WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Nate
MUSIC: Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Koby Capper

December 24 – Christmas Eve

WELCOME TEAM: Loren & Shelly Sherman
SOUND/VIDEO: Travis Sherman
WORSHIP LEADER: _____
MUSIC: Cathy Myers
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: X

December 27

WELCOME TEAM: _____
SOUND/VIDEO: Travis Sherman
WORSHIP LEADER: _____
MUSIC: Cathy Myers
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Brenda Schipper

Many of you are already aware of Andy and Jamie Kampman and their calling to serve Jesus in mission. One of Andy's jobs is recruiting and training others to go on mission to unreached places (mainly in the Middle East). Now Andy and Jamie are feeling called to go themselves. They plan to take their family and live among refugees near Beirut Lebanon for 6 months in 2021. We have the opportunity to support them by prayer and, if you so desire, with financial support. The Kampman family will be flying for Lebanon on December 27. While much of their financial needs have already been raised, they are still looking for about \$9,000. If you would like to partner with them financially, you can do so by check, by giving to Hope Reformed Church (write "Kampman Family" in the memo line) by Sunday, December 20.



CONTACT Us

Pastor Nate can be reached at 319-239-8894 or natehuisman@icloud.com. Lacy Sherman, the church Administrative Assistant, can be reached at 319-404-6038 or office@hopeinparkersburg.org. Please have bulletin announcements to Lacy by Thursday afternoon prior to service.

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Hope Reformed Church Office Hours:

Pastor Nate Huisman

Tuesday-Friday 9:00-3:00, or by appointment.

Lacy Sherman

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00-12:00

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Reformed Church

Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you are here!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2020

TODAY'S TOPIC:

Today we hear the song of Mary who praised God for what he had done for her and who he was. As you prepare to worship this morning, follow Mary's model: start a mental list of what God has done for you and the reasons why God should be praised. Then, join those around you in joyful worship of our awesome God.