

Welcome

December 30, 2018

We're glad you're here! You are invited to fill out a blue welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. Please don't feel obligated to donate during our offering. Join us for refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall (go left as you exit).

This Week

Today:

8:45 am Morning Prayer - Rm 2
9:30 am Worship

Thurs:

7:00 pm Card Ministry

Prayer Commitment - Jena & Reynold P - Bahrain

Our Church Family

Joann M is home from the hospital. Outpatient surgery will be scheduled in a couple weeks for the kidney stones.

Happy Birthday to Carolyn H, who will celebrate her 80th birthday tomorrow!

Upcoming Worship Services

Jan 6 "Catch of the Day." Luke 5.1-12; Dave Larsen

Jan 13 "A Gospel Partnership" Philippians 1:1-11

Announcements

Church School is on Christmas break until January 6 and **choir** until January 13.

Year-end Giving Reminder: Today is the last Sunday to make contributions for 2018. The General Fund/Building Fund is still in need of some assistance. Please consider a gift today.

Card Ministry is meeting this Thursday, January 3, at 7:00. Please call or text Chris S by Tuesday if you are coming so enough supplies are prepared.

Worship Participation: There will be a meeting after church on January 6 for all those who have participated in worship at Faith and for those who are interested in participating in the future. We are especially looking for more folks to help with video and to help lead singing in worship. Please contact Jennifer K with any questions.

Faith Focus articles are due next Sunday, January 6. Please email your article to Karen V.

Tinley Park Food Pantry items will be collected today.

The Dordt College Concert Choir from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland (16248 South Park Avenue in South Holland). The concert is part of a winter music tour with performances in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn arrangements, gospel, classics from Mozart and Brahms, multi-cultural songs from around the globe, and profound works from exciting new composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

Worship Service: 9:30 am

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Message Notes
What to Expect When You're Expecting

Expect Joy

Prelude

- *God's Greeting
- *We Greet Each Other
- *Call to Worship
- *Song of Praise: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Children's Message
(Walk-Out Worship children age 3-K leave for downstairs;
guests welcome!)

Prayer of Illumination
Bible Reading: John 16:17-24 (page 1678)
Message: *What to Expect When You're Expecting* Series:
'Expect Complete Joy'

Prayer
*Song of Response: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

Announcements
Prayers of the People
Offering: *Benevolence* – a fund established to help those in financial
need in our congregation and community

Communion
Passing the Bread: *In Christ Alone*
Passing the Wine: *Joy to the World* (PsH 337 v. 1-3)

- *Blessing
- *Sending Hymn: *Joy to the World* (PsH 337 v. 4)

Message: Pastor Chris P

*Communion Note: We serve only gluten-free bread to accommodate
those with allergies.*

*"Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again & you will rejoice,
and no one will take away your joy." John 16:22*

"In just a little while..." A reminder we live in the meantime between
an old and a new (and not just calendar years).

Some Important Distinctions

+Happy vs. Joy

+Optimism vs. Hope

"Believers know whom they are waiting for. He is the one who made
the world and then, when His world went wrong, came down to earth
to redeem the world He had made. He has a name: Immanuel—the
One Who Will Be There with You. So when you have to wait for Him,
you are not waiting for a nobody, you are waiting for a Somebody
called God." Lewis Smedes *Standing on the Promises*

+This is a time to take stock (a hope inventory) of God's promises and
the reasons you have hope, joy and gratitude "in the meantime" and
not just when things are going your way.

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

Derk & Sandy D
Jerry & Donna D
John & Mary D

Roving & after church

Jim D
Karen V
Fred H

Ushers

John H
Pete V
Tim Z

Nursery

Kim P
Jan B
Kelsey W

Walk-out Worship

Lauren G
Mitzee D

Librarian

Nancy T

Coffee setup – Dec

Ken H
Val H

Open & close church –Dec

Mark T
Jim D

Offerings: Dec. 23 & 25

General Fund
Bible League
World Renew

Next week

Marilyn D
Rachel D
Bob & Cheryl D

Fred H
Ken H
George Z

John D
Brad W
Bill G

Nancy B
Anna V
Eva B

Anna T
Hannah V

Alice W

January

John H
Bev H

January

Dale V
Jeff D

Next week

All God's Children (Hogar)



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