

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•HOSTS NEEDED FOR JANUARY 13 2ND SUNDAY GATHERINGS

We have had great feedback on our 2nd Sunday Gatherings. Please consider hosting a group for our JANUARY 13 - 2nd Sunday gatherings. These meals are intended to be simple, with a focus on fellowship. Groups have ranged in size from 8 to 14. All you need to do is provide your home, a table and a portion of a Potluck meal of your choice. Paper plates are fine... you can even ask one of the guests to bring them. Menu and details are up to the host. Share your home and get to know your ARC family. WE WILL NOT INVITE GUESTS TO SIGN UP UNTIL WE KNOW HOW MANY HOSTS WE HAVE. Host are provided with a guest list and asked to contact each guest with details. Please reply to MARGARET FERNOW at 737-3309 or almar@orangecitycomm.net TODAY (December 23) and include the number of guests you are able to accommodate.

•SAVE AND DONATE USED STAMPS

Please save and donate your used stamps to be sent to Wycliffe Bible. Place them in the box on the shelf by the ARC mailboxes.

Date	Building Hours	Office Hours
Mon., Dec. 24	8:30 AM - 6:30 PM	Closed
Tue., Dec. 25	Closed	Closed
Wed., Dec. 26	Closed	Closed
Thur., Dec. 27	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Fri., Dec. 28	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Sat., Dec. 29	Closed	Closed
Sun., Dec. 30	7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Closed
Mon., Dec. 31	Closed	Closed
Tue., Jan. 1	Closed	Closed
Wed., Jan. 2	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Participating in Worship

The Congregation	Serving the Lord in Worship
Becky Scholten	Organist
The Daniel & Autumn Den Boer Family	Lighting the Advent Candles
Rosalyn De Koster, John Hubers, Teresa Sampson, Mary Schram, and Jeff Tolsma	Praise Team
Pastors Mike & Elizabeth Hardeman	Leading in Worship
Rosalyn & Philip De Koster	"The Savior of the World" Leaders
Leaps of Faith	Ministry of Dance
Leaders: Maggie Kensak, Natalie Sampson, and Natasha Sampson	
Dancers: Neriah Hardeman, Katie Kensak, Nevaeh Sampson, and Amalia Visser	
Staff Advisor: Rosalyn De Koster	



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ACCEPTANCE + GRACE + WISDOM + LOVE



THE APPROACH TO GOD

*The congregation is invited to read the bold font.
Indicates you may stand if you wish.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Let Us Adore Him"

*GOD'S GREETING

*GOD WITH US
We light a candle in hope—
the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

We light a candle in peace—
the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

We light a candle in joy—
rejoicing that Jesus came and will come again.

We light a candle in love—
the love that sent Jesus to redeem the world.

Friends, may the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

*SONG OF PRAISE "Your Name"

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15

*SONG #133 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
w. 1, 3, & 5

THE SECOND LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9

SONG #163 "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"
w. 1 & 2

THE THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-38

*SONG "The Savior of the World is Coming"

THE FOURTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-23

SONG #161 "Once in Royal David's City"
w. 1, 2, 3, & 4

THE FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

MINISTRY OF DANCE "What a Glorious Night"

THE SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

SONG #185 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"
w. 1, 2, & 5

THE SEVENTH LESSON John 1:1-14

*SONG #173 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
w. 1, 2, 3, & 4

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #809

*SONG OF RESPONSE #146 "Joy to the World"
w. 1 & 2

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG #146 "Joy to the World"
v. 4

*POSTLUDE

The floral bouquet on the chancel area is placed by the children and grandchildren of Paul & Vernie Van Engelenhoven, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary, December 26.

PRAYING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Continued prayers for:

***The family of Jim Schwiesow** in his death on Wednesday, December 19. Funeral arrangements were pending at the time of the bulletin's printing with Porter Funeral Home, Hawarden, Iowa.

***Fulton Breen** as he awaits for an opening at the Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City. Pray that an opening becomes available soon, and pray for strength and endurance for Betty as she cares for Fulton throughout.

***Ron Kolenbrander**, who was transferred to Hillcrest Health Care Services in Hawarden on December 14.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

•**Monday, December 24**

10:00-11:00 AM Women's Prayer at Prairie Ridge Care Center (Grandview Cottage Dining Room) Questions? Contact Arlene Punt (707-4600).

Those of us who participate in the Monday morning prayer group would like to invite you to join us. These Monday morning prayer times have become a very sweet time of fellowship with our Lord and with each other.

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship & Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
A service of lessons and carols.

•**Tuesday, December 25**

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Building and Church Office Closed.

•**Sunday, December 30**

9:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Hubers

PASTORS' VACATION

Elizabeth and Mike are on vacation beginning on Tuesday, December 25 through Tuesday, January 1. If you have a pastoral need during the pastors' vacation, please contact the church office (712.737.4430) **and** the elder on call. Note: due to limited office hours over the holidays, it is important to notify both the church office as well as the elder on call.

- Tue., Dec. 25 - Sat., Dec. 29: Bill Kepp (712.395.0489)
- Sun., Dec. 30 - Tue., Jan. 1: Benjamin Langton (712.203.9636)

YEAR-END GIVING

A reminder: as we seek to narrow the general fund offerings-to-expenses gap for 2018, please note that all year-end gifts must be received in worship on Sunday, December 30. If you cannot be present for worship on December 30, all year-end gifts must be received in the church office **before 12:00 PM on Friday, December 28**. Thank you for your attentiveness and generosity!