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Morning Worship Service – 9:30 am

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful/Go, Tell It on the Mountain—Cassie Bergman
The Angels Mix—Adam Bergman

Welcome to Worship

*The Lord's Greeting

*Mutual Greetings

***Angels from the Realms of Glory** – Gray Hymnal 354:1,2,4,5

***Once in Royal David's City** – Gray Hymnal 346:1,2,4,5

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Sunday School Singing

Prayer

Offering: Providence Place

~PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE FELLOWSHIP REGISTER~

Scripture: **Isaiah 9:1-6** – page 1073

John 14:25-27 – page 1676

Message: **“Prince of Peace”**

Prayer of Application

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** – Gray Hymnal 345

*God's Blessing

***He's Still the King of Kings**

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Pastor Steve Vander Molen

Pastor Darren Kornelis

Organist – Marge Boeve

Pianist – Laura Elzinga

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Deacons' Offering Report: Loose money in today's offering is for Providence Place. Loose money in the Christmas Day offering is for the Holland Rescue Mission. Next week's offering is for the Holland Rescue Mission. Last week's envelope collections totaled \$13,050. Our weekly budget requirement is \$12,456.

Evening Worship Service – 6:00 pm

Candlelight Service

Prelude

Reading

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Reading

Of the Father's Love Begotten

***What Child Is This?**

***O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Offering: Providence Place

OFFERTORY— *Silent Night, Dona Nobis Pacem*

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Reading

Mary Did You Know?

Message: **“A Light in the Darkness”**

O Holy Night

***All Is Well**

*God's Blessing

***Silent Night** – Gray Hymnal 344:1,3,4

*Postlude

* Invites those who are able to stand

Worship Participants:

Pastor Jason Pierce

Pastor Darren Kornelis

Organist – Marge Boeve

Pianist – Laura Elzinga

Violinist – Katherine & Jacob Heeres, Meredith, Kristen & Mason Sybesma

Cellist – Madelyn Wyma

The Offering Schedule for January:

January 6 Lao CRC

January 13 Lori Scholten

January 20 Positive Options

January 27 Cadets International

There is NO Little Lambs, Catechism or Sunday School today.

Nursery Attendants: THANK YOU!

Today:

AM Jenn Schierbeek, Tim Russcher, Julie & Abby Mulder
PM Laura Helder & Melanie Russcher

Christmas Day

AM Trisha Texer, Emily Kornelis & Melanie Russcher

Next Week:

AM Tami Sneller, Jessica Schutter, Anita Windemuller & Kim Walters
PM Melinda Kryger & Kimberly Van Houten

THIS WEEK AT NIEKERK

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| Today | 9:30 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 10:45 AM | Morning Fellowship |
| | 6:00 PM | Evening Worship |
| Tuesday | 9:30 AM | Christmas Day Service |
| Friday | 9:00 AM | Moms with Tots |

YOUTH MINISTRIES

College Students! We will be having breakfast at En Gedi on Wednesday, December 26, at 9am! We hope to see you! If you want to stay and hang out after breakfast, you are welcome to do so as well. If you have not let Laura know you are able to make it, come anyway—we will have plenty of food!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Bob Eisen is having a lung biopsy on Friday, December 28, to try and determine what type of infection is causing his breathing issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Niekerk News Deadline TODAY. Please submit reports, thank you notes, volunteer lists and all other news by today. The Niekerk News mailboxes are located in the bottom right hand corner of each mailbox section or send an email to secretary@niekerkcrc.org.

There will be a **Coffee and Hot Cocoa Bar** with cookies in the Fellowship Center after the morning service.

There will be an **Ice Cream and Cookie Social** in the Fellowship Center after the evening candlelight service.

Young Adults! (single, married or engaged), Pastor Jason would like to share his bowling skills with you on Thursday, January 3, from 7-9pm at BAM! There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Center and the spots are limited. Two hours of bowling with shoes, pizza and pop—cost \$10 per person. Pastor Jason's bowling philosophy: "The faster the ball gets to the pins the less chance it has of going the wrong direction."

Thank you, congregation, for remembering our home members with Christmas cards. The total number of cards was 673.

Phone Book Changes. If you have changed your email address, dropped your home phone number or have a new cell phone numbers, please let Julie Mulder know! A new paper phone book will be available soon!

Foods Resource Bank. The total raised from our growing project was \$46,863.58. Thanks for the support. We will be meeting with the committee members from Drenthe, Oakland and Niekerk to determine where the money will go. Also FRB has changed its name to Growing Hope Globally—GHG.

Women's Winter Bible Study. Niekerk Ladies! Please join us for a cozy winter Bible study starting Tuesday, January 8, from 9:30am to 10:45am in Room 3 at En Gedi. In this 12 week study, we will be reading and discussing the book *Leading a Life of Balance* (book cost \$5). A signup sheet and a sample book is now available at the Information Center. If you have questions, please contact Char Janssen or Jan Nykamp.

Hand2Hand. December's collection is 3oz ramen noodle packs and individual non-refrigerated pudding cups (vanilla or chocolate preferred).

Church Assistance Program. Trouble at school got you wondering if this is typical behavior for this age or a warning sign of something more serious? Seek help from your CAP today. Simply call 616-455-6210 or 1-800-442-0809 for free and confidential parenting support.

Pop Cans! The Youth Group is still collecting pop cans! Please help them by bringing in your rinsed cans.

Community-wide Bi-lingual Worship Service. Everyone is invited to attend a worship service in observance of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to be held at 5pm on Sunday, January 20, at St. Francis de Sales Church at 171 West 13th Street in Holland. The service will feature the Holland Ecumenical Choir, which consists of more than 60 singers from 17 area congregations. Rev. Ryan Winningham of Zion Lutheran Church will be preaching, and Rev. Charles Brown of St. Francis will be presiding. This service is being organized by Holland Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP). Let us together pray for the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer "that all may be one" (John 17:21).

Elder and Deacon Districts:

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| A-Bowman | Daryl Van Dyke | Scott Sybesma |
| Brandsen-Grotenhuis | Jerry Zeerip | John Timmer |
| Haan-Janssen | Tim Leep | Joel Kryger |
| Jones-Leep | John Janssen | Mike Schierbeek |
| Louwerse-Plaggemars | Rog Sneller | Ryan Texer |
| Prince - Shoemaker | Steve Slenk | Scott Van Dyke |
| Slenk-Tjarks | Cal Schierbeek | Zeb Driscoll |
| Tucker-Zeerip | Carl Helder | Todd Sneller |

Dates for Your Calendar:

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| January 6 | Sunday Night Bible Study |
| January 7 | Council Meeting Cadets and GEMS |
| January 11 | Youth Group Event |
| January 12 | Church Game Night |
| January 13 | Healthy Church Meeting |
| January 16 | Wednesday Family Night |
| January 20 | Communion AM |
| January 21 | Executive Committee Meeting Cadets and GEMS |
| January 23 | Healthy Church Conversation |
| January 27 | Cadet Sunday |
| January 30 | Wednesday Family Night |
| February 13 | Wednesday Family Night |
| February 23 | Corn Hole Tournament |
| February 27 | Wednesday Family Night |

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