

December 2, 2018

Lord, lead us to be grace-filled, outward focused, and a safe place to meet you and walk with you.

Call to Worship

For Unto Us A Child Is Born/
Open The Eyes Of Our Hearts

Songs of Praise

Come Thou Fount
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
Children ages 3 – 1st grade are dismissed
downstairs to Children's Worship.

Baptism of Raelynn Sandera
Daughter of Kevin and Leigh Sandera

Ministry Offering

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 pg. 934

Message: "A Gift For A King"

Series: "What Child is This?"

Pastor Tom Grabill

Communion

Song of Response

Hark The Herald Angels Sing/King Of Heaven

Blessing

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On this first Sunday of Advent, we will **celebrate the Lord's Supper**.

In honor of the baptism of Raelyn Sandera, please join us for cake and coffee in the ROCK following the worship service today.

Next Sunday

We will gather for **worship in the ROCK** and our **children** will lead us in a celebration of Jesus' birth.

Looking Ahead

Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, Sanctuary

Cadet Supper, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Family Christmas Event, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 5, ROCK

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 9, 9:30 am, ROCK

Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24, 6:00 pm

Calendar

Today

11:00 am Sunday School 3 yrs. - 5th grade
Christmas Rehearsal 6th - 8th grade - ROCK
High School Youth - The Lounge
Messy Living - Annex
Wiser Together - Consistory Room
Sunday School Guide Class - ROCK Room

Monday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Room #2
5:30 pm Hope Unexpected "Monday Meets"
7:00 pm Body & Soul Fitness - ROCK

Tuesday

7:00 pm Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

Wednesday

8:45 am Body & Soul Fitness - ROCK
5:30 pm Cadet Supper - ROCK
6:30 pm Family Christmas Event - ROCK

Thursday

6:30 pm Praise Team Practice - Sanctuary

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PRAYER ROOM – Mary Wierenga will be in the Prayer Room this morning. Please stop by and share how we can pray for you. The Prayer room is located behind the Annex (side room used for additional seating).

Next Week: Steve Couzens

NURSERY TODAY

Pam (Doug) Brower, Penny Maleport, Katherine Christian

NURSERY NEXT WEEK

Laurie Brower, Pam (Den) Brower, Jamie Wheeler

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TODAY

Beth & Andy Emmitt, Amber Wheeler

AS WE LIVE OUT GOD'S MISSION, THANK GOD FOR:

R. & S. P. and family who are preparing to serve in the Netherlands after the first of the year.

CHURCH STAFF

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If you or someone you know
desires a **word of counsel and prayer**, please contact
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General Information

Office Hours: Tuesday–Friday 9 am - 1 pm
Church Telephone: 878.1709
Church Prayer Line: 878.1709 Ext. 2
Website: www.frcbc.com

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