

Sunday, December 13, 2009
Morning Order of Worship

GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude and Personal Meditation

*Call to Worship

*Song of Praise: **"Come and Hear the Joyful Singing"** Vs. 1 - 3

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: **"Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"** #335 : 1, 4

Ministry of Music: **"Ere zij God"** #214

WE SEEK RENEWAL AND CHANGE

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance: **"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"** #351 : 1 - 3

God's Will for Our Lives

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: Benevolent Fund, General Fund

Offertory

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

*Song of Preparation: **"Savior of the Nations, Come"** #336 : 1 - 3, 7

Scripture: Isaiah 9 : 6

Series: **Season of Wonder**

Message: **What a Wonderful World**

Prayer of Application

GOD BLESSES US AS WE PART

*Benediction

*Doxology: **"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"** #328 : 7

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor: Rev. Dave Jolman

Pianist: Kim Byker

*Congregation stands if able

DECEMBER 13 AT FIRST

A.M. Service: Scripture: Isaiah 9 : 6 Series: **Season of Wonder** Message: **What a Wonderful World** If you pay attention you will see that our world is infused with wonder. A close look will also reveal a darker side as well. Much like the time of Isaiah, we live in a time of violence and conflict, a time of war and rumors of war. In light of that, how do we understand Isaiah's prophecy of the coming child who will be the *Prince of Peace*?

P.M. Service: Scripture: Ephesians 4 : 17 - 24 Message: **Head, Heart, and Hands Together** Our church theme for 2009 has been *Loving God: Head, Heart, and Hands*. In this message we will wrap up our theme by seeing how discipleship encompasses our thoughts, passions, and action. Offering: Back to God Ministries

DECEMBER 20 AT FIRST

A.M. Service: Scripture: Isaiah 9 : 6 Series: **Season of Wonder** Message: **Wonderful Counselor** The child who is to be born is described by Isaiah as a Wonderful Counselor. What does this name mean? Join us as we explore that together next Sunday. Offering: Capital Improvement, General Fund

P.M. Service: Scripture: Philippians 2 : 14 - 16 Message: **Illuminate** In this worship service the children will lead us in the Christmas Program entitled **The Light of the World is Jesus**. In this message we'll consider what it means for us to radiate that light in our lives. Offering: Crossroad Bible Institute

CHURCH NOTES

Christmas Carol Sing: This evening you will be invited to request two verses of your favorite Christmas carol from the Psalter Hymnal or the gray Songs for Praise and Worship book.

Only 2 practices left for the Christmas program! **Today the Sunday School children will be practicing their Christmas program upstairs on the pulpit steps.** On December 20 the Sunday School children will participate in the evening service with their Christmas program, "The Light of the World Is Jesus". Questions? Please contact Linda Horstman (662-0328).

Christmas Cards for the missionaries that we support will be collected today and next Sunday. These can be put in a basket on the Welcome Center and there is a greeting to sign for the Morrow's.

Thank you to all who supported the CRWRC Peter Fish. A total of \$502.51 was collected.

Congregational Meeting to vote on the proposed 2010 budget will be held on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 PM. A copy of the budget summary is in your mailboxes.

Firm Foundation – Investigating Profession of Faith class will begin on January 10. *Sign-ups will be today and next Sunday.* **Students**, please fill out and turn in your sheets *by next Sunday*. We will contact you after sign-ups are completed, at which time you may ask your chosen mentor.

Mentors are a vital part of this discerning and encouraging process. All you need is a humble attitude and your own honest faith. Please prayerfully consider this calling to mentor our young people and fill out and turn in a sign-up sheet. If you have any questions about being a mentor, please talk to Brenda or Beth

Fellowship Group Leaders - please remember to contact your group members, even if you don't plan on having a meeting soon.

Congregation - please let us know if you have not been contacted by a Fellowship Group leader and want to be included in a Fellowship Group. We want to make sure that everyone who wanted to be included in a group was placed. Any questions please contact Kim Byker 669-0497 or Cheri Huisman 669-7892

Greeters & Coffee Servers: If you would like to be added to the list for greeting or serving coffee there is a signup sheet on the counter in the narthex. Please sign up today! Thank you from the Hospitality committee to all who have served in the past.

Birthdays to Remember: If you will be 80+ years old or celebrate 50+ years of marriage in this upcoming year and would like your birthday/anniversary included in the bulletin, please sign the sheet at the welcome center.

Directory Updates: A copy of the church directory is on a table in the narthex. Please check your listing for accuracy and make any necessary changes. If everything is correct, please place a checkmark by your name.

OUR CHURCH GIVING: Last Week - General Fund: Pledged: \$4985.00 Collected: \$4206.25
Classical Ministry Shares: \$525.50; Mission India: \$223.00

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group: Today is the last day to turn in your North Carolina registration and \$50 non-refundable check made out to YWAM. If you have any questions talk to Jim or Cindy Plooster.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A Birthday to Remember: *Fred Holwerda* will celebrate his birthday on December 19.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Calvin and Jean Feenstra and extended family in the death of their sister and aunt, Grace Feenstra, and to the sisters-in-law, Joyce Feenstra and Virginia Feenstra. May God's daily blessings of grace be their comfort.

Prayer and Praise....

This week's prayer focus: *To rejoice in the Lord.* Habakkuk 3 : 18 "...I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my Savior." No matter what our circumstances are Lord, help us to always rejoice in you as our Savior!

Our Sick:

Carl Dykema was hospitalized last week with a broken leg and kidney problems.

Our Shut-ins:

Jeanette Gras lives in a world of her own while being cared for at Providence.

Jim Koops enjoys having visitors while a resident of Laurels.

Betty Feyen is doing well and appreciates her caregivers at Sheldon Meadows.

Agnes Huizenga is doing as well as expected and is able to get around at Sheldon Meadows.

Emma Wiegers continues to be thankful for God's daily blessings, greeting cards, and visitors.

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

NURSERY TODAY

AM - Tammy Schnyders, Nathan Graveling, Baylee Kooman

PM - Kristin Brouwer, Brooke Timmer

Molly's Helper: AM - Lauren Huisman

PM - Ben Bouma

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

AM - Kendra Bouma, Kara Helms, Haleigh Bos

PM - Cindy Plooster, Marissa Huisman

Molly's Helper: AM - Emily Kiel

PM - Darla DeKoster

USHERS

AM - Keith Rillema, Tate Rillema, Steve Schnyders, Lionelle Schnyders

PM - Jim Schreur, Rog Spoelma, Mike Stone, Mark VanderBrug

COFFEE SERVER

TODAY
NEXT SUNDAY

Shirley VanderBrug
Judy DeHaan

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY

10:45 Sunday School and Catechism

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Cadets - Club Meeting

7:00 GEMS Christmas Party

