

Sunday, December 20, 2009
Morning Order of Worship

GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude and Personal Meditation
Call to Worship from Matthew 1
Ministry in Music by String Ensemble: **"Silent Night"**
*Song: **"Away in a Manger" #349 : 1 - 3**
*God's Greeting
*Song: **"Emmanuel"** Sing Twice

WE SEEK RENEWAL AND CHANGE

Ministry in Music by String Ensemble: **"I Wonder as I Wander"**
Prayer of Confession
*God's Will for Our Lives from Philippians 2
*Song of Response: **"Jesus, Name Above All Names"** Vs. 1 - 2

WE OFFER OUR INTERCESSION

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

*Song of Preparation: **"His Name is Wonderful"** SPW #4
Scripture: Isaiah 9 : 6
Series: **Season of Wonder**
Message: **Wonderful Counselor**
Prayer of Application

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

Offertory Prayer
Offerings: Capital Improvement, General Fund
Song of Response: **"That Beautiful Name"** Vs. 1 - 3

GOD BLESSES US AS WE PART

*Benediction
*Doxology: **"That Beautiful Name"** Vs. 4
*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor: Rev. Dave Jolman
Organist: Ev Hamberg
Pianist: Kim Byker
Violin: Anna DeKievit, Sarah DeKoster, Sarah Persenaire, Kelli Ponstein
Viola: Marissa Huisman, Jennie Ponstein

*Congregation stands if able

DECEMBER 20 AT FIRST

A.M. Service: Scripture: Isaiah 9 : 6 Series: *Seasons 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? This morning we'll explore that together.

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 the message we'll consider what it means for us to radiate that light in our lives.
Offering: Crossroad Bible Institute

DECEMBER 27 AT FIRST

Dr. James DeJong, former president of Calvin Theological Seminary, will be leading our worship services. The morning offerings will be for Faith Promise and the General Fund. The evening offering will be for The Christian Learning Center.

CHURCH NOTES

Tonight is the night of the Christmas program! The Sunday School children will be practicing upstairs on the pulpit steps today. If you have any questions about the program, please call Linda Horstman (662-0328)

Christmas Day Service will be this Friday, December 25 at 9:30 AM. The offering will be for Mel Trotter Ministries.

Firm Foundation – Investigating Profession of Faith class will begin on January 10. *Sign-ups are today.* **Students**, please fill out and turn in your sheets *today*. 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
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.

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

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for bulletin announcements this week is Wednesday by 4:00 PM.

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

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.

COMING ON January 31: Walk Thru the New Testament Seminar By experiencing *Walk Thru the New Testament*, each participant will walk where Jesus walked, relive the birth and growth of the early church, and journey with the apostle Paul to the ends of the earth. Each also will come to see how God used ordinary people - people like you and me - to do extraordinary things. At the end of this fun, interactive seminar you will be able to: • Arrange the events of Jesus life in sequence. • Discover how the four gospels complement each other. • Tie together the structure of the New Testament into a complete whole.

See the flyer in your mailbox or at the Welcome Center for registration information.

OUR CHURCH GIVING: Last Week - General Fund: Pledged: \$4985.00 Collected: \$6453.25
Benevolent Fund: \$907.25; Back to God Ministries: \$323.50

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer and Praise....

This week's prayer focus: *"For unto us a child is born"* Isaiah 9 : 6 Thank you, Father, for sending us your son! What a wonderful gift that we so often take for granted. Help us to fully appreciate the sacrifice that was made for us. Help us to live lives that are worthy of Him.

Our Sick:

Jean Avink is in Laurels for therapy.

Carl Dykema is at the Spectrum Continuing Care Family on Kalamazoo Ave. Pray especially for healing of his broken leg.

Fred Holwerda was admitted to Spectrum Hospital late Sunday because of internal bleeding. He is being observed while receiving medical treatment.

Mary Ann Machiela remains at Zeeland Hospital while receiving medical treatment and therapy.

Our Shut-ins:

Jack Dykema continues to receive medical care daily by visiting nurses while regaining his strength at home.

Joyce Koopman is waiting to receive her foot prosthesis so she can walk, meanwhile continuing therapy.

Edson Nyhuis is a resident at Georgetown Manor, Room #19. He has adjusted well.

Dick Woodwyk is doing as well as expected while cared for by his wife.

In this Christmas season, as we thank God for remembering us with the greatest Gift of life, let us remember the sick and shut-ins with cards, visits and prayers.

Thank you for your prayers and the beautiful cards sent to us in the passing of our sister and aunt. It is very much appreciated to know we have a Christian family thinking of us and praying for us at our time of sorrow. Thank you and God bless you. **The Feenstra Family**

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

NURSERY TODAY

AM - Kendra Bouma, Kara Helms, Haleigh Bos

PM - Cindy Plooster, Marissa Huisman

Molly's Helper: AM - Emily Kiel

PM - Darla DeKoster

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

AM - Joanne Victory, Jennie Ponstein, Katie Los

PM - Judy Potts, Barbi Schreur

Molly's Helper: AM - Kathy Krikke

PM - Sheri Palmbos

NURSERY CHRISTMAS DAY

Kristin Buskard, Karrah Velderman, Jacob Helms; Molly's Helper: Tasha Schnyders

USHERS

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

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

COFFEE SERVER

TODAY
NEXT SUNDAY

Judy DeHaan
Judy Moelker

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY

10:45 Sunday School practice for the Christmas program.
No Catechism classes today

4:30 Prayer Meeting

MONDAY

7:00 Elders Meeting

FRIDAY

9:30 Christmas Day Service Offering: Mel Trotter Ministries

NEXT SUNDAY

No Sunday School or Catechism - Classes resume Jan. 3

