

Sunday, December 27, 2009
Morning Order of Worship

GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude and Personal Meditation

*Call to Worship

*Song of Praise: ***“Now with Joyful Exultation”*** #95 : 1 - 2

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: ***“Now with Joyful Exultation”*** #95 : 3 - 4

WE OFFER OUR CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

The Reading of the Law

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession: ***“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”*** #264 : 1 - 4

Assurance of Pardon: Zephaniah 3 : 14 - 17

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

*Song of Preparation: ***“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”*** #291 : 1 - 5

Scripture: Psalm 77

Message: ***“A Hidden Path”***

Applicatory Prayer

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offerings: Faith Promise, General Fund

Song of Response: ***“God Works His Purposes in Us”*** #563 : 1 - 5

GOD GIVES US HIS BLESSING AS WE PART

*Call to Service

*Benediction

*Doxology: ***“To God Be the Glory”*** #632

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor: Dr. James De Jong

Organist: Kim Persenaire

*Congregation stands if able

DECEMBER 27 AT FIRST

A.M. Service: Dr. James De Jong, former president of Calvin Theological Seminary will lead our worship services today. Scripture: Psalm 77 Message: ***A Hidden Path***

P.M. Service: Scripture: Psalm 110 Message: ***Three Kings Talking***
Offering: Christian Learning Center

JANUARY 3 AT FIRST

A.M. Service: Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12 : 14 Message: ***Remember Your Creator*** The beginning of a new year is a good time for a vision check. The book of Ecclesiastes helps us to do just that. Join us next week as we begin a new year in worship and celebration.
Offering: Classical Ministry Shares, General Fund

P.M. Service: Scripture: Romans 8 : 1 - 4 Series: ***Romans 8*** Message: ***Freedom*** As we approach a new year, are there any things you'd like to leave behind in 2009? Next Sunday we will begin a 7-part series on Romans 8. The first verses of the chapter tell us of the things we can leave behind. Offering: Concern International

CHURCH NOTES

The New Year's Eve Service will be held on Thursday, December 31 at 7:00 PM. The offering will be for Kuyper College.

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: \$5409.50
Capital Improvement: \$6162.50; Crossroad Bible Institute: \$298.25

YOUTH NEWS

MOMENTUM (Middle School Youth Group) S.N.A.C. (Sunday Night After Church) Meeting - January 10, 6:30 - 8:00.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A Birthday to Remember: ***Stan Van Koevering*** will celebrate his birthday on December 31.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Fannie Haverhals in the passing of her brother, Marvin Boogerd in South Dakota on Wednesday, December 16. May God's grace and peace be her daily comfort.

Prayer and Praise....

This week's prayer focus: ***To seek the lost.*** Luke 19 : 10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost." Help us to have eyes to see the suffering around us and to be Jesus to those people. Help us to always share the Good News so people can find salvation. Use us to enlarge Your kingdom, for it is only by your grace that we are saved. Thank you, Jesus. Amen!

Our Sick:

Carl Dykema underwent successful surgery last week on his broken leg

Fred Holwerda is now residing at Faith Hospice, Trillium Woods

Thank you to Pastor Dave and the congregation for visits, prayers and acts of kindness shown to Mike during his recovery from wrist surgery.

The Mike Krikke Family

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

NURSERY TODAY

AM - Joanne Victory, Jennie Ponstein, Katie Los

PM - Judy Potts, Barbi Schreur

Molly's Helper: AM - Kathy Krikke

PM - Sheri Palmbos

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY

AM - Brenda Kooienga, Nathaniel Bos, Alyssa Horstman

PM - Linda Horstman, Tasha Schnyders

Molly's Helper: AM - Julia Elgersma

PM - Barbi Schreur

NURSERY - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Emily Kiel, Sarah Persenaire; Molly's Helper: Kelly Caryl

USHERS

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

PM - Jim Schreur, Rog Spoelma, Mike Stone, Mark Vander Brug

**USHERS FOR
JANUARY**

AM - Tim Timmer, Blake Timmer, Jeff Persenaire, Joe Persenaire

PM - Harry Vander Brug, Rog Van Loo, Matt Bos, John Bosscher

COFFEE SERVER

TODAY

Judy Moelker

NEXT SUNDAY

Judy Ponstein

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY

No Sunday School or Catechism today

THURSDAY

7:00 New Year's Eve Service - Offering: Kuyper College

NEXT SUNDAY

10:45 Sunday School and Catechism classes resume.

7:00 Youth Group - Snack: Joel Horstman, Jake Horstman