



# Hope Christian Reformed Church

Hull, Iowa

<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>			
<i>Offerings can be set in the church lockboxes or mailed to: Hope CRC, PO Box 580, Hull, IA 51239</i>			
December 27	General Fund	Hope Education Fund	Western Christian
January 3	General Fund	Benevolent Fund	tba
January 10	Building Fund	Kelly & April Crull	Love INC
<u>SOUND/PROJECTION</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	
December 27: Jerry & Dave	Bruce Heynen	December 27: Josh Christoffels	
January 1: Craig & Justin	Drew Heynen	January 1: LeRoy Christoffels	
January 3: Kent & Trisha	Dave Hoekstra	January 3: Guest Pastor	
January 10: Mark & Teigen		January 10: LeRoy Christoffels	
<u>Nursery</u>			
<i>Nursery is open for parent-child use only. There is no staff at this time</i>			
<u>Pastoral Search Committee</u>			
<i>Jim Eekhoff (Chairperson), Calvin Van Der Zwaag, Melissa Boer, Mandy Hoekstra, Kristi Ten Pas, Scott de Boom, Pete Steiger, Austin Vink, Craig Stiemsma, and Elaine Wassink.</i>			



**December 27, 2020**

**Hope Council Members 2020-2021**  
 Elders: Alden Altena, Mike Broek, Mark Fenchel, Pete Steiger,  
 Jerry Van Roekel, Stewart Vander Stoep, Jamie Van Voorst,  
 Deacons: Nathan Bakker, Scott de Boom, Brad De Kam,  
 Chris Raman, David Van Lingen, Craig Verhoef

Pastor's Office: 439-1201  
 Church Office: 439-1279  
[www.hullhopecrc.org](http://www.hullhopecrc.org)

Morning Service 9:30 AM  
 Evening Service 6:00 PM

## **Morning Worship Service**

<https://youtu.be/ec0grhXu0Vc>

### **God Gathers Us for Worship**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

\*Song of Praise: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 81:1,2,4,5

\*Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-3

\*God's Greeting

### **We Respond with Repentance and Gratitude**

Call to Confession: Romans 10:8-10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 4:14-15

God's Guide for Grateful Living – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

\*Song of Response: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" PH 345:1-3

Preparatory Service for Holy Communion: PH p. 976 responsive reading

Prayers of God's People

### **God Speaks to Us through His Word**

\*Song of Preparation: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" PH 543:1-3

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

Message: "**Zeal for the Amen**"

1. The diagnosis: a lukewarm church
2. The cure: a repentant church
3. The promise: blessings for the conquerors

Prayer of Application

### **God sends us to Serve with His Blessing**

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Jerusalem the Golden" PH 618:1,2,4

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude

**Pastor:** Josh Christoffels  
**Accompanist:** Shelly Van Otterloo

## **Evening Worship Service**

<https://youtu.be/PteTRqYWS78>

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: "God is Our Refuge and Our Strength" PH 46:1,3,5

\*Profession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of Preparation: "Silent Night! Holy Night! PH 344:1-4

Scripture: Psalm 85

Message: "**The Peace of God's Grace**"

1. Remembering God's mercy
2. Praying for restoration
3. Listening to God's peace

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 489:1-4 "When Peace like a River"

\*God's Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise" PH 319:1,2

\*Postlude

**Pastor:** Josh Christoffels  
**Accompanist:** Melissa Boer

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Love INC** is looking for a class facilitator for their Boundaries class that will start in January. The study is based on the book with the same title by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. Training and curriculum is provided by Love INC. We are also looking for mentors for our Faith and Finances class. Classes run for 12 weeks between January 19 and April 6 every Tuesday evening. For more info, please call the Love INC office at 712-476-5990.

**NICSTO Update for Hull Christian:** We want to make one last push to meet our NICSTO (Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization) goal to help offset tuition cost for our parents. We currently have raised \$71,700 and our goal is \$117,903. If you would like to contribute and get a 65% tax credit (C Corporations, S Corporations, LLC, and Partnerships are all eligible) please contact Randy Ten Pas at [rtenpas@hullchristian.com](mailto:rtenpas@hullchristian.com)

**Hull Christian Board** is looking for nominations of individuals to serve. If you know of someone who would make a great board member to help carry out the mission of Hull Christian School, please contact a current board member or Mr. Ten Pas.

**Students** preparing for ministry in the Christian Reformed Church from Classis Heartland may apply for aid to assist them in their study for the 2021-2022 academic years by contacting Rev. Loren Kotman; 1111 5th Street, Hull, IA 51239; (712) 439-1123; [pastor@hull1stcrc.com](mailto:pastor@hull1stcrc.com). The deadline is February 1, 2021.

## *Welcome to*

## *Hope Christian Reformed Church!*

- ❖ *You may view our Sunday church services on YouTube beginning at 9:25 am and 5:55 pm and anytime thereafter or on Channel 12 at 10:00 am and 11:15am on Monday*
- ❖ *We strongly suggest wearing a face mask while coming into church and walking around; once seated masks may be removed as we sit distanced.*
- ❖ *Nursery is open for parent-child use only. There is no staff at this time*
- ❖ *Please send bulletin announcements to [hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hopecrchullsecretary@gmail.com) by **Thursday at noon**.*
- ❖ *If you have any prayer requests, you may email them to [hopecrchull@gmail.com](mailto:hopecrchull@gmail.com) or you may contact Mike Broek or another elder.*

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Welcome to Hope CRC! We welcome Pastor Josh Christoffels as he leads our worship this week. In the morning, we will read from Revelation 3:14-22 with a message about zeal. In preparation for our New Year's Day communion, we will also read the form or preparation for Lord's Supper. In the evening we will gather for worship and hear a message about the peace of God's grace, focusing on Psalm 85.

**New Year's Day** (January 1): Pastor LeRoy Christoffels will lead us in communion at 9:30am.

**Thank you:** A BIG Thank-You to everyone who participated in the Lessons & Carols last week Sunday night, and Christmas Day. You were all GREAT! We appreciate your willingness to participate in the services.

**The pastoral search committee** sent out a survey about our church and pastoral needs. Each professing member may complete their own survey. The survey must be completed by **Sunday, January 3**. Please fill out the survey and put it in the box in the council room or the box on the kitchen counter. You may also put the completed surveys in Craig Stiemsma's mailbox or Kristi Ten Pas' mailbox at church. Extra copies of the survey can be found on the table in the southeast entry. There is a section at the bottom of the back side for additional comments related to our pastoral search.

**Donations:** A FEW 8TH GRADE STUDENTS in Hull Christian School's STEAM class are doing a community service project. They chose to donate items to Promise Community Health Center. If you would like to help care for new moms and their babies, there is a table in the

back of church for you to put your donations on. Suggested donations are diapers, baby bottles, baby clothes, wipes, blankets, etc. Items will be picked up the week of January 10<sup>th</sup>

### **HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

*If you have a prayer concern please contact elder Mike Broek at (712)395-0699 or you can e-mail him at [mike.broek@iowastatebank.net](mailto:mike.broek@iowastatebank.net)*

- ❖ Please keep Cainen and Jess Vander Windt (nephew and niece of Mike and Angie Broek) in your prayers, their two week old son, Bennett, passed away from complications due to Trisomy 13. Prayers of peace for the Vander Windt family would be greatly appreciated.
- ❖ The Hope family expresses their sympathy to Kathy Hulstein with the sudden passing of her cousin, Darlene Wallenburg. Darlene's memorial service was this past Saturday at the First CRC of Hull.
- ❖ We extend our Christian sympathy to Nella Driesen in the passing of her brother, Bernie Driesen, Wednesday morning, December 23. Visitation without the family will be on Sunday, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, at the Oolman Funeral Home in Hull. There will be a funeral service on Monday, December 28, at 10:30am, at the Calvary Protestant Reformed Church in Hull.
- ❖ Please remember Arnold Nielsen (father of Martin & Sandy) in your prayers He was admitted to the hospital last week with a fever and low blood pressure along with a high blood count. Pray that he will continue to improve and be able to come home soon. They are thankful that he has had some improvement with his fever and blood pressure.
- ❖ We pray for healing and quick recovery for those who have recently had surgery.
- ❖ Continue to pray for Janet Steiger, Pete and Jennifer's mom in Washington. She was able to return home after dealing with a brain bleed that led to some falls. We praise the Lord that she had so much improvement after a brief stay in a facility for therapy.
- ❖ We remember Leo, son of Greg and Jasmine Boer, who continues to receive nutrition through a feeding tube. We pray that he can grow strong and that his upcoming surgeries to repair his esophagus go well. He remains in the nicu at this time.
- ❖ We remember Marcus Maassen as he goes through chemo treatments. His last scan showed NO active cancer cells! This means the tumor has shrunk enough or is dead and no longer producing active cancer cells. He has one more treatment left then a few appointments and scans to decide on further maintenance treatment. This is a huge answer to prayers as they were anticipating 1-3 years of monthly chemo. We ask for continued prayers for a cancer free life!
- ❖ Pray for strength for Jan Bakker as she goes through chemo treatments.

- ❖ We continue to pray for those who are recovering from Covid-19 or have family members that are dealing with this illness. We pray for healing and are thankful for so many that have recovered.
- ❖ We pray for our families. Some have significant challenges in their lives for a variety of reasons. Let us pray for peace, stability, healing, and restoration.
- ❖ We pray for those who join us in worship from their homes. Whether they are unable to attend or are taking appropriate precautions due to age or illness, we pray for the Lord's presence and care in their lives.

### **FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

- ❖ We extend our Christian sympathy to all who mourn the passing of Darlene Wallenburg on Monday, December 21. The funeral service was held on Saturday.
- ❖ We extend our Christian sympathy to Joyce Vande Griend and family in the passing of her brother, Al Woudstra who died on Monday.
- ❖ Our sympathy to all who mourn the passing of Bertha LeLoux of Rock Valley on December 17. Bertha was the grandmother of Kyle and Cindy LeLoux and the sister of Goldie Veldman
- ❖ We extend our Christian sympathy to Judi and Daryl Wesselink and family in the passing of Judi's father, Bernie Driesen, early Wednesday morning. They are thankful for your thoughts and prayers. May God comfort all of these families in their sorrow.
- ❖ Continue to pray for Galen Drent as he recovers from back and neck injuries.
- ❖ Give thanks that Matt De Wild was able to return home on Monday.
- ❖ Joyce Vande Griend had wrist surgery on Tuesday, the result of a break she experienced on December 15. Pray for healing.
- ❖ Pray for all those in this congregation and beyond who are struggling with Covid.
- ❖ Remember all those in our congregation who are confined to their homes as well as those in nursing homes or in assisted living as they are unable to have visitors at this time due to COVID-19. This is a difficult time for them so a phone call or a note from members of the congregation would be appreciated!
- ❖ Pray for our shut ins: PA: Verne Huisman, Darlene Kroese; Aspen Heights: Joyce De Vries, Wilma Grevengoed, Al & Jacoba Rens, Goldie Veldman, and Jo Westra; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats; Christian Retirement Home: Lou Krommendyk, Johanna Van Surksum; Royale Meadows in Sioux Center: Ed Scholten; Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

### A Note From the Elders:

This past year has been very challenging, and Covid-19 has disrupted many of our normal routines, including our worship at Hope CRC. We have made numerous difficult decisions to protect the health and safety of our congregation while allowing us to worship together. (For instance, we temporarily held only online services but now have returned to in-person services while practicing social distancing (including no longer serving coffee) and encouraging individuals to wear a mask. We have also cancelled the Christmas program as we did not believe we could safely hold the program and maintain social distancing.) Many of these changes have been disappointing developments, but all of these changes have been made with the best interests of the congregation in mind to protect the health and safety of our members. None of these decisions were easy to make, and we only made these decisions after a lot of prayer and thoughtful discussion. We based these decisions on available information, including the governor's office and federal and local health officials.

As 2020 comes to a close and we move into 2021, we hope and pray that things will change for the better and we can return to normal life. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Elders have stayed in constant communication to continually adapt with the changing times. In addition, the Evangelism committee has met recently and has very good ideas on worship services in the near future. We thank all of you for your patience and faith as we navigate these troubling times together. We ask for your continued prayers and support during this very difficult time. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
The Elders