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GREETERS & COFFEE SERVERS

(After the morning service)

TODAY: 6B – Gary & Sandy W
Wed-DEC 25: 1A – Doug & Judy B
DEC 29: 1B – Dash & Amber DG

SOUND/PROJECTION

TODAY: Kent Z & Tricia H
Wed-DEC 25: (am only) Teigen & Ian
DEC 29: Jerry V & Ian H

DECEMBER USHERS:

Evan W, Nathan B, Justin H

NURSERY

TODAY: AM - Vanessa V, Tara B,
Braxton VK, Aftyn H
PM – Julie K, Ian H
Wed. DEC 25: AM only- Megan R,
Sawyer F, Alexis H
DEC 29: AM - Sarah W, Linzie K,
Aralyn H, Grady DS
PM - Kristi S, Jasmine B

*If you are unable to be in nursery, you are responsible to find your own replacement. (If in high school find another high schooler, and if in grade school find another grade schooler) This is important so we can meet our safe church policies. Thank you!

CHILDREN & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Children (3yrs old – PK) will be dismissed for C & W following the prayer of confession Your child(ren) will meet the helpers in the back of the sanctuary and walk together to the classroom. Please pick up your child(ren) at Room 9 after the service. If your child is not ready to participate right when they turn three, they are welcome to join anytime throughout the year. To avoid distractions during our worship time, please have your child(ren) leave their personal belongings with you. We ask that your child is potty trained before they attend class. If this is a concern for you, please talk to Rachel Verwolf and she will work with you to make a plan that is best for your child.

TODAY: CHRISTMAS BREAK
DEC 29: CHRISTMAS BREAK

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Offerings can be mailed to: Hope CRC, PO Box 580, Hull, IA 51239

TODAY: AM 1st – Building Fund 2nd – Craig & Jeanine Broek PM – Hull Food Pantry
Wed-DEC 25: 1st – General Fund 2nd – World Renew **(Christmas Morning)**
DEC 29: AM 1st – Hope Education 2nd – Benevolent Fund PM – Craig & Jeanine Broek

Hope Council Members 2024-25

ELDERS: Dar Boer, Shawn De Stigter, Randy Ten Pas, Joe Dirksen, Cal Van Der Zwaag,
Craig Stiemsma, Brad Driesen
DEACONS: Matt Roetman, Mike Van Otterloo, Scott Westra, Brian Fykstra
Jacob Van Ginkel, Nate Van Kley

Hope Christian Reformed Church



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

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December 22, 2024

Morning Service - 9:30am

Evening Service - 6:00pm

Morning Worship Service

Leading Worship: Pastor Keith Hoekstra ~ Accompanist: Melissa Boer

God Gathers Us for Worship

- Welcome and Announcements
- Advent Reading: Lighting of the Pink Love Candle (Jim and Sylvia Eekhoff)
- *Advent Song of Praise: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (LUYH 61 1&2)
- *Call to Worship: Psalm 36:5-7a
- *God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting
- *Advent Song of Praise: “O Lord, How Shall We Meet You” (PH 331 1&2)

God Reminds Us Who We Are in Him

A Guide for Grateful Living: John 15:9-12 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”
We Respond in Unison: **“Holy God, help us to remain in your love.”**
Song of Gratitude: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (PH 342 1,4&5)
We Join in Prayer for One Another

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

- *Song of Preparation: “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” (PH 355 All)
- Scripture: 1 John 4: 9-12
- Prayer of Preparation
- Message: *His Work – The Depth of His Love*
- Prayer of Application
- We Give our Offerings for God’s Work
- *Song of Application: They’ll Know We Are Christians by our Love (LUYH 256 1,2&4)

God Sends Us to Serve with His Blessing

- *God’s Blessing
- *Closing Song: “Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child” (LUYH 99)
- *Postlude

Sermon Notes:

THIS WEEK

There will be no Sunday School classes or Children & Worship on December 22 & 29 for the Christmas Break.

Christmas Morning Service will be held on Wednesday, **December 25th at 9:30am.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet Thursday, Dec 26th at 11:30 AM. They will meet at the Hull Pizza Ranch.

News Years Day Service will be held on Wednesday, **January 1st at 9:30am.**

Womens Bible Study: Please join us for a new study starting on January 6th and meeting every other Monday night. This will be an eight-session video series called the “Lyrics of Life” with Lisa Harper. She will teach from the book of Psalms as we learn how to find comfort in any situation based on this songbook of the people of God. Any questions, contact Janine Christensen.

Coffee Break: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th at 9:50am. We will be starting a new study on Hebrews, so all ladies are welcome to join us.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

It is with great joy that we are pleased to announce that the pledges currently in for the building project amount to \$1,251,000! This is more than the 66% goal voted on to start construction which was \$1,129,194. The council is moving forward in 2 ways:

- Ad-hoc Building Committee - They are securing final itemized bid(s) for the project with the hope of selecting a contractor soon and have a late spring start time if possible.
- Ad-hoc Finance Committee - They are finishing up entering any remaining pledges and establishing an account at Iowa State Bank to receive funds to be invested until needed.

Now that all the remaining pledge contacts have been made, we would like for those individuals to turn them in if they haven't already. Anyone whether pledged or not who wishes to make a donation before the end of the year can do so. Please indicate on your check if it is for your pledge or not. We would like to invest in the beginning of January any monies received up to that point.

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HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS

- Wanda Talsma was admitted to the hospital in Sioux Center, she has been diagnosed with influenza A, we pray for healing and for her care at the hospital.
- We continue to pray for healing, peace, and comfort for Liz Hoekstra and the whole family.
- We continue to pray for Jim and Marge Hoogendorn, father and mother of Jim Hoogendorn, that God would bring healing and patience to them as they recover from injuries. We give praise for the progress so far.
- Continue to keep Taylyn Vander Schaaf in your prayers as she goes through her weekly treatments. Pray for comfort for the whole family.
- We pray for those who have ongoing health concerns, including cancer treatment and recovery from surgery. We pray for healing, care, pain relief, and recovery.
- Pray for those who mourn, who have lost those whom they loved and miss.
- Pray for all who are struggling with an addiction, emotional hurt, depression, anxiety, and mental illness.
- Pray for our families, our marriages, that God would strengthen them, guide them, and be honored in them.
- Pray for those who cannot join us in worship, that they would be comforted and feel close to the congregation. We pray for Bill Heynen in Crown Point at Sioux Center.
- We pray for those serving our communities in law enforcement, emergency services, fire department, and those who serve our country in the armed forces.

PRAYER TIME

We invite you to join us for a time of prayer and sweet communication with God. On Thursday's anytime between 2:00pm – 7:00pm, come and pray for each other, our church, our community, our country, and our world. You are welcome to pray in the sanctuary, pray around the church, pray in the classrooms, pray with others, pray by yourself, or pray with Pastor Keith. Let us take humble posture in prayer, be purposeful in our prayer, and embrace the promises we have from God in prayer.

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.
- ❖ Nursery is available for ages 0-2yrs during the morning and evening services.
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship takes place after the morning service.
- ❖ We have Sunday School for grades K–12 immediately following the service (Sept – April).
- ❖ Please send bulletin announcements to hopecrrchullsecretary@gmail.com by Thursday morning.
- ❖ If you would like to receive church emails, please contact hopecrrchullsecretary@gmail.com
- ❖ If you have any prayer requests, email them to hopecrrchull@gmail.com or contact Pastor Keith or another elder.
- ❖ If you wish to use the church building for an event, please contact the office secretary by email: hopecrrchullsecretary@gmail.com with the details. Thank you

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome you to worship this week. We are glad you are worshipping with us.

In the morning we continue our Advent season with our sermon series entitled "His Work" in which we consider the work of Jesus Christ. This morning we will examine 1 John 4:7-14, taking a closer look at the love God displayed in the coming of Jesus Christ, we will look at the manifestation of God's Love, the depth of His love, and effect of His love on us and our lives.

Join us this in the evening at 6:00 PM for our annual Lessons and Carols service, we will rejoice in the whole story of the coming of the Savior Jesus Christ, we will share in scripture, singing, and prayer. Come and celebrate the birth of our Savior together in scripture and song.

We praise God that He has called us to worship Him in joy and in fellowship!

Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

Accompanist: Trista Ten Pas

(** denotes to please stand if you are able)

God’s Good Gifts

Prelude

Welcome, Reflection and Opening Prayer.....Pastor Keith

Lesson One: Waiting for Christmas

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-6Kristi Ten Pas

**Opening Song of Praise: “Ancient Words” (LUYH 762 All)

Lesson Two: A Sacrificial Gift.....Light the 1st Candle

Scripture: Genesis 22:9-13 Pete Steiger

Carol: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (PH 329 All)

Offering of Music: “Light of the World” (Sing Hallelujah)Karinda de Boom

Lesson Three: A Royal Gift.....Light the 2nd Candle

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7.....Jennifer Steiger

**Carol: “That Beautiful Name” (CH 266 1,2 & 4)

Lesson Four: The Location is Revealed.....Light the 3rd Candle

Scripture: Micah 5:2-4.....Nancy Driesen

Carol: “Once in Royal David’s City” (PH 346 1,2,5)

(The offering for the Hull Food Pantry will be received while we sing this carol)

Offering of Music: “From the Manger, Advent Hymn”.....Vanessa Steiger

Lesson Five: The Gift is Revealed.....Light the 4th candle

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-24.....Maliyha de Boom

**Carol: “All Hail King Jesus” (CH 103)

Lesson Six: The Best Surprise

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14..... Ian Hoekstra

Carol: “Angels we have heard on High” (PH 347)

Offering of Music: “O Holy Night”.....Breanna Ten Pas

Lesson Seven: The Gift for Everyone.....Light the Christ Candle

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-11.....Joe Dirksen

**Carol: “Joy to the World the Lord is Come” (PH 337 1,2,4)

****Lesson Eight: Christ’s Gift is for Sharing**.....Share the Light

Scripture: John 8:12Pastor Keith

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12)

(Once your candle is lit please keep the candle upright to prevent melting wax from dripping.)

**Carol: “Silent Night” (PH#344)

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright.

Round yon virgin mother and child!

Holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, source of light.

Now lies crying in Bethlehem’s stall,

Tiny child-Creator of all!

Infant, Savior and King! Infant Savior and King!

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight

Glories stream from heaven afar

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia

Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light.

Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord at your birth! Jesus, Lord at your birth!

Benediction and Closing Remarks.....Pastor Keith

Although we will extinguish the candles in just a moment, remember The Light of Christ still lives inside of you. Take HIS light with you wherever you go because it is God’s Gift to you. It is The Holy Spirit living in you; completing the work He has started in you.

(Please extinguish your candle before exiting the sanctuary)

Postlude

