

THE LORD'S DAY – DECEMBER 5, 2021
MORNING WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.
Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Prelude: Chimes – *“Of the Fathers Love Begotten”*

“Christmas Medley”

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship: from Isaiah 2:2-5

*God's Greeting

*Opening Songs of Praise: #329 *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

“Joy Has Dawned”

Standard of Righteousness: Isaiah 5:18-25

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 11:1-2

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: #328 *“O Come, O Come, Immanuel”* (vv. 1,3,4,5)

Music Ministry: *“It's About the Cross”* – Five Fathers

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: II Samuel 8

Sermon: *“Planting God's Kingdom on Earth”*

*Song of Response: #335 *“Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”*

Prayer for the offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *“Glorious Light”*

*Benediction

*Doxology: *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”*

Postlude: #337 *“Joy to the World”*

THE LORD'S DAY – DECEMBER 5, 2021
EVENING WORSHIP - 6:30 P.M.
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where does my help come?

People: Our help is in the name of the LORD, Maker of heaven of earth.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 61:1-4

*Opening Song of Praise: #486 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 5:16-21 & Romans 13:8-10

Prayer of God's People

*Song of Thanksgiving: *"Arise, My Soul, Arise"*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (p. 1786)

Sermon: "The Importance of Love"

*Song of Response: #379 *"What Wondrous Love"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

Offertory: *"Star Carol"* - Lydia Talsma

*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

*Benediction

*Parting Song: #384 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* (vv. 3 & 4)

SERMON NOTES – DECEMBER 5, 2021

PLANTING GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH

Text: II Samuel 8

THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Next Sundays Offering: Sos & Kara Maletougou – CRWM West Africa

Stewardship Verse:

*"But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth,
and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today."*

Deuteronomy 8:18

Reformation Matters

"We believe that our good God, by his marvelous wisdom and goodness, seeing that man had plunged himself in this manner into both physical and spiritual death and made himself completely miserable, set out to find him, though man, trembling all over, was fleeing from him. And he comforted him, promising to give him his Son, "born of a woman," to crush the head of the serpent, and to make him blessed." - Belgic Confession, Article 17

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	10:40 am	- Kids' Praise
	11:00 am	- 3 rd -8 th Christmas concert practice (with Kid's Praise)
	11:00 am	- Choir
	11:30 am	- 5 th – 8 th grade bells practice
	6:30 pm	- Evening Worship
Mon.	2:00 pm	- Mary Guild (lesson 5)
Tues.	7:00 pm	- Council, elder, & deacon meetings
Wed.	9:30 am	- Coffee Break & Story Hour
	3:15 pm	- GEMS (First CRC)
	5:30 pm	- Kids of Grace
	6:30 pm	- Cadets (Bethel CRC)
Thurs.	5:00 pm	- Burger Feed fundraiser (Southwest Christian High School)
Fri.	6:30 pm	- Church game night

FUTURE DATES:

Dec. 12	10:40 am	- Prayer Warriors
	12:00pm	- Care Group #7 potluck
Dec. 13	7:00 pm	- Southwest Christian Elementary Christmas concert (Elementary gym)
Dec. 18	7:00pm	- Christmas Concert (pianist Thomas VanSoelen & cellist Meghan McGuire)
Dec. 19	6:30 pm	- First CRC Christmas Program
Dec. 20	7:00 pm	- Southwest Christian High School Christmas concert (Bethel CRC)

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Larry and Arlene Punt will light the Advent Candle of Peace on the Advent wreath. This candle reminds us that Jesus alone can give us peace with God through his salvation.

Christmas program practice: Kid's Praise kids will meet downstairs immediately following the service and then will join the 3rd – 8th graders in the sanctuary. 3rd-8th grade will meet after cookies and juice in the front benches of the sanctuary and will practice until 11:30am. Students (5th-8th grade) playing bells will meet in the balcony after program practice until 11:50am.

Help will be needed after AM church to set up risers and move furniture to the back. If you are able to help in this way it would be much appreciated!

Missionary Christmas Cards – Please remember our missionary families this Christmas season with a card or letter to let them know that you are praying for them. There are boxes in the foyer for you to place your Christmas cards in. Please have your cards in by TODAY so we can get them set off. Pray that they may receive strength and wisdom for each day. Thank you, the Mission Committee

We wish to congratulate the newly selected Office Bearers, and ask the congregation to pray for them as they begin their service.

Elders: Wes DeKam, Mike Hulstein and Greg Talsma

Deacons: Kirk Bleyenberg, Levi Mouw and Marshall Pater.

Care Group 7 will be having a potluck lunch in the Fellowship hall after the morning service, next week Sunday, December 12. Please bring a hot dish or salad to share.

From the Building Addition Finance Committee: Total gifts received during the month of November, which includes Thanksgiving, amounted to \$20,037.45. Thank you all!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child boxes. Through your generosity we were able to send off 44 filled boxes! Thank you for helping spread the joy of Christmas!

If you have any announcements or bulletin needs from December 6th – 13th, please contact Christa Blom.

If you have any building needs from December 6th-12th, please contact Brian Busker.

The Kids of Grace will meet Wednesday, December 8 at 5:30 pm at Runals.

We will meet as prayer warriors next week Sunday, December 12. If you know you will be gone with holiday plans please make sure to let your partner know and find a different time to connect and share prayer requests.

Classis Minnkota Scholarship Grant: A portion of the Classis Minnkota ministry share for Christian Higher Education received during the previous year is awarded in February to Christian college students in the form of scholarship grants. Any students attending a CRC-endorsed Christian college who completes an application form by the December 24 deadline is

eligible. Contact Ryan Blom for an application or provide him with the student's email address and a form will be emailed directly to the applicant. Please email your application to Ryan Blom. Ryan's email address is ryan.d.blom@gmail.com

Would you like to know more about the mission of the Cornerstone Prison Church? On January 21, 2022 you have the opportunity to worship with the men behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary. This opportunity is open to anyone 18 and older. All visitors must fill out clearance forms before attending the worship service. Please talk to Ron or Thea Nykamp to receive the forms that need to be filled out and get your name on the list. The group will be limited to 25 and all forms must be submitted no later than December 29.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CHANCE: 2nd ANNUAL NOTE CARD FUNDRAISER - TODAY is the last day to order your Stationary or Thank You Note Cards from the SWC Circle #5 fundraiser! Choose between a set of Stationary Cards with all NEW photo designs, or a set of Thank You cards, each containing familiar Bible verses... or for those who love to send cards, purchase BOTH sets! The cards will be distributed to you before Christmas. Pricing is \$15 for one set of 12 note cards. Since there will not be any extra card sets ordered, please place your order TODAY on the form near the Fellowship Hall or by contacting Brigette Pap by this evening (jamiebpap@gmail.com or 507-935-8215). Thank you for your continued prayers and support of SWC!

Circle #11 is unable to get our cut out cookies this year for our fundraiser, BUT instead we are selling Papa Murphys pizzas!!! They will be available the week of December 6-10, at SWC kitchen. No preorders but you can stop in before and after each basketball game to stock up your freezer! Monday December 6 someone will be available from 4-6 also for you to come and grab how many pizzas you would like! Otherwise after each basketball game someone will be available in the kitchen for sales. First come first serve! They will all be size large and will be double wrapped and ready to go in your freezer or set on the counter to eat that night! Any questions, please call Daci Moss 507-227-8540. We will have: Cheese - \$13, Pepperoni - \$13, Hawaiian - \$16, Supreme - \$16, Meat lovers - \$16, Chicken garlic - \$16

Burger Feed at SWC: Please join Parent/Circle Group #5 as they host a burger feed on Thursday, December 9 during the boy's home basketball game with Pipestone. Serving time will be 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Southwest MN Christian Schools invites you to two evenings of celebration as we honor the birth of our Savior through song. The elementary students share classic carols and hymns along with some new favorites while the high school students feature instrumental and vocal ensembles - all proclaiming the good news of Christ's birth and the Christmas story! The students have been working hard and are so excited to share their musical gifts with

everyone! Let the joyful sounds of music fill your hearts with Love, Joy & Peace this holiday season and throughout the New Year!

"Children, Adore Him!" - Elementary Concert (K-8) at the Elementary Gym: December 13 at 7:00pm

"Wonder of Wonders" - High School Concert at Bethel CRC: December 20 at 7:00pm

COMMUNITY & MISC

ATLAS for Life is having a "Karen's Blessing" Christmas Rummage, Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10:30-3:00 at ATLAS office at 101 2nd St. NE Pipestone, MN. There are lots of remembrances from Karen Larson's home. Enjoy getting some great deals on some gently used household items, Christmas decor, books, dishes and more. GREAT DEALS all to support "Karen's Home" Ministry. \$1000.00 is promised as a matching gift.

Christmas Concert: Pianist Dr. Thomas Van Soelen and cellist Meghan McGuire will perform together at 7 p.m. on December 18 at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. The concert will feature music from a variety of traditions, including special arrangements of Christmas carols. McGuire and Van Soelen have been partnering in concerts since 2013. The concert is free, but will feature a freewill offering supporting the domestic violence efforts at The Southwest Crisis Center.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY:

Nursery: AM – Becca Muilenburg, Ann Marie Busker, Maya Johnson, Jayden Brands
 PM – Shawna Sjaarda, Karen Fey, Devin Schaap, Zachary Moss

Valet: Ryan Veldhuizen

Ushers: Ray Schelhaas, Jamie Pap, Justin Moss, Kurt Talsma

Medical Assistant: Gord Prins

Children’s Worship: Becky Schelhaas, Clint Schelhaas

Praise Team: Greg Masselink, Howard Schaap, Brian Busker, Brad Prouty, Kurt Talsma

Keyboard: Kaitlyn Schelhaas

NEXT WEEK – DECEMBER 12:

Nursery: AM – Cindy Spronk, Christa Blom, Ryan Pap, Sawyer Vander Haar
 PM – Rosann VandenBerg, Ashley Schelhaas, Morgan pap, Kylee Brands

Valet: Loren DeKam

Ushers: Greg Talsma, Arlyn Schmidt, Micah Schaap, Ben Hanson

Medical Assistant: Carmen Fey

Children’s Worship: Shannon Nykamp, Jayden/Lucas Brands

Praise Team: Kirk Van Hulzen, Brad Prouty, Kurt Talsma, Mark Boeve

Keyboard: Brittany Forness

MISSIONARIES

Friendship Community Church Christian Reformed Home Missions Sergeant Bluff, Iowa	Sos and Kara Maletougou Christian Reformed World Missions West Africa	Rev. William & Aletha Green Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed Churches, Costa Rica
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