

**The Lord's Day – December 22, 2024**

**Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.**

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles - Jacob and Sarah Bierstedt

Silent Prayer

\*Greeting One Another

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 134:1-3

\*Opening Songs of Adoration: #354 *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*  
#347 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

Standard of Righteousness: Romans 6:21

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Gratitude: #345 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

At this time, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for a Bible lesson,  
located downstairs in Room 4.

Musical Offering: *"Christmas Hymn"* & *"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"* - Choir

Scripture Reading: John 10:7-10 (p. 1666)

Sermon: *"Christmas According to Jesus—Life"*

\*Song of Response: #344 *"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Christian Education

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: #355 *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* (v. 3)

**Christmas Day Offering:** New Life Treatment Center

**Next Sunday's Offering:** Alpha Center Sioux Falls

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**Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.**

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Prelude

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence: Psalm 143:8-10

**Pastor:** Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.  
Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

**Congregation:** Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do  
your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 67:3-4

\*Opening Song of Honor: #328 *"O Come, O Come, Immanuel!"* (1-2, 5-6)

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-11 (p. 285)

Prayer of the Lord's People

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #528 *"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"*

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 (p. 1837)

Sermon: *"Encouragement for Unappreciated Christians"*

\*Song of Response: #495 *"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"*

Prayer for the Offering (Christian Education)

\*Confession of the Faith: The Nicene Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: #327 *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* (v. 5)

**SERMON NOTES – December 22, 2024**

**“Christmas According to Jesus–Life”**  
**John 10:7-10**

**“Encouragement for Unappreciated Christians”**  
**1 Thessalonians 1:4-10**

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "In their awareness and assurance of this election God's children daily find greater cause to humble themselves before God, to adore the fathomless depth of his mercies, to cleanse themselves, and to give fervent love in return to him who first so greatly loved them." - *Canons of Dort*, First Point, Article 13 (selected portion)

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today      9:30 am   - Morning Worship  
                 11:00 am   - Choir  
                 6:30 pm   - Evening Worship  
Wed         9:30 am   - Christmas Morning Worship

**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

Jan 5        10:45am   - Kid's Praise, Sunday School and Catechism Resumes  
Jan 7        7:00 pm   - Consistory  
Jan 8        9:30 am   - Coffee Break and Story Hour Resumes  
                 6:30 pm   - GEMS & Cadets  
                 7:45 pm   - Bells  
Jan 9        9:30 am   - Christian Fellowship

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us for cake following the morning service in honor of Willard Sankey's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

We express our sympathy to and offer our prayers for Randy and Priscilla Pater and their family after the recent death of Priscilla's father, Bill Holling. May the Pater family see daily reminders of the LORD's unfailing love (Psalm 143:8).

If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in our church, please talk to Pastor Scott. There will be a class beginning in the first couple months of 2025 for those who are interested.

We will have the pleasure of hearing the 3 year olds- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they share special music with us at the Christmas Day service.

**SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Do you have an hour available on Friday mornings? Come join Moms in Prayer. We meet each Friday morning throughout the school year, starting August 23. We meet at 8:15 at SWC High School. We pray over our school, students, teachers and staff. We'd love for you to join us. This is open to all moms, no matter the age of your kids. Join us each week, or whenever a Friday morning works for you. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kimber Van Essen at 507-220-3465

## COMMUNITY & MISC

Phil. 4:4- “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” The Edgerton Food Shelf is blessing 80-130 people every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday morning at the First Reformed Church. On Saturday December 31, we will be giving out turkeys and hams, in addition to the canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, hamburger, cereal, milk, bread, margarine, mac & cheese, and toilet paper. If you know of anyone with a need, please contact Shar Miedema- 507-820-0225 or Brenda Kooi – 507-227-5174.

Edgebrook Care Center will be working to put together a cookbook in memory/honor of past and present residents of Edgebrook. If you are interested in submitting a recipe, they ask that you include the recipe name, the residents name of who the recipe is in honor/memory of and if you have a baking memory to go with it. You can drop the recipe off at the business office, mail it to Edgebrook Care Center, Attn: Cookbook Committee, 505 Trosky Road W, Edgerton MN 56128 or by emailing cassandra.schelhaas@good-sam.com. Please also include if you would be interested in purchasing a cookbook as this will give them a better idea of how many to make. The deadline to have your recipe included is January 15, 2025.

**Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation** (May 27 - June 8, 2025): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul’s First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

**JUSTICE FOR ALL** is planning the **2025 Service and Learning Opportunities** and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God’s Kingdom in new and important ways! **Dates and places:** Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-25; JVPPerkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 1-7; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 8-14; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – March 1-7; Grace Reigns, Colorado City AZ – April 4-12. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God’s Word together. **Nick LeLux, Service and Learning Coordinator will be holding an informational meeting Monday, September 16, 6:30PM at the JFA Ministry Center.** If you can’t make it to the meeting but would like more information or sign up for a project, please contact **Nick at JFA 712-476-2804 or email [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org).** You can also check out our **website: [jfa-niowa.org](http://jfa-niowa.org)**

## MEMBERS IN SERVICE

### TODAY- DECEMBER 22:

**Nursery:** AM – Carmen F, Lois S, Becky S, Isabel M, Brooklyn T  
PM- Vonda T, Rebecca V, Tyler P, Josimar VH

**Valet:** Jonathan S

**Ushers:** Rod C, Steve E, Tadd P, Bob S

**Sound:** AM – Dean E PM- Dean E

**Video:** Kevin VH

**Projection:** Jon/Jared

**Medical Assistant:** Kim V

**Children’s Worship:** Kelsey S & Raelyn S.

### Wednesday- December 25

**Nursery:** Jody S, Karen F, Jana T, Jaycee K, Hartley B

**Valet:** Ryan V

**Ushers:** Rod C, Steve E, Tadd P, Bob S

**Sound:** Devin/Jeff

**Video:** Kevin VH

**Projection:** Jan/Jonathan

**Medical Assistant:** Carmen F

### NEXT WEEK- DECEMBER 29:

**Nursery:** AM – Tawni P, Megan F, Kim VH, Megan Blo, Jorja H

PM- Alisha E, Cindy S, Kaitlyn S, Ava B

**Valet:** Coleton H

**Ushers:** Rod C, Steve E, Tadd P, Bob S

**Sound:** AM – Corey S PM- Corey S

**Video:** Kaden S

**Projection:** Jan/Jonathan

**Medical Assistant:** Barb O

**Children’s Worship:** NO LESSON- CHRISTMAS BREAK

## MISSIONARIES

**Margaret Njuguna**  
En-Gedi Children’s Home,  
Kenya

**Sos and Kara Maletoungou**  
Christian Reformed World Missions  
West Africa

**Rev. William & Aletha Green**  
Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed  
Churches, Costa Rica

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## CHURCH INFORMATION