

**The Lord's Day – December 14, 2025**  
**Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.**  
Led by: Pastor LeRoy Christoffels

Prelude

Welcome

Advent Reading and Lighting – Collin and Rebecca Vis

Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship: Isaiah 49:13

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Songs of Adoration: 344 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"  
329 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

The Proclamation of the Law of God – Isaiah 2:1-5

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Pardon: from John 1:17 and Isaiah 55:6-7

\*Song of Thanksgiving: #384 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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

Choir: "Behold Our God"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50

Sermon: "THE LORD'S OBEDIENT SERVANT"

Hymn of Response: 340 "o Come, All Ye Faithful"

Prayer of the Lord's People

Offering: Luke Society

Offertory (Choir): "The Song of Christmas"

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song: #620:3 "By the Sea of Crystal"

**Next Sunday's Offering:** Cadets

**The Lord's Day – December 14, 2025**  
**Evening Worship – 6:30 P.M.**  
Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude

Introit: Jaycee Kroeze

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Expression of Dependence

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

**Congregation:** Our help is in the name of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth.

\*Call to Worship: 1 Peter 3:18

\*Opening Song of Honor: #328 "*O Come, O Come, Immanuel*" (v. 1, 5-7)

Bible Reading: Romans 3:19-31 (p. 1750)

Prayer of the Lord's People

\*Song of Gratitude: #260 "*Not What My Hands Have Done*"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 24 (p. 862)

Sermon: "Dwelling with the Glorious King"

\*Song of Response: #497 "*How Vast the Benefits Divine*"

Prayer for the Offering (Luke Society)

Offertory: Shelbi Kroeze

\*Confession of the Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: #627 "*Bless His Holy Name*"

SERMON NOTES – December 14, 2025

“The Lord's Obedient Servant”  
Isaiah 50

“Dwelling with the Glorious King”  
Psalm 24

**REFORMATION MATTERS:** "Either we seek to behold God as he is and therefore come face to face with our need, or we refuse to see God as he is, never seeing ourselves and our need, and therefore never seeking a saviour. It is one thing to acknowledge oneself a sinner in theory; it is quite another to own one's sin in reality. Theoretical sinners never come to the Lord." - W. Ross Blackburn, in *"Unveiling the Cross: Beholding and Proclaiming the Whole Christ"*

**THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today	9:30 am	- Morning Worship
	<b>NO</b> 6:30 pm	Catechism, Sunday School or Living for the King Class - Evening Worship
Wed	9:30 am	- Coffee Break and Story Hour
	6:30 pm	- Youth Group and Kids of Grace Christmas Party at 1st CRC
	6:30 pm	- Coffee Break
Thur	6:30 pm	- Friendship Christmas Caroling & party in the Edgebrook Verdoes Room

**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

Dec 21	6:30 pm	- Christmas Program
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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prayer Warriors: Please find your prayer partner immediately after the morning service and meet in the BACK church pews. We want to give you a time to catch up before Christmas break but also want to be respectful of the Christmas program practice setup.

The deacons would like to thank everyone for their generous support! Here are the totals from the Thanksgiving offering:

- General Fund: \$8090.00
- Christian Education: \$10,730.00
- Radio Fund: \$500.00
- Margaret Njunguna: \$300.00
- World Renew: \$1000.00
- Cornerstone Prison Church: \$1000.00
- Bill & Aletha Green: \$1700.00
- New Life Treatment Center: \$500.00
- Sos & Kara Maletougou: \$200.00
- Luke Society: \$1000.00
- Mid-America Reformed Seminary: \$1400.00
- KNWC: \$500.00
- Young Peoples: \$150.00
- Edgerton Food Shelf: \$50.00
- Ryan Blom Medical Account: \$500.00
- Word & Deed: \$1000.00
- Kids of Grace: \$200.00

- RFKC (Royal Family Kids Camp): \$200.00
  - Global Missions: \$8847.79
  - A & K Lindemulder: \$4250.00
  - Classical Ministry Shares: \$120.00
  - Steve & Kala Talsma: \$500.00
  - 2014 Building Addition Fund: \$10,540.00
- Total: \$53,277.79

We will soon be starting a new book in our Saturday morning men's ministry, "Theology for Breakfast." We will be reading through *"Words from the Cross"* by Ian Hamilton beginning January 10. The church will provide a free copy of the book to any of the men in our congregation who wish to join us. There is a sign-up list for the book outside the Fellowship Hall.

Last year, in order to mitigate the spread of illness, the Council decided to suspend mutual greeting during the service and shaking hands at the doors after the service during the months of December, January, and February. That will be the plan for these months this year as well.

Children will have program practice December 14 and 21—students up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in their classrooms after AM church for cookies. Then they will practice in the sanctuary till 11:30. 3 year olds are welcome to join the 4-5 year old class (children's worship room) in the basement after church for cookies or parents can bring their child to practice as well. There will be bell practice in the balcony at 11:30 for students 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade interested in playing bells for the program. Help with risers would be wonderful for those able to assist right after AM church. Also, a reminder that kids with special piano or instrumental numbers will be welcome to play in the prelude starting at 6:15 pm the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Classis Minnkota is excited to once again offer a scholarship grant to its confessing members who currently are full-time or part-time students attending one of institutions endorsed by the CRC (US institutions include Dordt University, Calvin University, Kuyper College, and Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights). If you are a current student enrolled at one of these schools, please talk to Pastor Scott for an application. **The deadline to apply is December 20, 2025.**

### **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Papa Murphy's Fundraiser** – Circle #11 is excited to once again offer **Papa Murphy's Take & Bake Pizzas!** Pizzas will be available on December 16 & 18 or until gone. Choose from: **Cheese, Pepperoni, Cowboy, Sweet Swine, Garlic Chicken, or 3-Meat** — all for **\$15 each**. Can't make it these days? No problem! You can **text Daci (507-227-8540) your order**, and arrangements can be made for pickup at the high school later in the week. Thank you for supporting Circle #11 and SWC!

Looking for a way to support the choir's trip to New York and Carnegie Hall? Not looking forward to the hassle of wrapping your Christmas presents this year? Great news! The choir kids and their families will wrap your gifts for you! Simply bring your gifts and a free-will donation to the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, December 10th, from 4:00-8:00 PM. Tell us your preference, and we'll label your wrapped gifts with a name or a description of the item. Stay and wait, or go and run some errands while your presents are wrapped. Let the choir help make your holidays less stressful while you help fund their

spring trip! Wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, gift tags and even boxes will be provided. For questions, please contact Greg Masselink.

The **SWC K-8 Band & Choir Christmas Concert** is just around the corner, on Monday, December 15, at 7:00pm at the SWC Elementary gym. Our students are busy preparing a joyful celebration of the season just for you! You can expect a heart-warming blend of classic Christmas tunes and songs that point us to the real hope and wonder of Jesus' birth. It's always a highlight of the year—an evening filled with music, smiles, and the sweet sound of children sharing the Good News! Please join us as we rejoice in the Savior's birth this Christmas season. The concert will also be live streamed at <https://christensenbroadcastnetwork.com/sports/>

### **COMMUNITY & MISC**

**Edgebrook Care Center Angel Tree:** Do you want to brighten the holiday season of one of our local residents at Edgebrook? There is a signup sheet located in the North hallway. There is a \$20 price limit on gifts. Gifts must be turned into the business office by December 19. Please leave your name, phone number and angel number on the sign up sheet.

**Edgerton Food Shelf Angel Tree:** We invite you to participate in our 4th Annual Angel Tree/Gift Drive at First Reformed Church. The tree, located in the entryway, is decorated with ornaments, each representing a gift request or need. Simply take an ornament, purchase the item listed, and place the unwrapped gift in the tote beside the tree. We will be collecting items from Nov. 29 - Dec. 17. By doing so, you'll help us bring a little extra holiday cheer to local Food Shelf members in need. Let's make this season brighter together!

### **Word & Deed Prayer Update - John Otten**

This month, Word & Deed's prayer update is a different kind of request for prayer. Our very own John Otten, Word & Deed's Director of Projects, has recently been diagnosed with terminal bone cancer. As many of you may remember, John started working for Word & Deed in 2008 after serving the Lord in Cubulco, Guatemala, for over 17 years. We have always been blessed by John's first-hand insights into the work of our partners and his ability to develop meaningful relationships with so many of them. Please join us in praying for John and Connie as well as their children and grandchildren, that they would experience the peace that passes understanding in the weeks ahead. We serve a caring and gracious Father. "The Lord is the strength of my life..." (Psalm 27:1b).

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- DECEMBER 14:

**Nursery:** **AM** – Marshall & Tawni P, Lexi G, Kinley S, Carli S  
**PM**- Haley V, Macy H, Vera P, Blaire T  
**Valet:** Dan H  
**Ushers:** Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Rod C  
**Sound:** AM – Jesse VH      PM – Jesse VH  
**Video:** Kade F  
**Projection:** Kaden/Jonathan  
**Medical Assistant:** Becca M  
**Children’s Worship:** Kelsey S & Lily M

NEXT WEEK- DECEMBER 21:

**Nursery:** **AM** – Shawnie V, Carmen F, Kim VH, Lily M, Raelyn S  
**PM**- Christmas Program- NO Nursery  
**Valet:** Darrin D  
**Ushers:** Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Rod C  
**Sound:** AM – Devin S    PM – Devin S  
**Video:** AM- Josi VH    PM - Jacob M  
**Projection:** Kirk/Justin  
**Medical Assistant:** Carmen F  
**Children’s Worship:** Mara M & Kinley S  
**Praise Team:** Brooklyn, Victoria, Ava, Jayden, Lydia, Clara, Hannah  
**Keyboard:** Carla

**December 25 - Christmas**  
**Nursery:** Jackie W, Kelly S, Kaitlyn S, Fallon B, Cora B  
**Valet:** Duane VB  
**Ushers:** Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Rod C  
**Sound:** Jeff S  
**Video:** Josi VH  
**Projection:** Kirk/Justin  
**Medical Assistant:** Carmen F

MISSIONARIES

<b>Margaret Njuguna</b> En-Gedi Children’s Home, Kenya	<b>Sos and Kara Maletougou</b> Christian Reformed World Missions West Africa	<b>Rev. William &amp; Aletha Green</b> Latin Amer. Fellowship of Reformed Churches, Costa Rica
<b>A&amp;K L.</b> Global Serve International South East Asia		

CHURCH INFORMATION