

The Lord’s Day – December 21, 2025
Morning Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

Prelude - *“What Child is This”, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”* & *“Go Tell It On a Mountain”*

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading and Lighting – Levi & Mara Mouw

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: 1 Timothy 1:17

*Opening Songs of Honor - #345 *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*
#340 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (v. 1-3)

Standard of Righteousness: Romans 14:8

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 2:14

*Song of Gratitude: #386 *“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended”* (v. 1-3)

Musical Offering: *“Hope is Born Again”* – Erin Krosschell & Megan Gulden

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:13–53:6 (p. 1145)

Sermon: “The Goal of Christmas”

*Song of Response: *“O Holy Night”*

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering: Cadets Ministry

Offertory Song: *“Sing We the Song of Emmanuel”*

*Benediction

*Parting Song: *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”* (v. 5)

Christmas Offering: Alpha Center- Sioux Falls
Next Sunday's Offering: Christian Education

Christmas Program - First CRC, Edgerton
December 21, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.
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Prelude — Musical Selections by Students (Starting at 6:15)

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Opening Song: #340 *“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

– *“Away in the Manger”* (3yr-2nd Grade Bells)

– *“Bethlehem Lullaby”* (3yr-2nd Grade)

– *“Go Tell it on the Mountain”* (2nd Grade Chimes)

– *“Jesus Name Above All Names/ Immanuel”* (3rd-4th Grade Chimes)

– 8th Grade Narration

– *“Glory Hallelujah”* with *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* & *“Angels From the Realms of Glory”*
(5th Grade Angels)

– *“The First Noel”* (5th Grade Shepherds)

– *“Holy Emmanuel”* & *“Come Let Us Adore Him”* (5th Grade Nativity)

– *“What a Beautiful Name”* (Soloists: Cora Bleyenbergh & Carolyn Nykamp)

Song of Rejoicing: #337 *“Joy to the World”* (children may return to parents)

Prayer for Offering (Cadets)

Offertory: *“Angels From the Realms of Glory”* (3rd-8th Grade Bells)

Scripture Reading and Message (Luke 2:25-32)

YPS Candlelight— *“Silent Night”*

*Closing Benediction

SERMON NOTES – December 21, 2025

"The Goal of Christmas"
Isaiah 52:13-53:6

REFORMATION MATTERS: Heidelberg Catechism Q. 35 – What does it mean that Jesus “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”?

Answer – That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the Virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David’s true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES:

Today 9:30 am - Morning Worship
 NO Catechism, Sunday School or Living for the King Class
 6:30 pm - Christmas Program

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 8th 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 3rd-8th grade interested in playing bells for the program. Help with risers would be wonderful for those able to assist right after AM church. Children playing prelude pieces Sunday PM are asked to sit in the front benches of the sanctuary. We will start at 6:15. Other children involved in the Christmas program are asked to meet in their catechism or Sunday School rooms by 6:25. 3-year-olds can meet in room 4 (children’s worship room) in the basement.

YPS will be practicing for the candlelight right after the AM service while 3yr olds – 8th grade meet in classrooms for cookies. YPS will be singing “Silent Night” for the candlelight portion of the service.

Please DO NOT place large objects on the mailboxes. If the mailbox won’t shut, please place the item on top of the mailboxes and place a note in the mailbox. Large items in the boxes make it hard for others to get mail in and out of the boxes.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWC Circle 14 has a few frozen Christmas cookie cut outs still available! They come in 3 different shapes, ready to bake and let you, your kids or grandkids decorate. It's a delicious activity for Christmas break! Cost: \$7 for 1 dozen \$20 for 3 dozen. Please contact Michelle Moosey 507-351-9562.

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.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

TODAY- 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

NEXT WEEK- DECEMBER 28:

Nursery: **AM** – Nick & Shawna S, Morgan S, Kambrie S, Megan B

PM- Mara M, Kim VH, Jessica S, Izzy M

Valet: Nathan B

Ushers: Lester S, Judd P, Steve E, Rod C

Sound: AM - Corey S PM – Corey S

Video: AM- Kevin VH PM - Kevin VH

Projection: Orey/Jody

Medical Assistant: Barb O

Children’s Worship: NO LESSON-CHRISTMAS BREAK

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

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