

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Afternoon Worship Service 3:00 PM – December 31, 2023
Rev. Tim Ouwinga....Minister

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: #475:1-3 “*Another Year is Dawning*” (Blue Psalter)

*Opening Prayer

*God’s Greeting;

Pastor: As you prepare to enter another new year what is your reason for hope?

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

Pastor: The eternal God, the Rock of our salvation, bless you and keep you, make you strong in faith, filled with love, empowered by His Spirit.

All: Amen

*What We Believe: Our World Belongs to God: Article 6 (PH pg. 1021)

Hymn of Praise: #544:1-3 “*Lead Me, Guide Me*”

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Congregational Prayer

Offering: AC Replacement

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #543:1-3 “*Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*”

Prayer for Illumination

God’s Word Read: James 4:13-17, I John 5:13-15

God’s Word Proclaimed: “**Deo Volente**”

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Response: #555:1-3 “*Lead On, O King Eternal*”

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: #627 “*Bless His Holy Name*”

*Postlude

*indicates congregation stand
pianist...Peg Visser

Deo Volente
James 4:13-17, I John 5:13-15

Intro. Looking ahead to a year of unknowns

-our reason for hope: The sovereign plan of God
The Lordship of Jesus Christ
The power of the Holy Spirit

-our challenge: To live life “Deo Volente”

Deo Volente means: according to the Lord's will

Deo Volente excludes: boastful self-confidence and fearful lack of confidence

I. Avoiding Self-confidence

James warns against boasting 4:13-14,16

James points to the proper perspective: 4:15

II. Attaining Confidence in God's Provision

Jesus words in Matthew 6

-anxiety and worry demonstrate a lack of full confidence in God

John's words of assurance: I John 5:13-15

-assurance of eternal life

-assurance of answered prayer

-not by manipulating or begging God

-by trust in his goodness and greatness

Conclusion: To live and pray “Deo Volente” is to have trust that God will answer in the best way for us and to live in that comfort and confidence.