

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. –December 3, 2023

Rev. Aaron Greydanus...Minister First Sunday in Advent

Preparation for worship: On this first day of Advent, Lord, I am eager for your coming – at Christmas, at the end of time and in the present moment. Amen.

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

Responsive Call to Worship: (LUYH Pg. 81)

Pastor: All who come from near and far, **People: come and worship**

Pastor: All who thirst for God, **People: come and worship**

Pastor: All whose hearts overflow with gratitude and hope, **People: come and worship**

Pastor: All whose hearts may be filled with despair or grief, **People: come and worship**

Pastor: All who come with doubts or questions about life in Jesus, **People: come and worship**

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Song: #354:1,2,5 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (children come forward)

*God’s Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

-Children’s Message: Pastor Tim Ouwinga

-Advent Reading & Lighting of Candle: Taryne De Groot, Ainsley Haveman, Taya Vander Schaaf

-Advent Hymn: #329:1-3 “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

Preparatory for the Lord’s Supper (PH pg. 976)

Song of Assurance: SW#21:1-3 “There Is a Redeemer”

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Congregational Prayer

Offering: 1. Mission Fund; 2. Field Vehicle for Mark Klompfen

Offertory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: #746:1-3 “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” (LUYH)

God’s Word Read: Isaiah 8:11-22

God’s Word Proclaimed: “Darkness”

Prayer of Application

WE GO OUT TO WALK WITH GOD

*Hymn of Response: #772:1,2,4 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (LUYH)

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: #947 “We Receive Your Blessing” (LUYH)

*Postlude

(Please allow teachers/students to exit first)

*indicates congregation stand
pianist: Evan Schroeder

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

GREETERS TODAY: Grant & Tara Thorson, Deacon Alex Westra

GREETERS NEXT SUNDAY: Elder Galen & Connie Kroese, Elder Eric & Jana Rens

NURSERY TODAY: AM Missy Kats, Cindy LeLoux, Dylan Bonestroo, Reese Wielenga, Kyrin

De Groot; PM John Emerick Family

NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY: AM Kari Ney, Jaime Oostenink, Bryson Pollema, Andy Bruxvoort,

Savannah Feenstra; PM Matt Bosma Family

USHERS FOR DEC.: Glen Scholten, Cory De Wit, Nathan Boer, Jake Ney

VALET PARKING FOR DEC: Dec. 3: Blaike Bonestroo, Riley Grevengoed; Dec. 10: Ethan Ney,

Jacob Emerick; Dec. 17: Scott Kroese, Ashten Winterfeld; Dec. 24: Jesse Ney, Dalton Westra

SECURITY COMMITTEE: Dec. 3: Jeff Verdoorn; Dec. 10: Zach Mouw; Dec. 17: Ross Te Slaa;

Dec. 24: Zach Van’t Hul; Dec. 25: Dave Van’t Hul; Dec. 31: Waylon Pollema

OFFERINGS: Today – Envelope receipts are for the church budget or for the cause(s) designated on your envelope. The loose offering is for the 1. Mission Fund; 2. Field vehicle for Mark Klompfen

NEXT SUNDAY: Christian Ed Fund

COFFEE SERVERS TODAY: Galen & Connie **NEXT SUNDAY:** Larry & Faye

SERVE JUICE AT THE YOUTH BLDG. Mary L. **NEXT SUNDAY:** Becca Te Slaa

POWER POINT TODAY: AM Arlene; PM Kaden **NEXT SUNDAY:** Kirk

SOUND SYSTEM TODAY: Ben **NEXT SUNDAY:** Rick

CORRESPONDENCE: Everyone is encouraged to write Christmas/New Year’s greetings to our missionaries. (For those wishing to send an email, addresses are in the directory, first page, under “Missionaries Supported”).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

TODAY

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Coffee fellowship in the basement

10:45 AM Adult Sunday School

10:45 AM Choir Rehearsal (in basement)

6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

7:00 PM Christian Fellowship. Lesson 4. Lunch: Ted & Lois

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Coffee Break at Hope CRC

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 3, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST HULL: Happy Advent. We direct our hearts and worship now toward the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end of time. Welcome! A nursery and quiet room are available in the basement. TVs are available so that the service can be viewed. We invite everyone to join us for fellowship & coffee after the morning service in the church basement.

THIS MORNING Pastor Aaron's message is from Isaiah 8:11-22 titled "Darkness". His evening message is from I Thessalonians 4:1-8 titled "Sanctification and Sex".

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE will be held this morning. *Please have students in the Beginners-5th grade classes meet in the sanctuary after the service.* The Christmas Program will be held on December 17th at 3:00p. If you would like your child to play an instrument for the prelude for the Christmas Program, please contact Brittany Veldman. You may call or text her at 712-441-3584.

NEXT SUNDAY we will partake of the Lord's Supper. Let us use this week to reflect on the Lord's great love for us and pray that this may bring us to respond in joy and obedience. Anyone who is home bound and would like to partake of communion should contact Doug Pollema (439-1429) or Eric Rens (441-3154).

THE TACO SUPPER and Bake Sale is Wednesday, Dec. 6th. Serving will be from 5:00-7:00p. in the Hull Christian School Gym. All church families are requested to bring two or more items for the Bake Sale. Please label and price your baked goods and bring them to the **airlock at the school gym after 3:30.** Plan to come out and enjoy a delicious meal together while supporting Christian Education!

SHARE GROUP for widows & widowers will **NOT** meet in December. Have a blessed Christmas & New Year.

THANK YOU: There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love, and support to our family during this time of loss. A special thank you to Pastor Aaron & Pastor Tim for all their support and guidance. Thank you to our Elders and care groups for the phone calls and meals. We are so blessed to be part of a loving, supportive congregation. -Lynn Anderson, John, Lindsey, Landen, Addi, & Aspen Pflugsten

THANK YOU to the young people and their leaders for helping with the Sack Pack on Wednesday evening as they packed 650 bags of food for local students. It showed how many hands make light work. All of you are a gift from God.

THANKS for the gloves that were donated to the Gospel Mission. -Evangelism Committee

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

FIRST CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We extend our Christian sympathy to Joyce Kroese, her children and grandchildren, and all other loved ones in the passing of John on Tuesday. Funeral services were held on Saturday. Give thanks for the comfort of God's promise of eternal life to those who profess his name.
- John Scholten's surgery went well. The doctors were able to get a vein open and he was able to return to Crown Pointe. Pray for continued strengthening.
- Rev. Heyboer's daughter, Julie, passed away this week. Keep this family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a dear one.
- Please keep Lois Salazar in your prayers as her initial meeting with radiology oncologist is this Wednesday.
- Pray for our shut ins: Aspen Heights: Wilma Grevengoed, Nelvina Kroese, Liz Schmith, Joyce Vande Griend, and Goldie Veldman; Sheldon Care Center: Julianne Kats; Christian Retirement Home: Johanna Van Surksum; Crown Pointe Estates: Joyce De Vries, Matt De Wild, Darlene Kroese, Lou Krommendyk, Larry & Glenda Oolman, Gary Horstman, John Scholten; Friendly Horizons: Theresa De Wit; Whispering Heights: Pete Soodsma; Courage Homes in Sioux City: Ardelle Westra.

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS:

- We rejoice with those who are recovering from surgery: Cal Vander Zwaag, Diana Dykstra, Marlo Covey and Le Talsma.
- We pray for all of those who are continuing with treatment for cancer.
- We pray for those whose prayer concerns are theirs privately.
- We pray for those who have ongoing health concerns for which they are seeking healing and relief.
- Pray for those who mourn, who have lost those whom they love and miss.
- Pray for all who are struggling with an addiction, emotional hurt, depression, and mental illness.
- Pray for our families, our marriages, that God would strengthen them, guide them, and be honored in them.
- Pray for those who cannot join us in worship, that they would be comforted and feel close to the congregation.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HCS Band, Choir, and Orchestra Christmas Concert will be held on December 4 at 7:00p in the HCS Gym. The 4th-8th grade orchestra students, 6th-8th grade band students and all 5th-8th grade students will be participating.

HCS Preschool Christmas Program, “Christmas Riddles” will be held on December 12 at 6:30p in the HCS gym.

HCS is seeking a part-time lower elementary paraprofessional for one-on-one student support. The ideal candidate would have a passion for working with young children, and a love of Christian Education. Hours; Wednesday from 11:00a-2:30p and Friday 8:00a-3:30p. If you are interested in this position, or would like more information, please contact Mr. Ten Pas renpas@hullchristian.com or call the office at 439-2273.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NAMI SUPPORT GROUP will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7:00-9:00p on Tuesday, December 5. Video: “Schizophrenia: The Worst Symptoms.” Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Mattheis 722-4462.

MAKE PLANS to join the Christmas Worship Night at the Grain House on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00p. It will be an evening of coffee and Christmas fun, along with music provided by American Reformed Church!

YOU ARE INVITED to a Community Meal at 1st Ref. Church Dec. 13, serving from 5:30-6:45p. The meal is free and everyone is invited – families, students, and all ages. This month’s meal includes tater-tot casserole, corn, fruit, and ice cream. The purpose of this event is to encourage fellowship and create new relationships in our community.

DORDT UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present a Christmas choral Ensembles Concert on Friday, December 8, at 7:30p in the auditorium. This concert will feature Bella Voce women’s chorus, Canons of Dordt men’s chorus, and Concert Choir. The choirs will combine to perform John Rutter’s three-movement *Gloria* with brass and percussion. Each choir will also share a few other songs contemplating and celebrating the coming of the Christ child. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

JOIN THE DORDT UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT on Saturday, December 9, at 7:30p in the auditorium for the final concert of the fall semester by the Dordt Instrumental

Ensembles. The concert will feature music by Bach, Moncayo, and many others to include settings of well-known Christmas music. Joining the ensembles will be two guest conductors. Master Gunnery Sergeant Raul Caldera, Bandmaster of the 1st Marine Division Band from Camp Pendleton, CA will lead the Wind Symphony in Moncayo’s *Huapango*. Also joining us for his second guest appearance at Dordt will be Stadtkapellemeister Michael Johner. Maestro Johner will lead the Wind Symphony in Englebert Humperdinck’s Wagneresque “Evening Prayer and Pantomime” from *Hansel and Gretel*. The concert will also be available livestream.

THE DORDT UNIVERSITY CHORALE will present “A Service of Lessons and Carols” on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 8:00p in the auditorium. Come and worship with Chorale as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through song. Scriptural lessons presented by dramatic readers from the Dordt Theatre Department will alternate with performed anthems and congregational carol singing. The Chorale will be joined by an array of accompanying instruments: piano, organ, brass quintet, and string quartet. The concert will be available on livestream.

THE DORDT UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Friday, Dec. 15, at 7:30p in the auditorium. Featured in the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of jazzy Christmas songs and carols, big band standards, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The concert will be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

INSPIRATION HILLS has been dedicated for nearly 50 years to the changing of lives by sharing the Wisdom of God to the next generation of young people through our summer camp programs! God has been growing this ministry by blessing us with record numbers of campers year after year! You can be part of what God is doing by contributing to the \$215,000 we need by the end of the year to meet our year end commitments as well as the \$75,000 we need to launch our spring projects and prepare for next year’s summer camp. ***No matter the size, every offering counts!*** Mail a check to 1242-280th St., Inwood, IA 51240 or give through Venmo @inspirationhills.

SING THE MOZART REQUIEM IN 2024: The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will kick off its 2024 season in January, and you are invited to sing with us! This season, we will be returning to perennial favorite, Mozart’s Requiem, performing with orchestra and professional soloists on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Northwestern College’s Christ Chapel. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30p in DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern’s campus, beginning **January 9**. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome! Please contact Mike Ochsner

mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE (May 31-June 11, 2024): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

JFA is planning a MISSISSIPPI BUS TOUR, highlighting our ministry partners: John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation and Voice of Calvary Ministries of Jackson, MS, and Mississippi Christian Family Services of Rolling Fork, MS. The dates are April 3-10, 2024. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in communities of need in MS. A day in Branson on the way home will round out our great trip! Call Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org or 712-476-2804) for more information.