

Lord's Day Celebration
December 2, 2018

Prelude

Call to Worship: "Carol of the Bells" Bell Choir

Welcome

*Greeting

*Lighting of the Advent Candle: Kelly & Lisa Jansma and Family
244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Prayer of Praise

Ministry of Music: "Good King Wenceslas" Bell Choir

Children's Message: Dwayne Van Leeuwen

Children Dismissed for Children In Worship

Hymn of Preparation: # 292 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" vv. 1, 2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25, 68-79 page 1587

Message: "The God of Impossible Things 4 – Zechariah & John the Baptist"

Prayer for Blessing on the Word & Congregational Prayer

Offering, Offertory Hymn: # 270 "Joy to the World!" vv. 1, 2, 4

*Doxology & Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Song: # 179 "Awesome God"

*Postlude

*All that are able please stand.

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WELCOME

Today as we worship, we begin the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah.

OPPORTUNITIES TODAY

GREETERS: Today – Mel and Arnetta Van Peurse, John and Hendrene Zoet, Don and Norma Slothouber, Bob and Henrietta Dykstra. Dec. 9 – Arvin and Lauri Boote, Calvin and Connie Bomgaars, John and Norma Boogerd, Stan and Ruth Zylstra.

PRAY WITH US: Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. in the Consistory Room. Join us for a time of prayer.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: Leader: Lauri Boote. Story: Advent. Greeters: Lori Smit and Lavonne De Jong. 4 year olds-Kindergarten are dismissed after the Children's Message to attend Children In Worship in the basement in the CIW room. Next Week: Dec. 9 – Leader: Rachel Yurk. Story: Meeting the Christ Child. Greeters: Linda Landman and Susan Moser.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following morning worship.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE: 10:45 A.M. The Primary and Intermediate Department Sunday School children (3 yr. olds-6th grade) will have Christmas program practice in the *basement* until 11:30 A.M.

JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL KIDS will meet in the youth room during the Congregational Meeting to discover the meaning of church membership, pray for the Congregational Meeting, and then make Christmas cards to encourage church members (e.g. shut-in's). Please join us.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for the Adult group that is Walking Through the Bible. We will start again with Genesis 1:1 on January 6. We would love to have you join us!!

POTLUCK DINNER at 12 noon in the fellowship hall.

BELL CHOIR: No practice tonight. Our next scheduled practice is January 6, 2019.

IMPACT: 6:00 P.M. Large Group in youth room. Gretta Van Es is responsible for snacks.

NO EVENING WORSHIP TODAY.

COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY at 7:00 at Ken and Lydia Vander Stouwe's home.

CONSISTORY GREETING: A.M. A-Dwayne Van Leeuwen, E-Steve Vermeer, C-Pastor Kevin, W-Doyle Wissink, B-Arvin Boote.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY: 7:00 P.M. Education Team meeting.

7:30 P.M. Mission & Outreach Team meeting.

WEDNESDAY: 6:15 A.M. Men's Bible Study.

Family Night Activities

6:45-7:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study & Prayer at Aspen Heights.

7:00-8:15 P.M. Adventure Club & Choir (1st-6th Grade in the basement)

7:30-8:15 P.M. 7th and 8th Grade Catechism (2nd Floor)

7:00-7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir practice (choir room)

7:30-8:30 P.M. **ROCK** – Large Group in the youth room. Ashlie Saavedra and Annette Jacobson are responsible for snacks.

NEXT SUNDAY: **Second Sunday of Advent.**

- Pastor Kevin's final Sunday with us. A farewell reception will be held following morning worship in the fellowship hall.
- Building Fund offering.
- Children In Worship will meet.
- Christmas program practice for 3 yr. olds – 6th grade in the sanctuary.
- For the evening service, we will be having a Christmas Carol Hymn Sing. Please join us for this special service of Scripture and Song.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND GROWTH

NURSERY: Today – Pam Van Sloten, Julie Ten Haken, Blake Moser, Taylor Sohl. Dec. 9 – Sara Van Roekel, Libby Blied, Landon Woelber, Braylen Crawford.

VALET PARKING ASSISTANTS: Today – Jay Visser and Bert Van Batavia.

Dec. 9 – Ron Boote and Paul Meyer.

HOSPITAL NOTES AND PRAYER CONCERNS: Gradus Kuipers has returned home following hospitalization and rehab at Avera in Sioux Falls. Bob Boote is having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, December 4, at Orange City Area Health.

THANK YOU: Our family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food brought in, visits and kindness shown to our family in the last few months. It has been a long journey of ups and downs. A special thank you to Pastor Kevin for all his visits and words of comfort. Thanks for all the visits from our church family; we are so overcome with gratitude, it was such a comfort to be remembered and it helped Gary keep in contact with things going on outside of the hospital and home. When a person is in the hospital, visitors and prayers are a balm to the soul. Also, thank you for all the cards Gary received for this 80th birthday, it was so appreciated and made his day. Gary is gaining strength and improving so thanks be to God for his faithfulness. Words cannot express our thankfulness to our faithful prayer warriors who prayed over Gary and our entire family. We are thankful to God for continued healing and for a wonderful church family who took the time to show us kindness and offer encouragement when it was most needed. God bless you all.

Gary & Hendrene Mars and family

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING will be held today, immediately after morning worship. One of the items on the agenda is the ratification of elders and deacons. The following names will be presented for Elder: Randy Baartman, Tom Bonestroo, and Harwin Te Slaa. The following names will be presented for Deacon: Randy Brands, Brent Van Den Top, and Justin Wissink. Be in prayer for each of these nominees.

CANCELLING ACTIVITIES DUE TO WINTER WEATHER: As in years past, the Consistory Executive Committee makes the decision to cancel or postpone events due to winter weather. After the decision has been made to cancel or postpone, the local radio stations (KSOU 93.9 in Sioux Center and KIWA 105.3 in Sheldon) are called. They will post it on their website and announce it on the radio. Along with notifying the radio stations, an announcement will be put on the church website (www.hullfrc.org) (click on the Weather Announcements tab). We will also try to send out a church email to those who have given the church office their email. If you currently receive emails from the church, you will be included. Cancellations are **not** posted on the Hull cable TV Channel 12. As always, please use your own judgment when it comes to going out in the inclement weather.

DELIVER BULLETINS TO SHUT-INS: Each week, the church bulletin is brought by volunteers to our church members living at Pleasant Acres and Aspen Heights and to the homes of a few of our members that find it difficult to get to church. We are looking for one more person who would be willing to help out delivering bulletins. Please call the church office (439-1263) if you would like to volunteer or you need more information.

GEMS will have their Christmas party Monday, December 3, from 6:45 to 8:30 P.M. at Hope CRC. Girls are encouraged to wear festive holiday clothing. We will be decorating cookies, making a craft and making cards.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE will be on December 9, from 10:45 to 11:30 A.M.

Please meet in the sanctuary immediately after church.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT (3rd -6th GRADE): If any boys or girls are interested in playing a piano or instrumental number for the prelude of the Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, *December 16*, please contact Arnetta Van Peursem at 439-1639 by Sunday, December 9.

CIRCLE OUTING: There will be a Circle outing on Thursday, December 13. Meet at church at 9:00 A.M. to carpool.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: The congregation is invited to spread some holiday cheer and come caroling on Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 P.M. Meet at church to carpool.

YOUNG ADULT MYSTERY DINNER: The “Adulting” group for 20’s and 30’s will have its second event on Friday, December 14, at 6:15 P.M. hosted at Arvin and Lauri Boote’s home. A 3-course “mystery dinner,” in which participants order off a “mystery menu” that gives alternate identities to different foods (e.g. ordering “Christmas trees” might give you broccoli, or “hay” give you hash browns). Don’t forget to order what might be a spoon or fork, lest you be eating with your fingers! For more details, grab a flier by the church office, check the “young adult ministry” tab on the church website, or join the Adulting* Facebook group. Contact Bethany Dykstra (bethany@hullfrc.org) with questions.

CAROLING REQUESTS: If you live at Pleasant Acres, Aspen Heights, or in your own home and would like the IMPACT group to stop by for Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 16, between 2:30-3:30 P.M., please call Bethany Dykstra at 439-1644. We would love to worship with you!

THE SOCK & MITTEN TREE will be in the fellowship hall until Sunday, December 16. Please remember that **socks** are needed for all ages. You can also donate hats, gloves, mittens, snow pants (school age kids), and scarves. The items will be given to Kevin Sas-Perez who serves at the Transformation City Church in Milwaukee. The clothing will be given to kids that attend the church’s weekly neighborhood Bible club and youth group, as well as other needy kids in the neighborhood.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE READERS: We are in need of a number of people to read for the Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 23. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall. Practice for the service will be on Wednesday, *December 19*, at 8:30 P.M. in the sanctuary.

If a pastoral concern or need arises, it is the responsibility of the family to contact
Pastor Kevin, an elder or the church office.