

Worship Celebration

9:30 am—December 3, 2017

Interim Pastor Merle Den Bleyker

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

“O Come, O Come, Immanuel” Gray 328

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Gray 327

Prayer

Responsive Reading: Romans 5:1-5

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Gray 170

Baptism of James

“Jesus Loves Me”

Offering: **General Fund**

Little Lambs Prayer – children ages 3-5 dismissed

Prayer

Scripture: **Ruth 1**

Sermon: **The School of “Hard Knocks”**

Prayer

“The Solid Rock” Green 526

God’s Blessing

“His Eye is On the Sparrow” Green 624

GOOD MORNING! We hope that you will find the time we spend together with God in worship to be a source of hope, inspiration, and encouragement. To help you receive the most out of worship this morning, there are large print orders of worship and hearing devices available for you. We also provide a nursery for your little ones, and we have children’s bulletins.

We invite you to fill out a **“Communication Card”** that is in the book rack in front of you. You may use it to make a prayer request or just to let us know that you were our guest today. Please place them in the offering bag as it passes.

CD’s of the messages are available. **To request, please fill out the yellow card** on the table in the foyer or fellowship hall and drop it in the “secretary” mailbox by our nursery.

Please stay for coffee, cookies, and refreshments which will be served in the social hall after the service.

Today we will be celebrating the **Baptism of James** infant son of **Jason and Emily**.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

Cookies, Carols & Children’s Program Sunday, December 10th. Our children will present the Christmas Story during our 2nd week of Advent worship service. Following the service please plan to join our church family for **Coffee, Hot Spiced Cider, and Hot Chocolate** to enjoy the Christmas Spirit. **We are asking everyone to please bring 2 dozen of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies that Sunday,** and then we can all enjoy your delicious treats for the following Sundays leading up to Christmas as well.

Children’s Christmas Program Practice will be in the Sanctuary following the service **TODAY.**

Friends of Marie Lambuth are invited to a **90th birthday celebration** in her honor at an open house at Phoenix CRC given by her family on **Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 2 to 5 p.m.** No gifts, please, just your love and presence are needed. Thank you.

Thank you to everybody for your prayers, thoughts, concerns, visits, cards, phone calls and flowers during my recent surgery. Appreciate you all but continue to pray for continued healing. **God has been good to me. Jeanette**

2018 Greeters: It’s time to sign up to welcome everyone who joins us for worship. Just choose a month that you would like to be a host and arrive by 9:00am to greet and hand out bulletins. If you are interested, contact **Carol** at **secretary@phoenixcrc.org.**

Ladies of all ages, mark your calendars to join us for a **baby shower on Saturday, December 16 at 10am** in the church library. **Isaac and Mary are expecting a baby girl in January,** and we want to make sure they have what they need before Christmas. Mary is registered mainly at Amazon, but also at Target and Babies R Us (search by name and due date).

Dear Friends at Phoenix First,

We read the bulletins weekly and love seeing all the activities going on at the church. **Thank you so much for your continued ministry to us.** We praise God for you all and your faithfulness to get God’s Word out into the world in all the languages. We love what we are doing with our TOTAL IT UP’s. It is a vision weekend for those looking to become a part of the Bible Translation challenge. We love what we are doing and thank you so much for allowing us to be a part of this ministry through your generous support.

God bless you, Bob & Carol Kuiken

Church Schedule for 12/3 - 12/9

SUNDAY	8:45 am	Prayer in Council Room
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School Program Practice
MONDAY	6:00 pm	Operations
	6:00 pm	Worship & Arts
TUESDAY	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:15 pm	T.E.W.G.
WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm	Cadets
	6:30 pm	GEMS / Men's Bible Study
		Prayer Group
SATURDAY	10:00 am	Sunday School Practice
	2:00 pm	Marie Lambuth's 90 th Birthday Open House

This Week's Birthdays

Marie the 6th, Thomas the 8th
Andrea the 9th

Next Week's Offering: Phoenix Rescue Mission
"Care Box" Missions

Volunteer Schedule

Hosts – Marv & Carol

Library Today – Jodie **Next Week** – Marsha

Nursery – Deb G., Samantha, Barb, Zach (Amanda)

Next Week – Erin, Michelle, Becky, Ella (Rochelle)

Little Lambs Teacher – Sarah M. **Helper** - Tami

Next Week LL Teacher – Sarah M. **Helper** - Mandy

Cookies – Cookies provided from monetary donations

Next Week – Everyone please bring 2 dozen cookies

Sound & Video – Alan & Phil

Next Week – Paul & Steve

Parking Lot Roamers – John V. & Phil S.

Next Week – Jeff K. & Richard B.

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We Call Ourselves...

Christian...

because we belong to Jesus Christ and want to be his followers.

Reformed...

because we're part of the historic branch of the Christian church that follows the teachings of the leaders of the Protestant Reformation, who struggled to return Christianity to its biblical roots.

Church...

because God has called us to be a fellowship of his people in the world.

Our Mission

*"We exist to glorify God
by loving Him and serving our neighbors
as we continue the work Jesus began on earth."*

Our Vision

*"Being changed by God's love,
we move ahead in His grace...
lifting our hands to worship the Lord,
joining our hands to nurture one another
and extending our hands to serve our neighbors
...as we walk together in freedom,
joy and faithfulness."*

You are welcome to contact a council member at any time.

Elders

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