

Worship Celebration

9:30 am—December 17, 2017

Interim Pastor Merle Den Bleyker

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

“How Great Our Joy”

“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come” Gray 337

Prayer

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Gray 568

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Gray 353

Offering: **General Fund**

Little Lambs Prayer – children ages 3 - 5 are dismissed

Prayer

Scripture: **Ruth 3**

Sermon: **“Risk Taking”**

Prayer

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Passing the Bread: “I Am the Bread of Life”

Passing the Cup: “Oh, to See the Dawn”

Benevolence Offering: “Let There Be Praise” Green 211

God’s Blessing

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” Gray 356

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 celebrate the Lord’s Supper;
all believers in Jesus are welcome to join us.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the service TODAY. This meeting will be to confirm 2 new elder nominees and 1 new deacon nominee for the coming year. The nominees are:

**Steve VP (elder), Dennis P (elder),
and Richard B (deacon)**

Ladies of all ages, mark your calendars to join us for a baby shower on Saturday, January 20 at 10am in the church library. **Jonathon & Xiaomeng are expecting a baby boy in February.** Registry is on Amazon under Xiaomeng:

Poinsettias: There is a sign - up sheet in the Social Hall if you would like to purchase a poinsettia, they are **\$9 each.** Make your checks out to the church or add the money to your tithing and mark it in the memo line. **Poinsettias may be taken home after the Dec. 24th morning service.**

December Council Meeting Highlights:

1. Rev. Merle Den Bleyker’s last Sunday as interim pastor will be January 7th. Rev. Jeffery Weima, professor of New Testament from Calvin Seminary, will be preaching Sunday January 14th and Sunday January 21st. Rev. Jack Grey will be starting as our next interim pastor Sunday January 28th, and will be with us through the end of April.

2. The pastor search team is working on updating the church profile. A survey will be sent soon to the congregation requesting information. The council asks that when you receive the survey that you complete it in a timely manner.

3. A new TV and DVD player has been installed in the library and is available for use.

4. Work will start the week of 12/11 to re-route the parsonage sewage line to fix the parsonage plumbing problems.

5. Norma Voss will be starting in January as the new children ministry coordinator. Thank you to Jay Richardson, the outgoing coordinator, for all the work he has done in that position.

6. Ken Rindels updated the council on the Village’s discipleship conference that was held in Tucson in November.

My gratitude to those who were kind enough to remember my **90th birthday** with beautiful, meaningful cards, prayers, attending open house with your kind wishes and blessings and filling me with joy and thanks. Also, a special thanks to daughter Beverly, family and friends who created the party. It was a joy to receive the huge Birthday card from the Little Lambs and Sunday School. **Praise the Lord for long life and friends. Love Marie**

Church Schedule for 12/17 - 12/23

SUNDAY 8:45 am Prayer in Council Room
9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School
TUESDAY 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm Prayer Group

This Week's Birthdays

Mandy & Haylee the 20th
Bryan the 21st, Greta the 22nd
Vicky the 23rd

Next Week's Offering: Missions
"Care Box" Missions

Volunteer Schedule

Hosts – Marv & Carol

Library Today – Betty **Next Week** – Florence

Nursery – Emily, Katrina, Andrea M., Avery (Lynola)

Next Week – Amanda, Rebekah, Barb, Kaley (Debbie)

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

Next Week No Little Lambs – Christmas Service

Cookies – More Christmas Cookies

Next Week – Karin

Sound & Video – Daniel & Doug

Next Week – Andy & Jonathon

Parking Lot Roamers – Steven B. & Jason V.

Next Week – No Roamers

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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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