

**Worship Celebration**  
**9:30 am — December 24, 2017**  
**Interim Pastor Merle Den Bleyker**

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Gray 345

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Gray 340

Prayer

“Silent Night” Green 253

“The First Noel” Green 265

Offering: **Missions**

Prayer

Scripture: **Ruth 4**

Sermon: **“Costly Love”**

Prayer

“Angels We Have Heard on High” Gray 347

God’s Blessing

“What Child is This” Green 281

**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.**

**Little Lambs will not meet today.**

**Installation** of our new elder and deacons will be on **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**. Dennis and Steve will be installed as elders and Richard as deacon.

**Pastor Merle’s** last Sunday with us will be January 7<sup>th</sup>. Guest Pastor, **Dr. Jeffrey Weima**, Professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary, will be leading us in worship on January 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. **Interim Pastor Jack Gray** will be leading us in worship from January 28<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Poinsettias:** If you purchased a poinsettia be sure to take it home today to enjoy during the holidays. If you would still like to purchase one at \$9.00, please check the list in the fellowship hall to see how many are left.

**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 <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/95OHTU03E5MB>.

**Pastor Search Committee:** You should have received an email this week with the link to the Pastor Search Survey. **Please complete this survey by Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** so the Search Committee can better understand the congregation’s expectations and preferences for a new pastor. If you don’t have email, please see Paul Winn today.

The **Operations Committee** has scheduled a **work day at the Parsonage on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** to get it ready for our next Interim Pastor. This will include some cleaning, setting up the bedrooms, bathrooms, and kitchen to welcome Pastor Jack and Wanda Gray as they begin their service here the end of January. For more information, **contact Jeff Kraker.**

The **flowers today** are in honor of **Nettie**, with love from her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

**Save the Dates:**

**Saturday, January 6:** Work Day at the Parsonage

**Saturday, January 13:** Bingo & Soup Supper

**Saturday, January 20:** Xiaomeng Bratt Baby Boy Shower

Church Schedule for 12/24 - 12/30

SUNDAY 8:45 am Prayer in Council Room  
9:30 am Worship Service  
WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm Prayer Group

This Week's Birthdays

Joshua the 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jason & Maurice the 30<sup>th</sup>

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

Volunteer Schedule

Hosts – Marv & Carol

Library Today – Florence Next Week – Beth

Nursery – Amanda, Rebekah, Barb, Kaley (Debbie)  
Next Week – Deb G., Andrea R., Tami, Ellie (Sara B.)

NO Little Lambs Today – Christmas Service  
Next Week Teacher – Sarah M. Helper - Nate

Cookies – Karin  
Next Week – We need someone to sign up.

Sound & Video – Andy & Jonathon  
Next Week – Andy & Phil V.

Parking Lot Roamers – No Roamers  
Next Week – No Roamers

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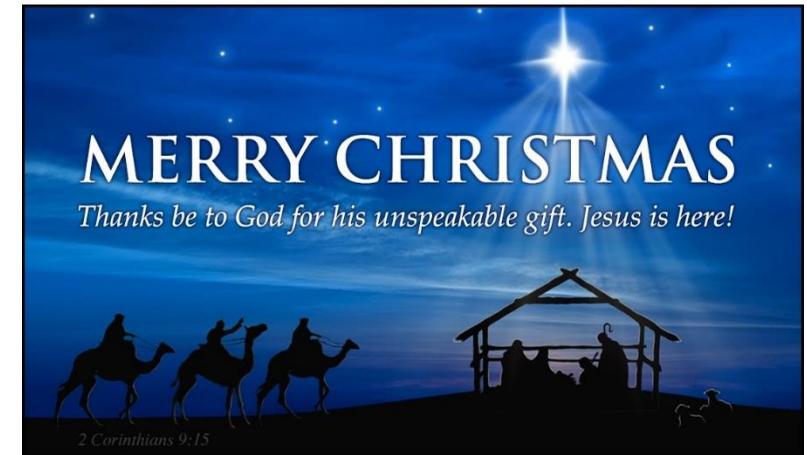
We Call Ourselves...  
**Christian...**  
because we belong to Jesus Christ and want to be his followers.  
**Reformed...**  
because we're part of the historic branch of the Christian church that follows the teachings of the leaders of the Protestant Reformation, who struggled to return Christianity 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.

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