

Worship Celebration

9:30 am — December 31, 2017

Interim Pastor Merle Den Bleyker

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Gray 469

“This is My Father’s World” Gray 436

Prayer

“Beautiful Savior” Gray 461

“I Love to Tell the Story” Gray 530

Offering: **General Fund**

Little Lambs Prayer – children ages 3-5 dismissed

Prayer

Scripture: **Luke 2:41-52**

Sermon: **“A Resolution to End All Resolutions”**

Prayer

“How Firm a Foundation” Gray 500

God’s Blessing

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” Gray 556

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.

Installation of our new elder and deacons will be on **Sunday, January 7th**. **Dennis Preston** and **Steve Vander Ploeg** will be installed as **elders** and **Richard Brummett** as **deacon**.

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

Save the Date: Please plan to join us on Saturday, January 13th at 3:30 pm for Family Bingo & Soup Supper. Watch for the sign up next Sunday.

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 5th** 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 6th** 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 Holidays are over so it’s time to take down all the beautiful decorations. Carolee and Vicky need several volunteers to take down the Christmas trees and other decorations on **Saturday, January 6 at 9:30 am**. Contact Carolee or Vicky with questions.

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

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**.

Church Schedule for 12/31- 1/06

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| SUNDAY | 8:45 am | Prayer in Council Room |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| MONDAY | 7:00 pm | Deacons |
| TUESDAY | 10:00 am | Ladies Bible Study |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:30 pm | Prayer Group |
| SATURDAY | 8:30 am | Parsonage Work Day |
| | 9:30 am | Take Down Church Christmas Decorations |

This Week's Birthdays

Carolee the 1st

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

Volunteer Schedule

Hosts – Marv & Carol

January Hosts – Tom & Charlotte

Library Today – Beth **Next Week** – Jodie

Nursery – Deb G., Andrea R., Tami, Ellie (Sara B.)

Next Week – Carol, Nicole, Erin, Joshua (Samantha)

Little Lambs Teacher – Sarah M. **Helper** – Nate

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Cookies – PCRC Donation

Next Week – Emily Bremer & Kathy Bremer

Sound & Video – Andy & Phil

Next Week – Alan & Phil

Parking Lot Roamers – No Roamers

Next Week – Andy & Zach

Phoenix Christian Reformed Church

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

Doug De Hoogh – Vice President

Paul Frieling

Andy Keizer - Clerk

Jonathon Madderom - President

Ron Vander Ark

Deacons

Jason Bremer

Zach Haché - Chairman

Jeff Kraker - Treasurer

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