

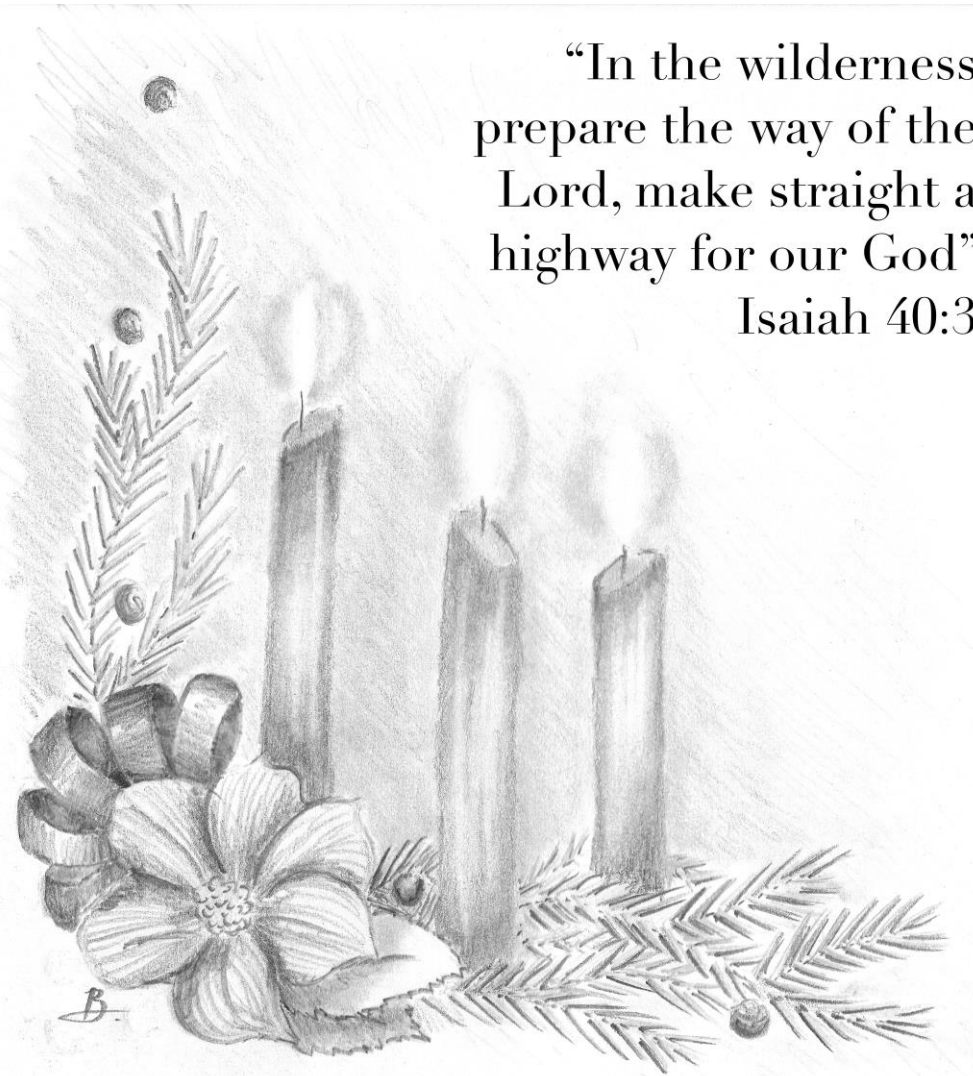
*Opportunities to Serve*

	Today – December 23	Next Sunday – December 30
<b>Coffee/Juice Servers</b>	David & Sally Vander Tuin Dennis & Dione Visser Leen & Soyen van Beek	Matt & Kelli Van Roekel Sherm & Goldene Wissink Jim & Glenda Bos
<b>Greeters</b>	Tim & Mel Klein Mike & Heidi Ochsner Dean & Darlene Reichert Gladyce Nyhof Jason & Tami Koelewyn	Wayne & Pam Klein Kathy, Rhonda & Carla Peterson Barb Mantel Ron & Karen Rynders Cliff & Joanne Soodsma
<b>PM</b>		
<b>Upstairs</b>		
<b>Roving Greet</b>	Scott Visser	Lisa Dykstra
<b>Sound</b>	Matt Van Roekel	Phil De Stigter
<b>Video</b>	AM - Andrew Louwerse PM - Phil Van Maanen	Tim Klein
<b>Power Point</b>	Wayne Klein	Sam Fopma
<b>Broadcast</b>	Rich Haan	Rich Haan
<b>C &amp; W</b>	No Children & Worship	No Children & Worship
<b>Nursery</b>	A.M.      Infant      P.M. Stacy K   Tami K   Brittney K Tammy L   Emily M   Denise K Kellan M                   Omar A Emma K                      Karissa R	A.M.      Infant      P.M. Mel Kn    Carla N    Heidi Oc Maria M   Kryn VB   Sally VT Brenna VR                   Maddie K Kirsten B                      Dylan K
<b>Bus Driver / Asst</b>	Curt Moerman / Scott Visser	Wes Kroeze / Drew De Vries
<b>Valet Parking</b>	Mike Ochsner / Jeff Heldt	Rich Koele / Loren De Stigter
<b>Ushers</b>	Lisa Dykstra, Marv Hooyer, Dean Reichert, Ross Vander Berg	Lisa Dykstra, Marv Hooyer, Dean Reichert, Ross Vander Berg

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE – Tuesday, December 25 – 9:30 AM:**

<b>Greeters</b>	Andrew & Justean Ter Haar Alex & Hannah Van Den Top Kevin & Karen Timmer
<b>Upstairs</b>	
<b>Sound</b>	Dale Vander Berg
<b>Video</b>	Phil Van Maanen
<b>Power Point</b>	Wayne Klein
<b>Broadcast</b>	Rich Haan
<b>Nursery</b>	Carla Peterson, Kathy Peterson Parker Van Roekel, Logan Mulenburg
<b>Bus Driver / Asst</b>	Drew De Vries / Tom De Vries
<b>Valet Parking</b>	Drew De Vries
<b>Ushers</b>	Lisa Dykstra, Marv Hooyer, Dean Reichert, Ross Vander Berg

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“In the wilderness  
prepare the way of the  
Lord, make straight a  
highway for our God”  
Isaiah 40:3

*First Christian Reformed Church ~ Sioux Center, Iowa  
Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 23, 2018*

**Welcome** to First CRC! If you are visiting, we extend a special welcome to you! We pray that our worship and fellowship may encourage you and all of us in our daily walk with the Lord. Please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and juice in the Fellowship Hall after our morning service.

### *Worship Notes – December 23, 2018*

This morning Dr. Jason Lief will open God's Word to us, and in the evening our Service Pastor Carl Klompfen will bring us God's Word.

Also, this morning's worship service will include the installation of the new Elders (Ted Hengeveld, Will Maas, Derick Roos) and Deacons (Alex Davelaar, Drew De Vries, Joel Van Otterloo) and commissioning of the Pastoral Assistants (Myrna De Vries, Avonda Fessler, Marsha Meyer). Those retiring as elders are Jim Bos, Wes Kroeze, and Jason Lief; as deacons: Brad De Kruyf, Tom De Vries, and Joel Sikkema; and as pastoral assistants: Glenda Bos, Ellen Klompfen, and Amy Vander Berg.

There will be no Children and Worship program this morning due to the Christmas break.

Israel waited and hoped for the Christ child. Today we wait for Christ to come again in a world that is still full of sorrow and sin. In this season of waiting and anticipation called Advent, we take time to **watch, repent, and prepare** so that we may be ready to **proclaim** the good news that God has come through Jesus Christ to restore us and all of creation. The candles lit each week by members of our Friendship Bible Class represent hope, peace, joy, and love and are lit as signs of the coming light of Christ. The banners are in the Advent colors of purple and blue for this season of preparation. Among these joyful lights and colors stands the cross, reminding us that Christ came into the world to pay for the debt of our sin on the cross.

In addition to all the signs and symbols of Advent, we use many songs of expectation and relatively few Christmas songs. Advent culminates in the fulfillment of Christmas, when our worship sings in joyful exultation in celebration of the arrival of the Christ-child. While the world around us moves quickly on to the next holiday and beyond, the historic church encourages us to anticipate, celebrate, and then remember special days in the church calendar. Recognizing that Christmas does not end on December 26, we will continue to sing in celebration of the Christmas season which begins on Christmas Day and includes the following two Sundays.

Thank you to Kirsten Buitter for designing our Advent bulletin cover and also, thanks to Janna Wesselius for making new words for our Advent banners!

### *Announcements*

**Please submit all January newsletter items today to Ron Rynders** (Ron.Rynders@dordt.edu) who is our new *Fellowship* editor.

**Our Christmas Day worship service** will be this coming Tuesday, December 25, at 9:30am, with an offering to be taken for the Sioux Falls Union Gospel Mission.

### **FROM THE DEACONS--**

The General Fund offering last week was \$3,045. To meet our general fund budget and capital campaign goal, we need to collect \$54,800 in the last two weeks of December.

To meet our Mission Fund budget, we need to collect \$5,800 in December. Year-to-date receipts have been averaging \$3,737 per month. We have one more scheduled offering for the Mission Fund on December 30.

To meet our Building Fund budget, we need to collect \$4,600 in December. Year-to-date receipts have been averaging \$3,550 per month. We have one more scheduled offering for the Building Fund on December 30.

### *Church Family*

Pray for God's comfort and peace to surround Scott Visser and Dennis & Dione Visser and family because of the passing away of their nephew, Kris Visser of Sioux Center, on Monday, December 17. The funeral was at First Reformed in Sioux Center on Saturday.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Wayne Kobes in the passing away of his mother, Ruth Kobes, on December 15. The funeral was held this past Saturday in Sioux City.

Arnie Koekkoek was hospitalized for pneumonia and returned home this past Tuesday.

Marty Dekkenga had surgery on Thursday, December 20, at Dakota Dunes. Pray for a good recovery.

Lawrence Meendering returned to Mayo in Rochester on Friday, December 14, and will remain there for a time as a precautionary measure to monitor his recovery.

Daryl Vander Kooi is residing for a brief time at Royale Meadows in Room #604.

### *Youth Group*

December 26- Off

January 2- Off

January 9- Puzzle Night

### *Prayer Requests*

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Leanne Gillson.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings for Christ the King Catholic Parish and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

**The Prayer Committee** encourages everyone to submit prayer requests that can be used either in congregational prayer or in confidential prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer requests by placing them in the Information Center box (forms provided there) or by contacting an elder.

*What's Happening This Week {December 23 – December 30, 2018}*

<b>Today</b>	9:30am	Morning Advent worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief, including the installation of new elders and deacons, and commissioning of pastoral assistants.
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Carl Klompien. An offering will be taken for Mississippi Christian Family Services.
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am	Christmas Day worship service led by Dr. Jason Lief. An offering will be taken for the Sioux Falls Union Gospel Mission.
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of Worship Service on Channel 12
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am	Three Rivers Cadets Council Snow Derby
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Dr. John Kok.
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Dan De Groot. An offering will be taken for Mission & Building Funds.