

*Advent*



12/13/09

# First Christian Reformed Church

Waupun, Wisconsin

*“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
and into His courts with praise.”  
Psalm 100:4*

## ***Welcome***

In Christ we welcome all who need comfort, friendship, and hope. Our worship is designed to honor God as well as encourage and feed His people. We hope and pray that God will speak to you today.

If you are presently seeking a church home, we welcome you to join our fellowship. If you would like further information about our church, log onto the church website or contact Pastor Craig or the church office.

## ***Our Vision***

With the help and presence of our living Lord, we seek to energize and transform lives and maintain the essence of the historic Reformed faith in our worship, service, and fellowship; and to pass on our faith to others.

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Church Secretary Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10 AM–3 PM  
Bulletin announcements deadline: Thursday noon  
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# 9:30 AM Worship

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

## Prelude

**\*Call to Worship** from Isaiah 49:6, while lighting candles

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

**People: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

Leader: The LORD says to his servant, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

**People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "You are Holy" (see screen)

**\*God's Greeting**

**\*We Greet Each Other**

**God's Will:** "Love the Lord, Your God" R810 read responsively

**Song of Preparation:** "Away in a Manger" R262 vs. 1-2

(Children aged 3 years through 4<sup>th</sup> grade may come forward for the Children's Message during the song.)

**Children's Message:** led by Laura Venhuizen

(Afterwards, children aged 3-6 may leave for Children's Worship in the upstairs Youth Room.)

**Song:** "Away in a Manger" R262 vs. 3

**\*Scripture:** Isaiah 40:1-11

**We Study God's Word:** "Display Your Glory"

**Prayer**

**\*Response in Song:** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" G355 vs. 1-3

**Congregational and Offertory Prayer**

**Offering** for Local Budget

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology:** "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" G354 vs. 5

**\*Postlude**

# 7:00 PM Worship

(\*Please stand if you are able)

## Prelude

## Welcome

\***Opening song:** “O Come All Ye Faithful” R249  
vs. 1-3

## Choir Cantata: “Heaven & Earth Rejoice”

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

“What Child is This?”

“Song of the Angels”

“Gloria! Be Exalted!”

## Offering for Classical Ministry Shares

\***Congregation Sings:** “Hark the Herald Angels  
Sing” R277 vs. 1 & 3

## Choir Cantata: “Heaven & Earth Rejoice”

“Worship at the Manger”

“Shout to the North”

“This Holy Night”

“Glorious Joy”

“Joy to the World”

## \*Benediction

\***Doxology:** “By the Sea of Crystal” vs. 3

## \*Postlude

## **Accompanist**

Brenda Hofman

## **Greeters**

Jack, Marla, Jason, & Jordan  
De Jager

## **Library**

Lori Kitchner  
Marcia Buteyn  
Nancy Wierenga

## **Nursery**

Dominique Van Hill  
Trevor Zonnefeld

## **Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

## **Transportation**

Arky Navis (324-2859)  
Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

## **Video Projection**

Katie De Jager

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## Welcome

**We welcome our visitors** and hope that you enjoy worshiping with us. The red Celebration Hymnals are located under the pew in front of you. Inform an usher if you prefer a large-print bulletin, and feel free to check one of the “Visitor” mailslots in the narthex for additional materials.

**Children’s Bulletins** are available in the back sanctuary rack.

## Worship Notes

**Today is the third Sunday of Advent**, a season of waiting designed to cultivate our awareness of God’s actions—past, present, and future.



"I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Isaiah 49:6b



This evening the adult choir will present the Christmas worship cantata "**Heaven & Earth Rejoice - A Christmas Worship Experience.**" We thank each member, Director Laura Ten Pass, and accompanist Brenda Hofman for sharing their talents with us in this special way and throughout the year. Soloists: Lexi De Jager and Hollie Ten Pass.

**Verse of the Week: Isaiah 40:5** "And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

### **Our Family**

**Howard Te Beest's** physical condition has been worsening over the past weeks. He had some internal bleeding which was stopped, but he has been placed under Hospice care recently because his bodily organs are slowing down. Let us remember Howard and Nina in our prayers.

We give thanks to God that **Merle Schouten** has received two new knees. The surgery went well, and he is now starting therapy. We ask that the Great Healer will bless Merle with a good recovery.

#### **Directory Updates:**

- ✓ Ben Mulder: 803 Burnett St.
- ✓ Millie Kuiper: Room 416B
- ✓ Anna Venhuizen: 344-2283

**We rejoice with the following** who will celebrate an anniversary or birthday this week:

| <u><b>Anniversaries:</b></u> | <u><b>Dec</b></u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dick & Barb Heeringa         | 18                |

### ***Congratulations!***

| <u><b>Birthdays:</b></u> | <u><b>Dec</b></u> | <u><b>Dec</b></u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Torrie Sanford           | 13                | Paul Pausma 15    |
| Mickey Derksen           | 14                | Emily Andrew 16   |
| Howard Te Beest          | 14                | Zachary 18        |

### **Church News**

**Council** will meet at 8:00 PM tomorrow. Please inform an elder or deacon if you have any matter for the council.

**Cadets** will meet this Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 PM, at the CWC Elementary Campus.



**GEMS:** We are unable to have the roller skating party on Wednesday. Instead we will have a GEMS Christmas party at our normal time and place. Please call Annie with any questions - anniesyens@yahoo.com or 318-2289. Thanks!

**Youth Group** will meet at the Union at 7:00 PM this Wednesday. Snack: Jacob Mulder.

**Christmas Program Practice** will be held on Saturday at 8:30 AM for **band students** and at 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM for the **Sunday School kids** that are participating in the program.



**Friendship Bible Study** will hold their Christmas Social on Monday, December 21.



**Look for the 2010 Faith Promise pamphlet in your mailslot today.**

The numerous missions supported through this fund remain the same as last year. Please remember that these are NOT supported through our Local Budget or the ministry shares – your pledge and faithful support are vitally important! Please prayerfully consider how much the Lord would have you commit to these important causes and deposit your pledge slip in a mailbag or the narthex “RETURN” mailslot by December 27. Thank you.

**Needed: Items for the next issue of *First Family Ties*.** Do you have a favorite old photo you are willing to share? Do you have a recipe that needs sharing? Maybe you know something about another member that is newsworthy, or your child has written something worth sharing.... Please help us keep the newsletter full of interesting bits of information by sharing with us—we need your help! Articles can be emailed to Lois at muldelj@powercom.net or placed in her mailslot by December 27.

**2010 Devotional Day Planners** from Mission India are available on the narthex counter for anyone wishing one.

### **Special Holiday Services:**

- ✓ December 20 PM: Sunday School Christmas Program “Manger King”
- ✓ December 24 PM: Christmas Eve Worship
- ✓ December 31 PM: New Year’s Eve combined worship at Bethel CRC

### **Community Happenings**



The CWC’s Middle and High School Music Department’s **Night of Christmas Praise** will be held at 7:00 PM this Tuesday in the Secondary Campus gym. Those performing include the Middle School band and choir, Junior Choir, New Generation Singers, Senior Choir, and the High School band. Take some time out of your busy schedule to sit back and reflect on our newborn Savior as these students offer their talents up in praise.





**Do you need help wrapping your Christmas gifts this year?** Our MOPS group would like to help! We will be offering **FREE** gift wrapping at 5:30-8:30 PM this Thursday at Bethel CRC. Bring your gifts in boxes ready to wrap and enjoy hot cocoa and treats while you wait. Call Sara at

324-1086 with any questions.

**Singles, couples, and families** who would be alone on Christmas are invited to dinner at 12 noon on Christmas day at the Wesley Center. For reservations, call 324-2623 or 928-3310. Transportation is available in the Waupun area.



## **Around the World**

**CRWRC: Blessed by His Gift and Yours** - Jesus' birth was one of the greatest sacrifices of all time. He gave up His place in heaven and became human. This was topped only by His additional sacrifice on the cross. This year, as you celebrate Christ's coming, please consider how you can give sacrificially to share His love with others. To see what impact your gifts can have, visit CRWRC's gift catalog at [www.crwrc.org/blessed](http://www.crwrc.org/blessed).

**Start your day (and your year) with "Daylight"**—a newly updated, classic devotional by Rev. Andrew Kuyvenhoven! Be challenged and inspired as you explore what it means to live every day in the presence and promises of God. Read a sample at [www.FaithAliveResources.org](http://www.FaithAliveResources.org) or call 1-800-333-8300.

**Tour the Biblical lands of Israel** March 1–12. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and knowledge as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, and much more), and receive spiritual and historical insights that will help you understand the Bible in a deeper way. For complete information, cost, and registration, call or write Peter Tuininga, 71 Mohawk Cres. Leduc, Alberta T9E 4G4, (780) 980-1133, or e-mail: [ptpastor@telus.net](mailto:ptpastor@telus.net).

**World Missions Summer Mission Program** - Go for a summer...be changed forever! Visit [www.crwrm.org/smp](http://www.crwrm.org/smp) for information about Christian Reformed World Missions' Summer Mission Program 2010. Young adults can learn about cross-cultural ministry with CRWM missionaries and their national ministry partners in Eastern Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Applications are due February 12. Don't miss this great opportunity!

## **Calendar**

|                  |          |  |
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| <b>Today:</b>    | 8:15 AM  | 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism |
|                  | 8:45 AM  | First Fellowship                                   |
|                  | 9:30 AM  | Morning Worship                                    |
|                  | 10:45 AM | Sunday School & Catechism                          |
|                  | 10:45 AM | Choir Rehearsal                                    |
|                  | 7:00 PM  | Evening Worship                                    |
| <b>Mon:</b>      | 7:00 PM  | Elder's Meeting                                    |
|                  | 7:30 PM  | Deacon's Meeting                                   |
|                  | 8:00 PM  | Council  |
| <b>Wed:</b>      | 6:30 PM  | Cadets @ CWC Elementary Campus                     |
|                  | 6:30 PM  | GEMS @ Bethel CRC                                  |
|                  | 7:00 PM  | Youth Group @ the Union                            |
| <b>Sat:</b>      | 8:30 AM  | Christmas program practice for band students       |
|                  | 9:30 AM  | Christmas program practice                         |
| <b>Next Sun:</b> | 8:15 AM  | 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism |
|                  | 8:45 AM  | First Fellowship                                   |

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### **This Morning**

#### **Accompanist**

Lois Mulder

#### **Children & Worship**

Teacher: Nancy Vande Berg

Helpers: Den Vande Berg  
Brandon Kitchner

#### **Greeters**

John & Arlene De Jager

#### **Nursery**

Scott & Jen Ritzema

Anna Hofman

#### **Sound System**

Pete Vander Werff

#### **Transportation**

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

#### **Ushers**

Jack De Jager

Don Pausma

Dave Rens

Thomas Venhuizen

### **Video Projection**

Katie De Jager

### **Missionary Letters**

Wayne M. to Daryl Pfantz

Dan M. to Brother Bob<sup>+</sup>

Pete M. to Chaplain Peter

*<sup>+</sup>Please pray especially for this missionary family this week.*

## **Next Week**

### ***Accompanist***

AM – Cara Aylesworth

PM – Brenda Hofman

### ***Children's Message***

Laura Venhuizen

### ***Children & Worship***

Teacher: Tabbie Vander Werff

Helpers: Hollie Ten Pass

Luke Jansen

### ***Greeters***

AM – Percy & Janice De Vries

PM – Travis, Sarah, Collin, & Brayden Doerr

### ***Library***

Allegra Bossenbroek

Faith Miedema

Marge Vande Streek

### ***Nursery***

AM – Andrea Buwalda

Jenna Hofman

Alexis De Jager

PM – Dan & Gladys Montsma

Cody Zonnefeld

### ***Offering***

AM – Faith Promise

PM – Education Fund

### ***Sound System***

Seth Aylesworth

### ***Transportation***

Arky Navis (324-2859)

Paul Vande Kolk (324-8981)

### ***Ushers***

Jack De Jager

Don Pausma

Dave Rens

Thomas Venhuizen

### ***Video Projection***

Randall Greenfield

## **Notes & Prayer Requests**

## **BBO** *Sharing Jesus Christ with the Incarcerated Men and Women of Wisconsin*

BBO Box 12, Mukwonago WI 53149

Phone: 262 392 9808

Email: bbowisconsin@yahoo.com

### **WHAT WE ARE AND ARE BLESSED TO DO:**

#### **Greetings in Jesus Christ!**

**Historically BBO has taught the Scriptures.** We do not teach a denomination and we have nothing against the ones who do. The Bible speaks of numerous false teachers that will come in these times (Mt 7:15-20; 24:4-5 and more). In fact, a good portion of the New Testament letters were centered on believers recognizing and dealing with these counterfeits.

**Men and women in prison see their share to be sure** - be it those who come for wrong reasons, self-satisfaction or gain, with the teachings of men disguised as those of the Lord. Unfortunately there are many who do not utilize the best tool they have to defend themselves. So a major part of our task is to not only teach about the Bible - and more specifically the Gospel - but to encourage our readers to use the tools God has provided for such as well.

**In addition to need for learning the Bible,** our goal is to teach about proper prayer, proper Christian fellowship, avoiding the temptations of the world all together with an increased sense of serving one another.

**While many of these** seemingly fly in the face of the prison environment, just as they offer temptation in the free world, we are blessed with the some who bloom and set a challenge among their peers within that environment. We try not to count noses, but rather strive to serve God's Truth while we trust in its power to do accomplishing only what that truth offers.

**Every blessing** as we serve Him together.

#### **BBO Wisconsin**

**(If you're wondering,** this is altogether separate from Brother Bob and his work in the Philippines.)

# ***Prayer List***



## **Shut-Ins**

**Gerald Bossenbroek**  
**Ruby Buteyn**  
**Bea Heideman**  
**Eugene Kikkert**  
**Josie Looman**  
**Wilma Navis**  
**Jerry Tjepkema**

**Delia Buteyn**  
**Hazel Buwalda**  
**Junice Kamphuis**  
**Millie Kuiper**  
**Bud Navis**  
**Howard Te Beest**  
**Minnie Tobak**

## **Health Concerns**

**Bob Bille's father, Marvin**, as he undergoes radiation and chemo treatments for esophageal cancer.

## **Military**

**Wiebe & Ruth Buwalda's grandson, Peter Woreck** (Afghanistan)  
**Larry & Trix Daane's grandson, Jeff Daane** (NAS Pensacola, FL)  
**Sam Daane** (Beal AFB, CA)  
**Jack & Marla De Jager's nephew, Jonathan Sturing** (Fort Carson, CO)  
**Casey Derksen** (Camp Taji, Iraq)  
**Chaplain Peter Hofman** (Fort Bragg, NC)  
**Louie & Nancy Wierenga's grandson, Devin Terry** (Baghdad, Iraq)

## **Thanks**

Thank the Lord for His **gift of music**, and pray for His blessings on those who witness and minister to others through music.

## **Requests**

Pray that the bank will accept the new offer on the **Van Hill's house** soon.

**To add or remove a prayer request, please inform Marla.  
All requests will remain on the prayer list until notified otherwise.**