

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE
"JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT
John 1:1-9; 8:12 (Pew Bible: Page 1645)

*See any usher if you need a song sheet or hearing device.
Both are available on request.*

Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE
"GOOD, BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH"

THIS EVENING'S TEXT
Acts 8:26-40 (Pew Bible: Page 1705)

MEMBER MINISTRY

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
KIDS OF LIGHT
HALL MONITORS

No Nursery
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No Kids of Light
TODAY: J.D. Mohr and Bob Sikkema
NEXT WEEK: Eric Jager and Greg Schaafsma

On this third Sunday in Advent, Leah Helder will lead us in the advent reading and lighting of the candle.

Today following the morning worship service, we will have our **Annual Congregational Meeting**. After church, grab your coffee and find a seat in the Sanctuary.

Today is the deadline to donate toward the **monetary Christmas gift** that will be given to **Pastor Mark and Shelley**. Please place your donation in the offering plate.

Wall Calendars are here! You can get yours from the Welcome Center today! If you are unable to be here and would like one, please contact Jill Wolthuis at office@martinreformed.org or 269-672-5596 and we can make sure to get you one.

"Good Reads" Book Club, next book is *"If I Were You,"* by Lynn Austin. Next meeting is January 12, 2021. New members are welcome!

Jr. and Sr. High Youth mark your calendars for Sunday, December 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a Christmas Party at MRC. See today's insert for all the details.

All **end-of-year tithes and offerings** must be received by **Sunday, December 27**, in order to be recorded to 2020 giving.

Have you been saving your used postage stamps? Please bring them to the Library by December 24.

Your **CHRISTMAS CARDS** may again be "mailed" through our Narthex mailboxes. Any cards which are alphabetically pre-sorted are a huge help to us! Your "postage money" donated for the sorting of Christmas cards in Narthex mailboxes will again be appreciated. These donations go toward sending personal monetary gifts for both Christmas and birthdays to the missionary wives MRC supports. Your generosity makes it possible for them to enjoy a little pampering they otherwise can't experience. ALSO: If you are willing at any time to work at sorting the cards, your help with this task will be immensely appreciated!! Please join in whenever you are able.

The **Faith Mission Offering** for the fourth quarter will benefit **SON-Life Camp**. If you would like to donate to this cause, please mark your offering accordingly.

Martin Resource Center Collections for December will include the following items: laundry soap, fabric softeners, dish soap, dishwasher soap, window wash, disinfectants, mops, brooms, sponges and hand soap. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex. Last month we brought 100 pounds to the center to help those in need!

Requested Announcement

Registration is now open for **“Snowbound Winter Camp 2021”** at SON-Life Camp! January 8-10. Campers ages 8-12 are invited to join us at camp for our SUPER-FUN winter weekend! Call the office at 269-792-2081 or email office@son-lifecamp.org to register.

MARTIN REFORMED CHURCH

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WORSHIP WITH US: 9:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

MRC ELDERS:

Dale Doezema, Harvey Leep, Bob Modreske,
Jerry Pols, John Schipper, Bob Veld.

MRC DEACONS:

Kelvin DeVries, Kyle Katje, Ben Lyon,
Sam Mensch, J.D. Mohr, Steve Pott.

Life of the Congregation
December 13, 2020

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

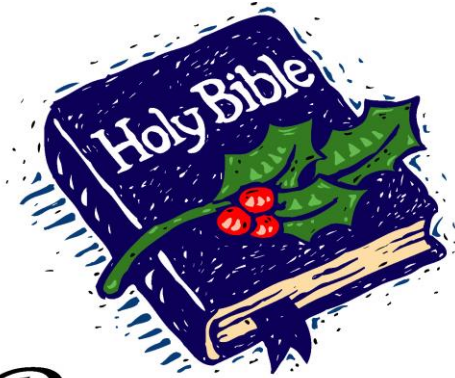
- 10:35 AM Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.
10:45 AM Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary.
----- NO Children's Choir today.
----- NO Sunday School classes today.
6:00 PM Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.
----- NO Youth Groups tonight.

MONDAY

- NO Women's Volleyball.

WEDNESDAY

- NO Prayer Meeting this week.
----- NO Praise Team Practice this week.



*Preparing for the
Christmas Season*

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** **Arnie Blain** is scheduled to have a heart catheterization this Friday. Pray for good results.
- *** **Jim Doll**, one of our drummers has returned home. He is still very weak, but his speech is slowly improving. Pray for complete healing. His home address is: 3507 Shadow Bend Drive, Unit B, Kalamazoo, MI 49048.
- *** Please pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus and especially those of our church family that are battling this disease.
- *** **Lynsey Jager** had a PET scan and will need to consult with the doctor about one of her nodes. Please pray for perfect healing.
- *** Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** and **Judy Nieuwenhuis** in their battle against cancer.
- *** **Emily Veld** will be having surgery on December 21 to remove some scar tissue and clear some nasal passages. Pray for successful surgery and complete healing.
- *** **Nancee Westendorp** is having back surgery on Monday in Florida. Pray for a successful surgery.
- *** Pray for **MRC moms** expecting babies.
- *** Pray for the men and women who give of themselves everyday as they serve in our armed forces, as law enforcement officers, EMT personnel, firefighters, and healthcare workers.
- *** Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: **Blaine Anderson** (Jim and Barb Keyzer's nephew); **Shannon Bergsma** (Frank & Margaret Schram and Jan Westendorp's niece); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Tom Damber** (Michelle DeMann's father); **Doug Flamm**, (Wes and Cindy Bloemsma's son-in-law), **Dennis Helmholt** (Jerry and Sally Pols's brother-in-law); **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin); **Stella Waller** (Linda Benwire's sister); **Hope Wassenaar** (SON-Life Camp Director); and **John Ybema** (Morgan's grandfather).

REASONS FOR PRAISE

- *** In a world with much pandemic darkness, praise God that Jesus is our light.

Sunday Evening - December 13, 2020
Pastor Mark Heijerman

6:00 P. M.:

We Gather As God's People

Prelude – Julie Wubben

Welcome

We Praise God in Song

Opening Prayer

Song Service (John Schipper)

We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation

Time of Prayer

Time of Reflection

Song of Preparation #404: "The Solid Rock"

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40 (Pew Bible: Page 1705)

Message: "GOOD, BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH"

Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #419 (vs. 1-4): "Abide with Me"

Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #419 (last verse): "Abide with Me"

Postlude