

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE
"CHRISTMAS LOVE"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT

I John 4:7-11 (Pew Bible: Page 1902)

*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
"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

THIS EVENING'S TEXT

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (Pew Bible: Page 1210)

MEMBER MINISTRY

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
KIDS OF LIGHT
HALL MONITORS

Angela Bouwman, Shelley Heijerman, Lilly Lyon (AM)

NO Nursery

Cristy, Aiden & Jenna Mohr

TODAY: Ben DeHaan, Dave Zuidema

CHRISTMAS EVE: J.D. Mohr, Dave Zuidema

NEXT WEEK: Greg Schaafsma, Brian Veltman

TODAY: Tim Knoper, Mike Pavlak, Jake Sybesma

NEXT WEEK: Michael Dutton, Earl Helder, Jake Sybesma

USHERS

Please join us for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** this Friday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. Invite your family and friends!

All **end-of-year tithes and offerings** must be received by **next Sunday, December 26**, in order to be recorded to 2021 giving.

All year long the **MRC Quilters** make beautiful items for the home and some of them are now available to you on a table in the Narthex. These treasures make wonderful gifts and can be yours for a donation to MRC's Building Fund. Thank you MRC Quilters!

Please note: There will be **NO Prayer Meeting** on Wednesdays, December 22 and 29.

Parents and kids: There will be **NO Sunday School, Children's Choir and Kids of Light** on Sundays, December 26 and January 2.

There will be **NO Evening Service** next Sunday, December 26.

Parents: There will be **NO Nursery** next Sunday, December 26.

Praise Team: It's time to write the January and February schedules! Please let me know of any conflicts. Thank you, Curtis.

Still looking for a Christmas gift? Consider a Martin Reformed Church Cookbook. We still have several copies left. If you would like one, they are \$15 and you can grab one from the office and put your money in any offering plate or mail it in.

Is anyone interested in helping with clean up in Kentucky after the tornados? We are looking at going down there December 27 and 28. See Harv Leep for more details.

Anyone interested in a **work/mission trip**? There will be an information meeting this Monday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship Area. We are looking at possibly going sometime around the first of March. If you have any questions, please contact Harvey Leep.

Mike Wolhuis and Charlie Jager will be installed to the office of elder; and Kevin DeMann and Matt Modreske will be installed to the office of deacon on Sunday, January 2. Please pray for these men and the full consistory of 2022.

The **MRC Church Campout** is scheduled for Thursday, August 4 – Sunday, August 7. There are currently eight sites still open. If you would like to join us, please reserve your spot by January 25. You can contact SON-Life at 269-792-2081 or email office@son-lifecamp.org. A 50% deposit is due at the time of booking.

There are several **new people** that we would like to **add to our telephone/address directory**. If you would like to be added, please pick up an information sheet at the Welcome Center and return to the Church Office.

A **monetary Christmas gift** will be given to **Pastor Mark and his family**. To be included, drop your gift, marked accordingly, in any offering plate today.

Thank you, church family for my Christmas goodies. Also, a big “thank you” to Harvey Leep for delivering them and staying to chat.
~Jan Triezenberg

The **Fourth Quarter Faith Mission Offering** designee will be East Martin Christian School. If you would like to contribute, 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.

MARTIN REFORMED CHURCH

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

MRC ELDERS:

Doug Geurink, Harvey Leep, Bob Modreske,
Jerry Pols, John Schipper, Troy Timmer.

MRC DEACONS:

Kyle Katje, Ben Lyon, Sam Mensch,
Steve Pott, Ben Schipper, John Smit.

Life of the Congregation December 19, 2021

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.
10:35 AM Children's Choir – Three's thru Grade 5th: Meet in Fellowship Hall.
10:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages until 11:30 a.m.
6:00 PM Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.
----- **NO Youth Groups tonight.**

MONDAY

- 8:00 AM** Open Gym for Walkers: Monday-Friday – until 10:30 a.m.
7:00 PM Women's Volleyball in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.
7:00 PM Work/Mission Trip Meeting in the Friendship Area.

TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM** Men's Basketball in the Gym – until 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- **NO Prayer Meeting this week.**

FRIDAY

- 6:00 PM** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary.

SATURDAY

Merry Christmas! May you have a blessed day with your family and friends.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *** Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** in her battle against cancer.
- *** **Sharron Vandenberg** has been struggling with eye issues and acid reflux. Pray for healing.
- *** Pray for our **missionaries in Papua, New Guinea** as gangs are invading their tribe/homes.
- *** 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); **Doug** (Wes & Cindy Bloemsma's son-in-law); **Shirley** (sister-in-law to Seymour and Pat DeHaan); **Sharon Fitzpatrick** (Sandy Knooihuizen's mom); **Kimmi McCliman** (Mike and Chris Grosser's cousin); **Daryl VanderPloeg** (Pat DeHaan's brother); **Stella Waller** (Linda Benwire's sister); and **Hope Wassenaar** (SON-Life Camp Director).

REASONS FOR PRAISE

- *** **Praise God** for the love shown to us through the truth of Christmas.

Sunday Evening - December 19, 2021
Pastor Mark Heijerman

6:00 P. M.:

We Gather As God's People

Prelude – Carol Jager
Welcome

We Praise God in Song

Opening Prayer
Song Service (Rick Katje)

We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation

Time of Prayer
Time of Reflection
Song of Preparation #133: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (Pew Bible: Page 1210)
Message: “*THE GOOD SHEPHERD*”
Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #155 (vs. 1-3): “Once in Royal David's City”
Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #155 (last verse): “Once in Royal David's City”
Postlude