

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP*

**THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE**

*"CHILD BORN, SON GIVEN"*

**THIS MORNING'S TEXT**

Isaiah 9:1-7 (Pew Bible: Page 1072)

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

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

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**THIS EVENING'S MESSAGE**

*"CONVERTED"*

**THIS EVENING'S TEXT**

Acts 9:1-19 (Pew Bible: Page 1706)

**MEMBER MINISTRY**

**NURSERY TODAY  
NEXT WEEK  
KIDS OF LIGHT  
HALL MONITORS**

**No** Nursery  
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**No** Kids of Light  
**TODAY:** Eric Jager and Greg Schaafsma  
**CHRISTMAS EVE:** J.D. Mohr and Steve Pott  
**NEXT WEEK:** Larry Martin, Jr. and Dave Zuidema

**We express our sympathy** to Morgan Ybema and her family as they grieve the death of Morgan's grandfather, John Ybema. Pray for God's comfort to surround the family during this time.

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

**Jr. and Sr. High Youth** will meet for a Christmas Party at MRC **tonight** 6:00-8:00 p.m. 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.

**Sunday School, Youth Groups and most of our other Children's programs (Big D.O.G's will start January 13) will start back up on January 10!!!!**

**Congregational Meeting Update:** Doug Geurink and Troy Timmer were elected to the office of Elder and Ben Schipper and John Smit to the office of deacon. They will be installed on January 10.

**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.

This year the proceeds from our **Crops for Christ** will be distributed (\$3,000 each) to the following: Christian Neighbors, Feeding America West Michigan, Forefront Ministries, Global Outreach International, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, Mel Trotter Ministries, Project Hope and RCA World Relief.

If you are still looking for a last minute Christmas gift we have MRC Cookbooks available for \$15.00 each. If you would like to get one, help yourself they are in the Church Office.

**Words of Hope Devotional Booklets are here!** If you would like one, they are located at the Welcome Center. Help yourself! If you would like yours mailed to your home, please contact Jill Wolthuis at 269-672-5596 or email office@martinreformed.org.

**Please Note:** There will be **NO** Evening Service at MRC next Sunday, December 27.

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.

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## **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 20, 2020

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

- 10:35 AM** Coffee/conversation in the Narthex Area.  
----- **NO Children's Choir today.**  
----- **NO Sunday School classes today.**  
**6:00 PM** Evening Worship in the Sanctuary.  
**6:00 PM** Jr. & Sr. High Youth Christmas Party! – until 8:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS! May you have a blest time with family as you celebrate Jesus' birth.**



*Thanks be unto God  
for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- \*\*\* **Arnie Blain's** heart catheterization has been postponed until a later time.
- \*\*\* **Doug, Wes and Cindy Bloemsma's son-in-law**, had surgery to remove a tumor from the base of his neck at U of M on Thursday. Pray for quick healing and also that Doug can get home by Christmas.
- \*\*\* **Jim Doll** continues to recover at home. Pray for complete healing. If you would like to send a note/card his home address is: 3507 Shadow Bend Drive, Unit B, Kalamazoo, MI 49048.
- \*\*\* **Nora Mingerink** had another chemo treatment this past week. The procedure went well and improvements continue to be noticed. Pray that God heals completely.
- \*\*\* Pray for **Judy Nieuwenhuis** as she continues her treatments.
- \*\*\* In January two members of our MRC family will have surgery. On January 5, **Jan Triezenberg** will have surgery to remove some cancer that has returned and on January 21, **Jerry Pols** will have surgery to remove cancer that is in his kidney, some lymph nodes and also a couple of major veins. Pray for successful surgeries and God's perfect healing.
- \*\*\* **Emily Veld** had surgery on Monday to remove some scar tissue and clear some nasal passages. Pray for healing.
- \*\*\* **Nancee Westendorp** had successful back surgery on Monday. Pray for relief of pain and a quick recovery.
- \*\*\* Pray for comfort for **Morgan Ybema and her family** on the passing of her grandfather, John Ybema.
- \*\*\* Please pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus and especially those of our church family that are battling this disease.
- \*\*\* Pray for **MRC moms** expecting babies.

## REASONS FOR PRAISE

- \*\*\* **Praise God** that **Dennis Helmholtz, Jerry & Sally Pols brother-in-law**, is in remission and has returned home after a stem-cell transplant.

**Sunday Evening - December 20, 2020**  
**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 (John Schipper)

**We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation**

Time of Prayer  
Time of Reflection  
Song of Preparation #436: "Whiter Than Snow"

**We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word**

Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture: Acts 9:1-19 (Pew Bible: Page 1706)  
Message: "CONVERTED"  
Prayer of Application

**We Respond to the Word**

Song of Response #409 (vs. 1-3): "I Know Whom I Have Believed"  
Parting Blessing

**We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God**

Parting Song #409 (last verse): "I Know Whom I have Believed"  
Postlude