

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

"LORD AT HIS BIRTH"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT

John 1:1-14; Luke 2:11 (Pew Bible: Pages 1645; 1591)

*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

"HOLY SPIRIT POWER"

THIS EVENING'S TEXT

Acts 8:9-24 (Pew Bible: Page 1704)

MEMBER MINISTRY

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
KIDS OF LIGHT
HALL MONITORS

No Nursery
No Nursery
No Kids of Light
TODAY: Kelvin DeVries and Todd Helder
NEXT WEEK: J.D. Mohr and Bob Sikkema

Today is the second Sunday in Advent. Praise God for the Joy, Peace and Hope that is ours this Christmas Season.

Many thanks to Cora Schaafsma (and Greg too) for all the years that she has been decorating our church building at Christmas time. Her time, effort and creativity are very much appreciated! Now our thanks go to Shelly Modreske, Stephanie Wilson, April Modreske (and Bob and Andy too) and Tina Keeler for the beauty of this year's decorations.

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.

Although we won't be meeting in person for **Adult Sunday School** in the Sanctuary, here are a few more questions to ponder:

1. Who is one person you wish you were closer to?
2. What is one cause you feel super passionate about?

MRC Wall Calendars are on their way. If you would like one and are not able to attend right now, please let Jill Wolthuis know and we will get one to you. (269-672-5596 or office@martinreformed.org.)

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** has been rescheduled for next Sunday, December 13, after the morning worship service. If you have anything you would like to have on the agenda, please contact Pastor Mark. The following have been nominated to serve on the Consistory. For the office of elder: Doug Geurink and Troy Timmer. For the office of deacon: Ben Schipper and John Smit.

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 by next Sunday, December 13.

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

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.

Requested Announcement

Registration is now open for **“Snowbound Winter Camp 2021”** at SON-Life Camp! 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 6, 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.

----- NO Youth Groups tonight.

MONDAY

----- NO Women's Volleyball.

TUESDAY

----- NO Women's Bible Study this week.

----- NO Congregational Meeting this week.

WEDNESDAY

----- NO Prayer Meeting this week.

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

THURSDAY

6:30 PM The Elders will meet. To request baptism, see Pastor Mark.

7:30 PM The Consistory will meet. Devotions and lunch: Bob Veld.

PRAYER CONCERNS

*** **Jim Doll**, one of our drummers has been discharged from the hospital and now is recovering from Covid at a nursing home. Pray for a speedy recovery. If you would like to send a card/note, his address is: Laurels of Galesburg, c/o Jim Doll, 1080 N 35th Street, Galesburg, MI 49053.

*** Please pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus and especially those of our church family that are battling this disease.

*** **Lynsey Jager** is scheduled for her PET scan today. Please pray for a clear scan.

*** Continue to pray for **Nora Mingerink** and **Judy Nieuwenhuis** in their battle against cancer.

*** 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 Helmholdt** (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

*** During this Advent Season praise God for the joy and peace that is ours through the gift of God's son.

Sunday Evening - December 6, 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 (Rick Katje)

We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation

Time of Prayer

Time of Reflection

Song of Preparation #259: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 8:9-24 (Pew Bible: Page 1704)

Message: "*HOLY SPIRIT POWER*"

Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #249 (vs. 1-3): "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #249 (last verse): "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Postlude