

THE LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

THIS MORNING'S MESSAGE

"GOOD NEWS"

THIS MORNING'S TEXT

Luke 2:1-11 (Pew Bible: Page 1590)

*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

"SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS"

THIS EVENING'S TEXT

Acts 8:1-8 (Pew Bible: Page 1704)

MEMBER MINISTRY

NURSERY TODAY
NEXT WEEK
KIDS OF LIGHT
HALL MONITORS

No Nursery
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No Kids of Light
TODAY: Kevin Jager, Kyle Katje
NEXT WEEK: Kelvin DeVries, Todd Helder

Today we remember The Lord's Supper. All those members in good and regular standing of an evangelical church are invited to partake.

On this first Sunday in Advent, Renae Timmer will lead us in the advent reading and lighting of the first candle.

In light of recent increases of Covid cases, the center west portion of our Sanctuary will return to every other pew. The far west wing will still be fully open.

This morning, during our time of coffee and fellowship there will be an extra snack for you. Luke Dieffenbach, an MRC member who passed away this past year, has family which runs a potato chip factory and they have just donated two cases of chips. Please help yourself!

Parents/Children: There will be **NO** Nursery or Kids of Light **today**.

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

1. What is one gift you have that you love to use to build the Kingdom of God?
2. What is one risk you think God might be calling you to take in this season?

Need a good book? Check out today's insert for the new books added to the Church Library.

"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.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** has been rescheduled for 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 Sunday, December 13.

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.

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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
November 29, 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.**

FRIDAY

----- **NO Seniors Holiday Dinner this week.**

SATURDAY

----- **NO Quilting Meeting this week.**
----- **NO Women's Christmas Dinner this week.**

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.
- *** Please pray for all those impacted by the coronavirus and especially those of our church family that are battling this disease, including **Charlie Jager** who has been battling a high fever and cough.
- *** **Lynsey Jager** is scheduled for her PET scan on December 6. 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

- *** **In this season of Thanksgiving, we praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

Sunday Evening - November 29, 2020
Pastor Mark Heijerman

6:00 P. M.:

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

Welcome

We Praise God in Song

Opening Prayer

Song Service (Mark Heijerman)

We Turn to God in Prayer and Preparation

Time of Prayer

Time of Reflection

Song of Preparation #231: "Jesus Shall Reign"

We Quiet Ourselves to Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 8:1-8 (Pew Bible: Page 1704)

Message: "*SPEADING THE GOOD NEWS*"

Prayer of Application

We Respond to the Word

Song of Response #138 (vs. 1-2): "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Parting Blessing

We Are Sent Forth in the Grace of God

Parting Song #138 (last verse): "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Postlude