

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:50 a.m. December 13, 2015

Welcome members, friends and visitors to our service this morning. We would ask you all to complete the friendship pad located in your pew. Thank you for your help. Welcome Packets for our visitors and guests are available at the Visitor Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ADVENT READING & LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE
Justin, Heather, Jackson & Elijah Sprague

CALL TO WORSHIP --Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Leader: Good news! The Holy One, God Almighty, claims us as God's very own!

People: Rejoice in the Lord!

Leader: Good news! The times of trouble are nearly over!

People: Again we say, rejoice

Leader: Good news! God is in our midst, ready to renew us with holy love! Rejoice in the Lord, always!

**People: The peace of the Lord will dwell in our hearts!
We lift up our hearts in thanksgiving.**

All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

* OPENING PRAYER --from Liturgies Alive

**Our saving God,
long ago you sent your Son Jesus among us,
but we have been little aware of his presence
and we hide him, even from others.
Wake us up, help us recognize him,
that he may be the light of our lives
and that eagerly we might lead people to him.
May he build up among us and with us**

**a world and a kingdom of peace and love
where we serve you in one another.**

**Move us forward in hope
to your home of endless joy and rest.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Bolluyt

HYMN 25

"Away in a Manger"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 7th Grade Handbell Choir
"2-fold Amen"

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:97-105
(Page 498 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM Chancel Choir w/Barb Fuelberth, flute
"Cuban Carol"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12
(Page 783 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Clint Loveall
Following the light

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH --written by Lisa Frenz

**We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.**

Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true
human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made
flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;**

**Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

OFFERING

Offertory 7th Grade Handbell Choir
"O Come All Ye Faithful"

- * Doxology
- * Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 44

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

* BENEDICTION

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

* **Those who are able** are invited to stand.

Nursery Available for Pre-K and under

- **Large print "BULLETINS AND HYMNALS" are available from an Usher-**
- ***Busy Bags available in the Narthex***
- ***Coffee is served immediately following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.***

Participating in this morning's Reformed service are: Clint Loveall & Michael Gewecke, Pastors; Annika Stecker, Liturgist; Charlene Radcliffe, Pianist; Ushers are Jill Jennings, Kelly Swancutt, Ron Niebruegge & Bob Peterson; Greeters are Les & Marlene Noll; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Owen Primavera, Video; Amy Webber & Lisa Kraus are in charge of the Nursery; Steve & Jan Richards prepared our coffee.

Members of the 7th Grade Handbell Choir are Ellie Carney, Max Carney, Gracie Hinn, Grace Radcliffe, Walker Radcliffe, Luke Relph, Adrie Stecker & Mason Stover.

Congratulations to Cassidy & Stacy Howard on the birth of their son, Cade Ryker Howard. Cade was born on Monday, December 7th at 7:30am.



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Thank You

The Presbyterian Women say thank you to all who contributed in many ways to our Christmas luncheon. The women who baked and prepared food, the men who served and did kitchen clean up. You are a blessing to all.

Church School Snacks

A sign-up sheet and **PEANUT/ NUT-FREE SNACK LIST** has been placed in the library window. Please take a snack list and sign up for your favorite date!! 5 dozen snacks and 2 large juice (not red) are needed in the Cantina for Church School by 9:45am each Sunday morning.



Wednesday, December 16th

Meal: Pizza & ????

Meal Crew: Doug & Barb Johnson

MORE SERVERS NEEDED!!

Adult Classes

- **True Spirituality by Chip Ingram** ~ led by Pam DenHerder
- **A Modern Girl's Guide to Bible Study: A Refreshingly Unique Look at God's Word by Jen Hatmaker** ~ led by Rachele Gewecke
- **Women of Faith: by Eric Metaxas** ~ led by Pastor Clint

Recharge Meal Servers Needed

A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex and ready for you to sign up to help set up, serve and cleanup for our weekly meals at Recharge (formerly WNF).

Christmas Celebration

Please join us this morning as the festivities will begin at 10:00am and include a Living Nativity, Christmas cookies and other goodies and creating Christmas cards for homebound members and service members. Pre-K-3rd grade students will offer a short musical program at 10:30am.

Christmas Caroling

The congregation will be sharing Christmas carols with shut ins and community members on December 16th starting at 6:00pm. All students and families are invited to join us for our pizza dinner starting at 5:30pm and join us as we share Christmas favorites with others!

High School Christmas Party

This year's High School Christmas Party will be held on December 16th starting at 7:00pm. Join us for a white elephant exchange, Christmas music, Christmas goodies, and Christmas related games. It will be a night full of fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Advent Poinsettias

This year we will be supporting another Mission Project. If you would be willing to share a poinsettia (\$11) with us and/or donate to this year's Mission Project, (\$15), please contact Cheri in the office at 336-1649. Please let us know if this poinsettia is in memory of, or in honor of someone.

Christmas Joy Offering

Our Christmas Joy Offering Dedication will be held on Sunday, December 20th during both of our worship services.

Snow Birds

Before you leave, please remember to drop off your winter address, the date you're leaving and coming back to Cheri in the office. Thank you.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Beginning November 8th

- **Faith in Films** ~ led by Jan Bolluyt
- **Reformed Faith 101** ~ led by Clint Loveall

Children's Quilts ready to finish

The children's quilts are in the fellowship hall and ready for completion. Please take them home and complete one or as many as you like. In the past these quilts have been given to CAASA, DC Public Health for the New Moms program, LRH for the new babies, Kinship, SL Library, Prospect Hill Presbytery, Full Gospel Mission and the Parkersburg tornado victims. Lap Quilts have been given to Hilltop and Milford Nursing Center. Please help with this project which provides warmth to many members of our community and beyond.

Rides to and from church for this week is Kirk Jensen ~ 320-6997, next week is Darrell Welch ~ 336-1383.

Hospital Deacon: Kirk Jensen

Week of December 20

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: John Knabe

Ushers: Jill Jennings, Kelly Swancutt, Ron Niebruegge
& Bob Peterson

Greeters: Les & Marlene Noll

Video: Wes Farmer

Nursery 1st: Breanna Cother & Kelly Stecker

Nursery 2nd: Dana Bolluyt

Coffee: Keith & Beryl Marra

Annual Report Deadline

Attention all Committee chairpersons, your committee report for the Annual Report will be due by Monday, December 28th. Thank you in advance.

Lakeshore Center Retreats and Upcoming Events:

- 1/16-18/16: Scrapbook Retreat
- 1/20/16: Business 360 Seminar by Renue
- 2/4-7/16: Crafters' Delight Retreat
- 2/19-21/16: Confirmation Retreat
- 3/13-17/16: Quilt Retreat

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 13

- 8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service
- 10:00am-Christmas Celebration
 - 10:10am-Sunday School
 - 10:15am-Confirmation
- 11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

Monday, December 14

- 9:00am-PW Sewing
- 5:15pm-Stewardship Comm Mtg

Tuesday, December 15

- 1:30pm-Women's Bible Study
- 7:00pm-Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 16

- 5:30pm-Dinner
- 6:00pm-Christmas Caroling
- 7:00pm-High School Youth
- 7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal
- 7:00pm-Handbell practice
 - No HS Act II


Thursday, December 17

- 9:00am-Men's Bible Study

Sunday, December 20

- 8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service
- 10:00am-Coffee and fellowship
 - 10:10am-Sunday School
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NO APOLOGIES



KEITH DELTANO
Speaker

[LIVE] LIP SYNC BATTLES

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Entertainment

JAN 24

PARENT & YOUTH LEADER NIGHT

CLAY COUNTY EVENTS CENTER | SPENCER, IA
KEITH DELTANO presenting "Park Workshop" | 6-8 PM

A night just for adults to be equipped by Keith Deltano with tools to better understand, communicate with and impact this next generation of teenagers.

RSVP by Jan 15th to info@cherishcenter.org or no apologies website

JAN 27

TEEN NIGHT for 6th to 12th grade students

Satellite Locations in George, Cherokee, Orange City, Rock Valley, and Rock Rapids

CLAY COUNTY EVENTS CENTER | SPENCER, IA
KEITH DELTANO & LIVE LIP SYNC BATTLES | EVENT BEGINS AT 6:30PM

\$5.00 PER PERSON | SPECIAL PRE-SALE VIP PACKAGE



Visit our website for pre-registration and VIP benefits.

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**Each week we remember First Pres families in prayer, this week
please pray for**

*Luke, Megan, Cole &
Etta Donnenwerth*
842 29th St., Spirit Lake

Owen & Beth Primavera
5805 Lakeshore Dr., Okoboji

Please pray for our members and friends of this church family who are facing various health concerns: Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Nicole Hintz, Ethan Burk, Jody Ferguson, Shane Feist, Grant Vietor, Jim & Judy Arens, Mary Smith, Anita Stockdale, Jamie Nebelsick, Jose Reedy, Barb Hanisch, Jay Anderson, Kay Monson, Marv & Barb Rohlf, Pat Dalton, Donna VanHolland, Gene Kuehn, Connie Hoppe, Tom Gruber, Lori Johnson, Mitchell Elmquist, Melinda Gustafson, Talia Patton, Velma Ashburn, Martha Woodard, Connor Rowley, Betty Lamer, Roberta Carlson, Mark Voss, Andrew Grau, Hannah Brumley, Audrey Wiersma, Ray & Marilyn Miller, Ruth DeJong, Hannah Poolman, Dean Miller, Karen Holst, Cooper Bartels, Mandy Vicker, Tom Brodie, Marcia Andersen, Marcia Hill

Please pray for our members and friends who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1st LT **Whitney Lewis**, 2612 SE 8th St., Moore, OK 73160; SSG **Frederick, Jesse**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040, **Billy Joe Travis**, Sioux City Navy Recruiting Office, Sioux City, IA, **Ryan Mackey**, 829th EN CO, 519th MP BN, APO AE 09342, **Kyle Klaassen**, PFC, 49 Ann St., Milford, IA 51351, SPC **Orvis Nygaard**, Laramie, WY

Missionaries

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent are mission co-workers serving with Farmer's Movement of Papaye (MPP) and the Evangelical Dominican Church in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Mouvman Peyizan Papay (MPP) is a grassroots movement whose goal is to help small farmers improve their living conditions. It began in 1973 in the small community of Papaye and now has members throughout Haiti. Mark Hare works with the members, advising them on ways to increase food production. Jenny Bent, Mark's wife, helps the Evangelical Dominican Church with their health clinics and with the development of its program to train health care leaders. Mark and Jenny have two children. First Presbyterian Church has supported Mark and Jenny since 2010.

*Evangelical Church of Niger
BP 13 301, Niamey, Niger*

Evangelical Church of Niger is engaging in several regions of Niger including Tahoua, Diffa & Dosso. The church's strategy in the country which has a population that is 99% Muslim, includes sending small teams to villages in order to witness to their faith. Currently, this is done through the Jesus film, medical work and follow-up lessons in discipleship, but other means may be used in the future. Funds are needed to purchase evangelism materials and to support travel expenses of evangelists. We started supporting this ministry in 2008 when PCUSA/Reformed missionary Tom Johnson discontinued his PCUSA affiliation and recommended we transfer our support to the National Church of Niger. Tom continues his work as a Reformed Church missionary working with the church of Niger to grant and administer low interest small loans to individuals to start farming or other small business operations.