

God of all time, help us enter  
the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to  
ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make  
an impact  
and our words carry power.  
May we walk gently.  
May we speak only after we  
have listened well.  
Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year  
reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant,  
every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.  
May we regard the world with  
tenderness.  
May we honor rather than  
destroy.  
Lover of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year  
joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and  
dream,  
remembering our many gifts  
with thanks  
and looking forward to  
blessings yet to come.  
May we welcome your lavish  
love.  
In this new year, may the  
grace and peace of Christ  
bless us now and in the days  
ahead.

## Church Calendar

### This Week January 2

Door Monitor- Steve Ruit  
Sound- Paul Cusack  
Projector- Phil Verrengia  
Coffee Hour- Congregational Meeting  
Nursery- Dana Miller, Amy Vande Streek  
KidsChurch- Kathy Faasse, Liam Faasse

### Next Week January 9

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenber  
Sound- Stephen Miller, Teddy Villani  
Projector- Emily Lotz  
Coffee Hour- Jan & Bill Englishmen  
Nursery- Lynn Walker, Kelly Delaney  
KidsChurch- Barb Belanus, Dana Miller



KC Vande Streek, Pastor  
Rob Flim, Worship Leader

January 2, 2022

### -OLD YEAR'S/NEW YEAR'S SERVICE-

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GOD'S GREETING**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING SONG- "BE THOU MY VISION"**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH- THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION- "IN CHRIST ALONE"**

**SCRIPTURE ROMANS 8: 18-30, 38-39**

**SERMON – "NOT WORTH COMPARING"**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE – "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"**

**TIME OF RECONCILIATION**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*DOXOLOGY- "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

**TODAY**, January 2,

- Is the first Sunday after Christmas
- We will celebrate communion at our morning service. Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” All, then, who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who earnestly desire to lead a godly life, ought to accept the invitation now given and come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, January 9,

- Is the first Sunday after the Epiphany

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Christian Singles of North Jersey**, a ministry of Faith Community Christian Reformed Church, will meet on January 8th, 2022 at 7:15 pm will meet on Zoom for our first meeting of 2022. We will have prayer, praises, short videos, and discussion. Please bring your favorite memories, songs, stories, and Bible verses from 2021 along with your hopes and dreams for 2022. Contact Carol Dunning at 973-523-5072 or email cdunningCSNJ@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting ID and pass code or more information.

**Save the dates!** Our cross-stitching group will resume in the Barn on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am- 4 pm. They will also meet January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Everyone is invited to our Prayer Meetings on Zoom**, which will resume on January 13<sup>th</sup>. This year we will begin the meetings by reviewing one aspect of prayer from the book, *Learn to Pray, 66 Bible Prayer Passages Explained and Applied* by Robert M. West. The remainder of the time we will pray for our church family, friends, nation, etc., as the Holy Spirit leads. Prayer is something we all need. It is “direct communication with the God of the universe, the loving God who created you, keeps you, and offers you eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ.” (West p.5). Please join us and pick up a copy of the little book in the foyer. For more information, contact Carol Dunning conawhy@yahoo.com or 973-523-5072.

**Ladies Bible Study** will wait a few weeks until we begin meeting again. See Linda Van Lenten if you would like a copy of our new study guide.

**KidSpace will not meet** until at least January 16<sup>th</sup> as we continue to monitor the status of local schools.

**OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY**

**Lord’s Day 10**

**Q & A 27**

Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty— all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

As you reflect upon this past year, what are some of the highlights and lowlights for you? What struggles did you face? What blessings did you receive?

In light of the definition of providence listed above, how does knowing about God’s providence help you to process the past year? How does it help you to prepare for the year that has just begun?

What a wonderful way to begin a new year—with the family of believers having a meal (the Lord’s Supper) and thanking God for His watch and care!  
Happy New Year!

**SICK & SHUT-INS –**

Don Brandes, Louise Butler, Ron Dapp, Helena Dykstra, Foge Maas, Muriel Tolsma



1/3 Cheryl Cusack

1/5 Sue Grimm

1/5 Judy Van Dyk

1/6 Nicholas Hagedoorn

1/8 Donna Hoogerhyde