

A Christmas Prayer

Covenant God, you heard your people yearning for a Savior. Thank you for sending your Son so long ago. We now rehearse your promise that Christ will come again, that death and suffering will end and every tear will be wiped away. Come, Lord Jesus, come. As you fulfilled Israel's hopes long ago, so we long for all these promises to be fulfilled. Amen.

- December -

Special Collections

December 25- Benevolence

- January -

Special Collections

January 1- Benevolence

January 8- EC Tuition Aid

January 15- Building Fund

January 22- New Hope

January 29- World Renew

Church Calendar

This Week

December 25

Door Monitor- Ginny Hoogstra
 Sound/Video- Paul Cusack, Malachi Vande Streek
 Projector- Linda Van Lenten, Marissa Baron
 Nursery- Jess Ruit, Tracy Baron
 KidsChurch- Kathy Faasse, Cheryl Cusack
 Coffee-No coffee
 KidsSpace- OFF

Next Week

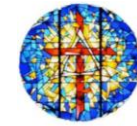
January 1

Door Monitor- Steve Ruit
 Sound/Video- Jess Ruit
 Projector- Teddy Villani
 Nursery- Cheryl Cusack, Amy Vande Streek
 KidsChurch- Kathy Faasse, Kelly Delaney
 Coffee- Margaret Van Dam, Lynn Walker
 KidsSpace- OFF



Christmas

A SAVIOR IS BORN



Faith
Community Church

KC Vande Streek, Pastor
 Rob Flim, Worship Leader

December 25, 2022

PRELUDE

SONGS- "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"
 "ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETINGS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONGS- "JOY TO THE WORLD"
 "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SONG- "AWAY IN A MANGER"

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*PROFESSION OF FAITH- EXCERPTS FROM THE NICENE CREED

*SONG OF PREPARATION- "O HOLY NIGHT"

SCRIPTURE- LUKE 2: 1-20

SERMON- "GOOD NEWS"

*SONG OF RESPONSE- "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, December 25,

- Is Christmas Day

NEXT SUNDAY, January 1,

- 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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for our Old Year’s/New Year’s service next Sunday, January 1st.

As we head into the new year, we continue to look for volunteers on Sunday morning. We are always looking for more nursery volunteers (come snuggle babies!), door monitors (help keep us safe!), projector (help our service run smoothly!), coffee serving (foster fellowship and friendship!), and most especially sound/video volunteers. Right now, we have our sound/video volunteers on once a month, which is the most of any schedule we run. Please consider volunteering for this schedule. You can be trained in one week and help is always available! Please contact Kelly in the church office to be added to any of our 2023 schedules.

KidSpace and Chosen will break from December 11th-January 1st and return to classes on Sunday, January 8th following our morning worship.

Thank you to all the ladies who knitted and crocheted items for Madison Ave CRC! If you have any more items to be donated, please see Shirley Faber after the service in the narthex.

North East Community Transformation (NECT) is and has been a huge supporter of the Homeless Program that a lot of our area churches have participated in for many years. Due to circumstances over the past several years, the Homeless Program has been halted for the time being. We would like to continue our momentum of caring for those less fortunate and move forward with collecting winter items for those in our area who are currently without a home base. We are collecting men’s and women’s winter jackets, hats, gloves, warm socks, long underwear, boots, etc. to be distributed on or around President's Day to the homeless people in our area. Please contact Steve Jefferson at stevejefferson24@gmail.com or 201-787-7125 with any questions and to coordinate a pickup or drop off on the items collected by January 15, 2023.

Unity’s K-5 After School Program in Prospect Park is looking for a caring and responsible person to help with after school care. This paid position includes walking with the group from school to the church, helping with daily homework, and engaging with children during play time. Hours are weekdays, 3-6 p.m. (days to be determined, depending on availability). Applicants must be 18 or older and support the mission of our organization. For more information or to apply, please contact Emily Hoffman at 978-435-1647 or unityasp339@gmail.com.

The great proclamation “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14) assures us that God has entered into human history through the incarnation of the Son. The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God’s actions—past, present, and future. In Advent we hear the prophecies of the Messiah’s coming as addressed to us— people who wait for the second coming. In Advent we heighten our anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of all Old Testament promises, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away. In this way Advent highlights for us the larger story of God’s redemptive plan.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

SICK & SHUT-INS –

Don Brandes, Louise Butler,
Foge Maas, Muriel Tolsma,
Helen Van Olden



12/29 Doris Kuiken

12/29 John Everett

12/31 Keith Davis

SAVE THE DATE!

We will be hosting a farewell brunch to Pastor KC, Amy and their family in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service on Sunday, January 15th. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet next week!