



January 3
“Old Year’s/New Year’s”

A Message From Your Deacons:

Faith Community has been so blessed by the congregation's faithful support throughout 2020. Everyone has been affected in some way by the pandemic this year, yet through God's blessings, you have continued to demonstrate the life of giving which He calls us to live. The Council thanks each and every one of you for your support this year of our ministries.

New Year
BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GOD’S GREETING**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***OPENING SONGS- “GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”
“LOVE COME DOWN”**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM OF PRAISE- PSALM 148

OFFERING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***SONG OF PREPARATION- “TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS”**

SCRIPTURE PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11

SERMON - “WHY A BABY?”

***SONG OF RESPONSE – “LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING”**

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- “YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING”**

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

TODAY, December 27,

- is the first Sunday after Christmas

NEXT SUNDAY, January 3,

- is the second Sunday after **Christmas**

Please follow along with today's responsive readings and songs via a separate document, found on our website under "About" > "Weekly Bulletin" > "December 27 Responsive Readings"

OFFICE UPDATES:

- We are suspending Sunday PM services and choir meetings indefinitely. Please refrain from visiting the church office and instead contact us via phone or email.
- Please note the office hours will be **Monday - Thursday: 9 am- 1 pm**

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The updated Council Profile can be found under "Member's Info" on our website. Feel free to check it out and learn a little more about our current Elders and Deacons!

In keeping with the governor's current regulations, we will be limiting all indoor activities to 10 people. This includes Ladies Bible Study, Youth Group & Christian Singles.

Our prayer group will continue to meet Thursday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom. The Zoom email invitation will contain that week's prayer guide. For more information please contact the church office or Roy Bushoven.

Faith Community is hiring! We are looking for a part-time Worship & Creative Director to help coordinate worship services and serve on the Worship Committee. Please visit "About" > "Employment Opportunities" on our website for the full job description.

The Christian Singles of North Jersey will be having our *first* meeting on January 2, 2021 on Zoom because of COVID. Let us begin celebrating the New Year together on the first Saturday of the New Year. Please bring your reflections on 2020 and your hopes, prayers, and resolutions for 2021. Bible verses to help you prepare for the Zoom meeting are Philippians 3: 13-14 and Philippians 4: 4-9. The Zoom meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. You may log on Zoom at 7:00 pm to socialize. If you plan to join the meeting, you must email cdunningCSNJ@gmail.com by January 1, 2021 to receive the meeting log-in information.

The Calvin January Series: Cedar Hill CRC is planning to host the Calvin January Series as a remote site. Come out and join us for these FREE informative, thought-provoking, and educational discussions from 12:30 to 1:30 pm from January 6-20. Social distancing and masks are required. For more details, see www.calvin.edu/january.

Message from New City Kids with thanks to all who have supported them in 2020: This year *Loving Kids For Change* has been transformational for a child, teen, or family. Here's what one parent wrote to us recently:
"Hi! We just wanted to thank you all for what you do. During these trying times, I appreciate what you do for these kids. You are all heroes! Not only are you thinking of these children during one of the hardest crises we've ever endured, you do it with a smile on your face and love in your hearts. These children need this. They do not understand what is happening or why, as their innocence shields them from truly understanding. Without this program, the adults, the teens, and the music, many of these children would be lost and in great sadness, as it all just happened so fast. You have already been there for me and my daughter during many hard times. I pray for you all and pray that you know how much you all mean to me and my family. Just a kind word, a high five, a conversation, or smile, means so much to my daughter. She talks about you all in high regards. Thank you again for the homework help, music lessons, and life lessons. I appreciate you all more than you will ever know."

Children's Ministries:

- Children's Worship videos will now be up on our website and YouTube page! New videos will be posted every 2 weeks and give our kids the chance to continue their Children's Worship experience virtually. Check out our YouTube page or look under "Youth" on our website.
- "Zoom KidSpace" meets twice a month from 9-9:30 am on Sunday mornings. If you would like more information about this program, please contact Linda Van Lenten at 973-432-3783 or vanlentenlinda@optimum.net.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, called, and reached out regarding the passing of my father, Fred Van Dam. They were all greatly appreciated.
-Margaret Van Dam

Don DeBruin is in rehab at Regency Gardens in Wayne, recovering from COVID-19. We ask that you keep Don and the Hoogerhyde family in your prayers.

SICK & SHUT-INS –

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



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12/29 John Everett

12/29 Doris Kuiken

12/31 Hayes Bushoven

12/31 Keith Davis

1/03 Cheryl Cusack