

# Order of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017 10:00 a.m.

## Welcome to worship at Fellowship!

We believe that God is the central focus of our worship. It is God who **gathers** us together, who **speaks** to us through the Word, who **feeds** us at the Table, and who **sends** us out into the world to join in God’s mission. This morning we continue our series, The Journey. Please join with us today as we offer ourselves to God, one another, and the world!

### God Gathers Us

Prelude: *Ring in Exaltation arr. Wagner* Bell Choir  
Song of Praise: *This is Amazing Grace/Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Song of Expectation: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
Greeting One Another  
Welcome & Announcements  
(Please sign and pass the *Fellowship Folder* during announcements.)  
Lighting the Advent Candle: *Dawning Light of Our Salvation*  
Speakers: Wendy Holstege & Karl VonIns  
Children’s Blessing: *Children’s Blessing*  
Offering: *Dry Bones arr. Morris* Bell Choir

### God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination  
The Word Read: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pew Bible p.704  
The Word Spoken: *The Journey: Bones* Jordan Clegg

### God Sends Us

Response: *Come Light Our Hearts*  
Prayers of God’s People  
Song of Expectation: *Joy to the World*  
God’s Blessing  
Postlude

*If you would like prayer, an elder or member of the prayer team will be available under the cross after the service.*  
*Fellowship Church welcomes all individuals and families affected by special needs. If you need assistance, please ask at the Welcome Center.*

## Children & Families

Betsy Bruins, [bbruins@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:bbruins@fellowshippreformed.org)  
Emily Rosendahl, [erosendahl@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:erosendahl@fellowshippreformed.org)

**Nursery and Children & Worship:** Please see the calendar on the back of the bulletin for times and locations. Children may borrow a worship bag to use.  
**Collecting Granola Bars for Hand2Hand:** Sunday School kids are collecting granola bars for Hand2Hand through December. Please turn them in at the Mission board across from the children’s check-in kiosk. Thank you for your donations!

**Advent Packets at Children’s Check-In:** Every family can pick up a packet with devotionals and an advent calendar at the children’s check-in kiosk in the atrium! This is a great tool to help children learn the true meaning of Advent and Christmas.

**Community Nights:** We have two more for 2017 on December 13 & 20. We will resume Community Nights on January 10, 2018.

**Children’s Christmas Eve Service at 10am:** We will have 1 morning service at 10am. Nursery will be provided, but children of any age are invited to wear or borrow a costume for our annual impromptu Christmas Pageant. We will need shepherds, angels, wise men, kings, donkeys, cows, camels, doves, sheep, and stars. The Mary and Joseph parts will be filled ahead of time. We have a good selection of costumes and props, but feel free to wear something from home!

## Youth

Bryce Vander Stelt, [bvanderstelt@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:bvanderstelt@fellowshippreformed.org)

**HSM:** Meets tonight from 6-8pm at Fellowship. All high school students are invited!  
**Elevate:** Meets this Wednesday from 6:15-7:30pm in the Youth Center. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited.

## Adult

Lindsay Small, [lsmall@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:lsmall@fellowshippreformed.org)

**Knitting/Crocheting & Needlework Group:** Our evening groups have combined and meet Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm. We would love new members! Call Judy Hoffman at [399.3138](tel:399.3138) or Carol Leitch at [399.1312](tel:399.1312) for information.

## Congregational Life

Lindsay Small, [lsmall@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:lsmall@fellowshippreformed.org)  
Linda Hutchison, [lhutchison@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:lhutchison@fellowshippreformed.org)

**Newcomers Coffee, TODAY, 9:15-10am:** All newcomers are invited to meet one another, church staff, & leaders over coffee & home-baked goodies in the East Room!

**Welcome Center:** We are looking for smiling faces to join the Welcome Center team for both services. Please email Stacie at [shoey@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:shoey@fellowshippreformed.org) if you are interested in joining this ministry.

**FRC Prayer Group:** This group has a special focus on praying for our church during the transition and beyond. We’d like to invite anyone interested to attend on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 6pm in N3 or contact Pat Vorpagel at [vorpagelp@gmail.com](mailto:vorpagelp@gmail.com).

**Medication Disposal:** Bring in your expired and unused medications, and our parish nurse will dispose of them appropriately. The collection box is at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings through December and in Linda’s office during the week.

## Mission

Nate Schipper, [nschipper@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:nschipper@fellowshippreformed.org)  
Karen Donker, [kdonker@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:kdonker@fellowshippreformed.org)

**Nicaragua Mission Trip Info Meeting:** Join us **Sunday, December 17 at 11:15am** in North room 1 to learn more about the next trip to Nicaragua on March 17-24ish. Contact Pastor Nate or Emily Rosendahl ([erosendahl@fellowshippreformed.org](mailto:erosendahl@fellowshippreformed.org)).

**Christmas Cookie Bakers:** Thanks to your generosity we were able to share cookies with all of our guests at the HOPE Christmas Store, our Kids Hope USA Christmas Party, AND put together care packages for our shut-ins here at Fellowship! Well done & thank you!

**Kids Hope Mentors:** Christmas gifts will be delivered during your regular mentoring time within the next two weeks. Please let Karen know if you change your meeting time.

**Bell Ringing:** Please sign up on the Missions board in the Atrium if you would like to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Walgreens on Butternut.

**Missions Budget:** The mission crew is in the process of discerning how we might allocate our 2018-2019 budget. If you would like the team to consider a specific ministry, please direct them to [www.fellowshippreformed.org/missionapp](http://www.fellowshippreformed.org/missionapp) by December 31. For more information on the ministries we currently support, see the mission board.

## Worship

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**Blue Christmas.** Join us for a quiet service of music and prayer as we journey through darkness and look to Christ for light on **TODAY at 3pm** in the East Room.



For many of us, this is the time of the year when we think about ways that we can be a blessing to our community. Would you consider an extra gift to Fellowship this Advent season? Here are some specific areas where we see a need:

- A gift to the **general fund** at Fellowship helps us support the staff, facilities, and ministries that are the fabric of Fellowship Church.
- A gift to **debt reduction** will save us almost double the gifted amount over the life of the loan. Those savings will help us expand our ministries moving forward.



### Christmas Eve Services

#### Sunday, December 24

Morning Worship, including Children’s Christmas Program, 10:00am (no 8:30 service)

Candlelight Lessons & Carols, 5:00 & 7:00pm

Candlelight Communion Service, 11:00pm

# This Week at fellowship

December 11-16, 2017

8:30, 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
8:30 a.m. Special Needs Missional Community Meeting - N3  
10:00 a.m. Nursery (Infant - 3 1/2 years old)  
10:00 a.m. Children & Worship (age 3 1/2 - Kindergarten)  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School (*Children are dismissed during worship to classrooms;*  
1st-5th in Children's Wing; 6th-8th in Youth Center)  
3:00 p.m. Blue Christmas - East Room  
6:00 p.m. High School Ministry - Youth Center

## Monday, 11

6:15 p.m. Exercise Class - Gym  
6:30 p.m. MLC Meeting - Open Office  
7:00 p.m. Needlework & Knitting/Crocheting MC Group - N4

## Tuesday, 12

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - Russ' North  
9:30 a.m. Heart to Heart Quilters - N4  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Kids Hope Christmas Party

## Wednesday, 13

6:30 a.m. Men Built for Others - Panera  
6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - Russ' North  
9:30 a.m. Knitting/Crocheting Missional Community - N4  
12:00 p.m. Wonderful Widows Luncheon—China Inn Restaurant  
(2863 West Shore Drive #105)

5:45 p.m. Community Night Dinner - Jambalaya  
6:15 p.m. Elevate (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Youth), Kingdom Kids, GEMS, Explorers Boys' Club  
6:30 p.m. Adult Community Night activities  
6:30 p.m. Leaving Egypt Small Group (Mike Thorsby) - N4  
6:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. CLC - Office  
7:15 p.m. Worship Band - Sanctuary

## Sunday, 17

Preaching: Lindsay Small Text: Isaiah 55:1-13

For the most up to date calendar, go to  
[www.fellowshipreformed.org/upcoming-events](http://www.fellowshipreformed.org/upcoming-events)



**Hand2Hand Needs:** We are currently serving 170 children through Hand2Hand. Your donations are needed and appreciated. Thank you!

- Condensed Soup
- Fruit Cups
- Tuna Fish
- Canned meals (ie. Ravioli )
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Veggies
- Mac & Cheese
- Chicken Helper
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Ramen Noodles
- Granola Bars
- Fruit & Cereal Bars
- Pudding Cups
- Chunky Soup

Financial donations can be given at [www.fellowshipreformed.org/give](http://www.fellowshipreformed.org/give)

# Of Special Concern

December 10, 2017

**Barb Baldwin** (2502 Thomas Ave.) having back surgery on Wednesday at Mercy in Muskegon (E).

**Mike Caprarola** (16484 Oakleaf Ct.) home after recent hospitalization for diabetic concerns. Awaiting further test results (J).

**Jane Eppard** (3084 N. 168<sup>th</sup>) completed chemotherapy treatments (G).

**Don Kievit** (2452 Prairie Ave.) is waiting scan results (E).

**Bill Smith** (3957 Dune Shadow Dr.) returned to Spectrum Hospital for declining health (B).

## Please continue to pray for:

**Mary Assink** (2398 Court Dr.) is continuing with maintenance cancer treatments (B).

**Millie Bekker** (602 Maple Creek Dr.) is receiving chemotherapy (L).

**Lois Groteler** (408 Arthur St) is continuing with chemotherapy (D).

**Fred Reynolds** (3760 N 168th Ave.) is continuing with chemotherapy (J).

**Tim Taylor** (7065 Lakeshore Dr., West Olive. 49460) has one more chemo treatment (I).

**Don Vos** (16308 Ransom St.) waiting for a liver transplant (J).

## December Deacon Spotlight

December Deacon Spotlight: The end of the year includes many appeals for financial support. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to make additional contributions directly to our mission partners and Fellowship Church (Missions Fund, Debt Reduction, General Fund).

## Those Serving in the Military:

**Jacob Assink**, US Navy, please drop off cards in the church office.

**Brian Moran**, US Army; 11500 Hobbison Trail, Austin, TX 78739, [mandr2150@att.net](mailto:mandr2150@att.net)

**Brent Philipps**, US Navy; please drop off cards in the church office.

**Travis Rosendahl**, US Marines; deployed to Afghanistan. Drop cards at church office.

**Josh Wiggers** (son of Dave & Diane Becker), please drop cards in the church office.

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10:00 a.m. Service