

fellowship

CHURCH ● ● ●

December 15, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to worship at Fellowship!

God Gathers Us

Prelude: *Come, Light Our Hearts*

Call to Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven**

*Joy Has Dawned/Angels We Have Heard on High**

Prayer of Adoration

Lighting of Advent Candle / *Magnificat**

Greet One Another/Dismissal of Children

Welcome and Announcements

Offering: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(Please sign and pass the *Fellowship Folder* during the offering)

God Speaks to Us

Scripture: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13; p.366-367

Prayer for Illumination

The Word: *Adventurous: God Rebuilds*

God Sends Us

*Come, You People of the Promise**

God's Blessing

Postlude

**indicates congregational song*

Participating in Today's Service:

Preaching - Ross Dieleman; Liturgists - Nate Schipper, Lindsay Small, Jessica Mix.

Worship team - Megan Abbott, Eduardo Garcia, Lucy Nusbaum, Vonnice Ritsema, Ginger & Duane VandenBrink, Dave Wynegar, Rob Zylman, & Bell Choir (Betty McLarty, director)

Scripture Arts Ensemble - Jackson Nickolay, John Brogan, & Raully Donahue

Fellowship Church welcomes all individuals and families with special needs. If you need assistance, please ask at the Welcome Center.



This year we have written an Advent Devotional for each week of Advent. We invite you to pick one up at the Welcome Center (large print available) & participate in this community devotional. Included is a description of the symbolism of our Advent candelabrum.

Adult

Ross Dieleman, rdieleman@fellowshippreformed.org

Better Together Bible Study: Explore the weekly Bible text with observation, interpretations, and application. Join us this Wednesday at 6:30pm in N3!

Christmas in Context: This Wednesday night, December 18th at 6:30pm in N1 (our *Community Conversations* classroom), Veteran pastor and teacher Bill Boersma (Ross' father-in-law), will focus on *In the Shadow of Herod*. This is the third session in this three part mini series. All are welcome!

Congregational Life

Lindsay Small, lsmall@fellowshippreformed.org
Cathy Hamilton, chamilton@fellowshippreformed.org

Last day of Community Night activities this Wednesday: Don't miss our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater night this Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 5:45pm for all ages! Prizes will be awarded! This is the last for 2019; activities will resume January 8.

Christmas Cards: Write to those who are homebound and those currently serving in the military. There is a list of names at the table in the atrium. Drop off your cards at the church office, or use cards found on the table ready to address. Please place them in the appropriate gift bag for delivery. Cards will be collected through Wednesday, December 18th.

Consistory Nominations: Please submit names of any members of the congregation that you would recommend for consistory. Learn more by going to www.fellowshippreformed.org/consistory. You can submit names using the online form or by completing a form at the welcome center.

Worship

Jess Mix, jmix@fellowshippreformed.org

Christmas Eve services: Please join us for a service of lessons and carols at 5pm & 7pm, or at 11pm for a more contemplative service.

Sing with the Choir! Please let Jess know if you are interested in singing the Hallelujah Chorus and one anthem at 5pm & 7pm Christmas Eve services. Rehearsals are on December 18 at 6:30-8pm in the Green Room and December 24 at 4pm in the Sanctuary.

Children & Families

Betsy Bruins, bbruins@fellowshippreformed.org
Emily Rosendahl, erosendahl@fellowshippreformed.org

Sunday School: Children & Worship kids through 8th grade begin in worship and are dismissed to the children's wing during the 10am service. Pick up at Sunday School rooms. Worship Journals & Worship Bags are available to borrow in the back of the sanctuary. There will be *no Sunday School next week*, but nursery will be offered for those three and under.

The Christmas Pageant: Join us Sunday, December 22 at the 10am service! Come at 9:30am and get your children into costume (south hallway near Entrance A). We will perform three songs that the kids learned at Sunday School and at Wednesday night activities. Look for more details in an email from Betsy soon.

Youth

Bryce Vander Stelt, bvanderstelt@fellowshippreformed.org
Hannah Cochrane, hcochrane@fellowshippreformed.org

Elevate (Middle School Ministry): Elevate meets weekly in the Youth Center on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30pm in the Youth Center. This is for all middle school students in 6th-8th grade.

HSM (High School Ministry): Meets tonight from 6-8pm in the Youth Center.

HSM Winter Retreat: will be held on be on January 24th-26th at Gull Lake Ministries. Sign up online now.

Rocky Mountain High: will be at Estes Park, CO from July 23rd-29th. Email Bryce to sign up. Please register online by December 31st. More info at synodyouth.org/rocky-mountain-high/

Mission

Nate Schipper, nschipper@fellowshippreformed.org
Karen Donker, kdonker@fellowshippreformed.org

Mission 2020: The RCA is hosting a conference to celebrate God's faithfulness through RCA Global Mission efforts for the past 377 years. Learn more or come along! Info at <https://mission2020.rca.org/>. Registration closes December 18th.

Request Announcements

Babysitting Fundraiser: Kenzie Solis and Jordyn Klaasen (middle schoolers at Fellowship) are having a babysitting fundraiser (with the help of their parents Jen and Christie) to raise funds to go on a mission trip to Guatemala. It will be in the gym from 6-9pm on Friday, December 20 for kids 6 months up to 10 years old. RSVP to Christie Klaasen at christieklaasen@gmail.com or (616-566-6806). If you have questions, please ask Jen Solis or Christie. Thanks!

Christmas Sunday Service
December 29 @ 9:15am

Join us for carols, testimonies, and worship.

This Week at fellowship

December 15-21, 2019

8:30am Worship Service; Nursery (Infant - 3½ years)
 9:45am Spiritual Fitness Adult Sunday School Class- N4
 10:00am Worship Service; Nursery (Infant - 3½ years); Children & Worship 3 by 9/1/19 - Kinder); Sunday School (*Children dismissed during worship*: 1st-5th in Children's Wing; 6th-8th boys - Youth Center; 6th-8th girls - N3)
 6:00pm High School Ministry - Youth Center
 6:00pm Apprentice of Jesus Class - Green Room

Monday, 16

1:00pm Women's Bible Study Christmas Luncheon - N3
 4:00pm Pickleball - Gym
 6:30pm Needlework Group - N4

Tuesday, 17

8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Russ' North
 9:30am Heart to Heart Quilters - N4
 3:00pm Dementia & Alzheimer's Support Group - N3
 6:30pm Full Consistory - Atruim

Wednesday, 18

6:30am Men Built for Others - Panera
 6:45am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Russ' North
 9:30am Knitting/Crocheting Missional Community - N4
 5:45pm Community Night - Sweet & Sour Chicken
 6:15pm Elevate, GEMS, Explorers, Kingdom Kids
 6:30pm Adult Classes; Worship Band - Sanctuary; Choir - Green Room

Sunday, 22

Preaching: Children's Christmas Program.....Luke 1:5-13[14-25] 57-80



Hand2Hand Needs: Your donations are needed and appreciated. No glass packaging. Thank you!

- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Fruit Cups
- Canned Veggies
- Soup
- Saltine Crackers
- Fruit & Cereal Bars
- Granola Bars
- Chicken Helper
- Canned Chicken
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Individually Packaged
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Fruit Snacks
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Fruit Snacks
- Pudding Cups

Financial donations can be given at www.fellowshippreformed.org/give

Of Special Concern

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Care concerns have been omitted from this online version for privacy reasons.

Are you, or someone you know, going to be hospitalized or in a rehab facility or would like a home visit? Please let us know by calling 616.399.9280 x130.



Ways to GIVE

1. scan QR with camera on smartphone
2. go to www.fellowshippreformed.org/give
3. mail a check to the address below
4. offering plate



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10:00 a.m. Service