

fellowship

CHURCH ● ● ●

December 8, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to worship at Fellowship!

God Gathers Us

Call to Worship

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11; p.581-582

*God With Us**

Greet One Another/Blessing and Dismissal of Children

Welcome and Announcements

Offering: *Still, Still, Still - Instrumental (lyrics found on back of bulletin)*

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

God Speaks to Us God Feeds Us

*Magnificat**

Lighting of Advent Candle

Prayer for Illumination

The Word: *Adventageous: God Comforts*

*Savior of the Nations, Come**

*King of Kings**

A gluten free communion option is available at a station under the cross. If you prefer to refrain from the sacrament, you are encouraged to use this time for prayer and reflection.

God Sends Us

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (v.4)**

God's Blessing

Postlude

**indicates congregational song*

Participating in Today's Service:

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

Worship team - Matt Abbott, Aaron Anderson, Aaron Clark, Drew Dykema, Jenine & Sara Elzinga, Jim McFarland, Pat Postma, Vonnie Ritsema, & Bob VanDenBrand.



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. Within the devotional there is information describing 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 11th at 6:30pm in N1 (our *Community Conversations* classroom), Veteran pastor and teacher Bill Boersma (Ross' father-in-law), will focus on *Jesus through Jewish Eyes*. This is the second session in this three part mini series. All are welcome!

Congregational Life

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

Christmas Cards: are being collected for those who are homebound and those currently serving in the military. Please stop by the table in the atrium to pick up a list of these folks. Drop off your cards at the church office, or take a minute to use cards that can be 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.

Worship

Jess Mix, jmix@fellowshippreformed.org

The Longest Night Service (formerly Blue Christmas): Join us for a service TODAY for those who are grieving, hurting, or experience any kind of longing during Advent. The service will be held in the East Room at 3pm.

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 other anthem at our 5pm & 7pm Christmas Eve services. Rehearsals will be on December 11th & 18th at 6:30-8pm in the Green Room (in the hallway behind the Sanctuary stage), and at 4pm on December 24th in the Sanctuary.

Advent Scripture Arts Ensemble: If you are interested in helping present Scripture during Advent, contact Jackson Nickolay: jnickolay@fellowshippreformed.org

There will only be one service on Sunday, December 29 at 9:15am.

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

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.

The Christmas Pageant: Our Christmas Pageant is on Sunday, December 22nd during the 10am service! Come starting at 9:30am and get your children into costume (costume area will be in south hallway near Entrance A). We will be practicing three songs that the kids will sing on their own both before Sunday School and before Wednesday night activities. Look for more details in an email from Betsy soon.

Youth

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

Elevate (Middle School Ministry): Wednesday, December 11th, we will have some Christmas fun together with a pizza party at 5:45pm followed by a field trip to The Lost City at 6pm to enjoy some good ol' laser tag! We will carpool and be back to church by 7:30pm for pick-ups.

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. Please register online by December 31st.

Mission

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

HOPE Christmas Store: THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make the HOPE Christmas Store a huge success! On Saturday, December 7th, we were able to bless 27 families (116 children) from our community with a Christmas shopping experience, complete with refreshments, which took place here at Fellowship. Well done, people of Fellowship!

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

Piano Recital: You're invited! Students of Vonnie Ritsema (and parents) will perform classic and Christmas music in a festive program we want to share with you on Saturday, December 14th from 11:30am-12:30pm in the Sanctuary.

An Evening with Sandra McCracken: You're invited to attend this free concert at First Reformed Church in Zeeland on **December 13 @ 7:30pm.**

This Week at fellowship

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December 8-14, 2019

- 8:30am Worship Service; Nursery (Infant - 3½ years)
- 8:30am Special Needs Missional Community Meeting - N3
- 9:45am Spiritual Fitness - 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)
- 3:00pm The Longest Night Service (formerly Blue Christmas) - East Room
- 6:00pm High School Ministry - Youth Center
- 6:00pm Apprentice of Jesus Class - Green Room

Monday, 9

- 4:00pm Pickleball - Gym
- 6:30pm Needlework Group - N4

Tuesday, 10

- 8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Russ' North
- 9:30am Heart to Heart Quilters - N4
- 4:00pm UAA meeting - Open Office
- 6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, 11

- 6:30am Men Built for Others - Panera
- 6:45am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Russ' North
- 9:30am Knitting/Crocheting Missional Community - N4
- 12:00pm Wonderful Widows Luncheon - Anna's House
- 5:45pm Community Night - Mac & Cheese; Smoked Sausage
- 6:15pm Elevate, GEMS, Explorers, Kingdom Kids
- 6:30pm Adult Classes; Worship Band - Sanctuary; Choir - Green Room

Sunday, 15

Preaching: Ross Dieleman.....Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13

Of Special Concern

December 8, 2019

Care Concerns have been omitted for privacy reasons.



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

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| •Mac & Cheese | •Cereal | •Jelly | •Canned Chicken |
| •Vienna Sausages | •Fruit Snacks | •Peanut Butter | •Hamburger Helper |
| •Canned Veggies | •Pudding Cups | •Instant Oatmeal | •Individually packaged |
| •Fruit Cups | •Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce | •Soup | Cheese & Crackers |
| •Granola Bars | •Saltine Crackers | •Tuna | •Ramen Noodles |

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10:00 a.m. Service