

SUNDAY, December 3, 2017

WELCOME to all who have joined us for worship today!

Please join us for coffee/tea/juice in the fellowship hall after the service – we would like to get to know you!

Hearing assistance



A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound **operator** for assistance.

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Today

Today we welcome Dr. Davey Henreckson to the pulpit both this morning and evening. Unity Christian High School's Instruments of Praise will offer their musical gifts during the evening worship service.

Advent

"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 prophesies of the Messiah's coming as addressed to us – people who wait for the second coming" (*The Worship Sourcebook*). This year, as we wait as a church body at Covenant, we'll pray in hope for restoration using words from the Psalms (80, 85, 126, & 89), acknowledging that God has restored us, is even now restoring us, and will one day make all things new.

Offerings for December

	AM	PM
10	Christian Education Fund, Compassion Fund	Justice For All
17	Missions Fund	Dordt College
24	Tuition Assistance Fund	
25	General Fund: Outreach Commitments	
31	General Fund: Ministry Shares	Tuition Assistance Fund

Last week's offering

Thanksgiving Offering

\$17,185.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Bernie DeWit, Nico Ribbens, Elia Eppinga, Jason Wyenberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the First Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Travis Else and Jamie Dykstra.

Search Process for Our Next Pastor

The Council has been working on a Church Profile as an initial step in our Search Process. This morning, we ask all professing members of Covenant to stay for a few moments after the service and complete a short survey. This will take 5–10 minutes, and will be very helpful as we complete our Church Profile. Also, some members will have the opportunity to volunteer to complete a more detailed survey; this will require a longer time commitment, but will also be very helpful.

Service of Lessons and Carols

We look forward to a service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday evening, **December 17**, at 6:00 PM. We hope you will plan to come for this service of candle lighting, scripture, and song. The choir will be rehearsing a few pieces for the service on Monday, **December 3**, at 7:30 PM and on Monday, **December 11**, at 8:15 PM (after the congregational meeting). We welcome all interested singers 7th grade and up to join. Contact Rebecca DeVries with questions (worship@covenantcrc.net).

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School Christmas Program is next Sunday, **December 10**, at 6:00 PM. The kids have already started preparations before church this morning. Parents: the kids will also practice on Sunday, **December 10** at 8:45 AM and from 3:30-5:00 PM. Thanks for your help in preparing them to share the joy of Christmas with the rest of the congregation.

Lasagna Dinner & Congregational Meeting

We will gather for our annual Congregational Meeting on Monday, **December 11**, at 7:00 PM. You can find a copy of the budget that will be voted on in your mailbox today. Plan to come early and eat dinner here before the meeting! The Youth Group will be serving lasagna at 6:00 PM to raise money for their summer service trip.

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7:00-9:00 PM on Tuesday, **December 5**. Nathan Huyser will share his story: "Navigating My Life with Major Depressive Disorder and Generalized Anxiety Disorder." For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Building Hope & Resiliency

On **December 7**, the Town Square Coffee Shop in Orange City is hosting "Building Hope & Resiliency" including viewing of the film *Resiliency* and discussion on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) with opportunities to respond. Viewing starts at 6:30 PM in the meeting room.

Dordt Music Events

- Dordt College will present its Choral Ensembles Christmas Concert on Friday, **December 8**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert will feature Bella Voce, Kantorei, and Concert Choir.
- The bi-annual Chorale Service of Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday, **December 10**, at 8:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This worship service will commemorate the Christmas story through a series of Scripture readings, carols sung by the Chorale, and hymns for congregation and choir.
- Dordt College invites the community to attend the Instrumental Ensembles Concert, Friday, **December 15** at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Concert Band will perform a variety of seasonal works along with traditional repertoire.

Community Unity Meal

Everyone is invited to a free "Community Unity" meal in Sioux Center on Thursday, **December 14**, from 6:00-7:00 PM at New Life Reformed Church. The meal host of the month is Pella Corporation.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, December 10
Greeters	AM: Mimi K, Joan MC, Dani W ♦ PM: Rebecca DS, Jake VW, Laurey Z	
Ushers	AM: Ruth Clo, Barb H, Dennis VP ♦ PM: Jo F, Adam F	
Coffee	Duane B, Marge DB, Cal J, Beth VB, Rog VH, Eldon W	
Subs	Jenni B, Luke H, Gidge M, Len R, John V, Sharon V	
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Micah G	Marv W ♦ Dave/Austen G
Nursery	AM INF: Erik H, Lisa C	AM INF: Luanne G, Joe E
Nov. POM: Clarks	TODDLER: Barb H, Mark C	TODDLER: Dave G, Erin E
Dec. POM: McCarthys	PM: Don & Sherri TN, Lee & Jenni M	PM: John & Linda V, Chris & Rin G

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

Troy & Faith Bierma tbierma@gmail.com	Kelly & April Crull crulls@caimail.net	Dan & Jeananne Kuiper djkuiip@aol.com	Sos & Kara Maletoungou smaletoungou@crca.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com
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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	8:45 AM	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice (grades 1-8)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 9-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study Group
Monday	9:00 AM	Women's Community Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (Casey's Bakery)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
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