

O come O come  
Emanuel



***Sunday, December 5, 2021***  
***Second Sunday in Advent***  
***Order of Worship***

**Approach to God**

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting – James & Carol Knevelbaard

Worship in Song and Praise

*What A Beautiful Name*

*Emmanuel*

*O Come, O Come*

Opening Prayer

Children's Message – Rus Verburg

Announcements

Ministry of Music – Sadie Sandbulte

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 253 (vs. 1,2,4) *Silent Night*

(General Fund Offering)

Mary Monologue – Gayla Mortenson

**Word of God**

Message – *Characters of Christmas...Mary!*

Scripture – Matthew 1:26-38

Prayer of Blessing

**Response to God**

\*Song of Response # 669 *Make Me A Servant*

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song # 669 *Make Me A Servant*

\*Postlude (\*please stand if you are able)

On this Sunday we continue to experience the warmth of Christian fellowship in the season of hope, joy, peace and love. May God's Spirit speak to us through our worship and renew our devotion in Jesus, the Savior of the world, born a child and yet a king. This week in our Advent journey, open our eyes to the joy that surrounds us. Greetings in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today, especially to our visitors that we are privileged to welcome on this Lord's Day!

If you are a visitor today, please fill out a "Welcome to the Family" card located by the sanctuary doors and drop it in the basket on the MOVE table in the Fellowship Hall.

We invite everyone worshipping with us to come to the Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee and lemonade following the worship service.

### **Today's Worship Attendants:**

Pianist/Guitarist – Emily S

Sound Tech – Dilan M

Power Point – Nelva H

Ushers – Mikah S & Kevin O

Coffee/Cookies – Kate B & Jan VM

Prayer Team – Kevin M & Joe K

Children's Message – Pastor Mark

Ministry of Music – Loren Te Slaas

Children & Worship – Rainbows (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Storyteller – Mary S

Helper – Jocelynn O

Greeters – Gayla M & Lana O

Nursery Attendants – Deb TS, Jasmine DJ, Brayson K

Thank you to James & Carol Knevelbaard for lighting the Advent Candle and to Emily Schwarz for accompanying our music today. Thank you also to Sadie Sandbulte for her ministry of music, to Rus Verburg for leading the Children's Message, and to Gayla Mortenson for portraying Mary in the monologue. We appreciate your willingness to be a part of our worship service.

**10:45AM-1:00PM** - New Member's Luncheon today. This luncheon is for anyone in the church that hasn't formally become a member of Free Grace Reformed Church. Pastor Mark will share important information about the church and answer any questions that you may have. Then the Elders of Free Grace will join us as we share a special noon meal together. Your children can join us after the Sunday School time.

**5:00 PM** – Sr. RCYF will meet at church for their Christmas Party.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Our "home-bound" members of our congregation: Lucille Van Zee, Harriet Vander Zwaag, and Cleo & Joyce Te Slaa.
- Pastor Mark as he deals with the blood clot in his leg. Pray for complete healing in the near future.
- Remember also those who are suffering from illnesses or surgeries of our congregation and also our country at this time.

## **PRAYER FOCUS OF THE WEEK**

Our Prayer Focus is Paul and Sue Kooiker. Paul spends most of his time working at Kooiker Dairy feeding the steers and doing all aspects of farm work. He enjoys ranching with his family and also loves riding horse especially in the Black Hills. Sue spends most of her time babysitting the grandchildren and also enjoys her trips to Wisconsin to see her family and likes being outdoors where she can appreciate nature. Paul and Sue enjoy spending time together with their kids and grandkids and look forward to celebrating birthdays together. They appreciate the many children and young people in the church and their prayer request is to pray that God will give the kids direction in their lives as they transition to adulthood. They also ask for prayers for all who are suffering, grieving and struggling with their faith. They are thankful for God's amazing grace and for the many blessings they have received. Uphold Paul & Sue in your prayers this week.

## **THANK YOU**

“Thank you to all of the people of Middleburg Free Grace that expressed condolences for my mom’s passing. She will be missed, but she passed along some insights from heaven we won’t soon forget. Thank You!” The Punt Family

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Monday Night Women’s Bible Study** will begin on January 10. We will be using the Bible Study “Courageous Joy”. If you would like to attend, please talk to Nelva so books can be ordered.

**From the Consistory:** A copy the Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes can be found in your mailbox. Jon Mortenson and George Miller were selected by “casting of lots” for the Elder positions. Justin Draayer and Eric Mulder were selected for the Deacon positions. Remember to pray for these men and our new consistory as they prepare for the New Year.

**From the Mission Outreach Committee:** There are extras of pig-in-a-blankets available. Please contact Andrea Wielenga or Joyce Vander Wilt if you would like to purchase some for your holiday gatherings.



MEN! Temptations come in all kinds of ways. A “Mendistry” group can help you overcome the pitfalls every man experiences. “Mendistry” will kick off in January of 2022.

### **THIS WEEK:**

**Tuesday, Dec. 7** – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

**Wednesday, Dec. 8 -**

**6:00 AM** – Men’s Bible Study.

**7:00 PM** - Wednesday Night Activities. Reminder: 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be practicing the Christmas Program and will be dismissed at 8:15 PM.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, December 12 -**

**Pastor Mark’s Message –**

*The Character of Christmas...Three Kings*

**Offering** – General Fund

**Special Offering** – Christmas Candy Offering

### **Worship Attendants:**

Organist – Nora V

Sound Tech – Loren TS

Power Point – Paige VS

Ushers – Ryan B & Dilan M

Prayer Team – Mark DR & Dilan M

Children’s Message – Kaylee M

Coffee Maker – Minerva K

Ministry of Music – Brett Kooikers

Nursery Attendants – Tina K, Allison W, Ella S

Children & Worship – Little Lambs (3 yr olds-K)

Storyteller – Heidi O

Helper – Brooks K

Greeters – Beth K & Jasmine DJ

**6:00 PM - Christmas Caroling & Fellowship.** We will divide into groups visit several of our elderly church members. Plans are to have all the groups back at church by 8:00 PM so we can enjoy a time of fellowship together. Hot chocolate, coffee, and lemonade will be provided. You are asked to bring a snack to share and enjoy when we return from singing God’s praises during this Christmas Season. Come join us!

## **NEXT WEEK:**

**Monday, Dec. 13 (Note Change of Date)** – Consistory Regular & Transitional Meeting. Both consistory members of 2021 and newly elected members for 2022 are asked to be in attendance. The Board of Elders will meet at 6:45 PM. If anyone would like to make profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, please contact Pastor Mark. Devotions, Closing Prayer and Lunch – Pastor Mark.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14 @ 9:00 AM** – Tuesday AM Bible Study.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15:**

**6:00 AM** – Men's Bible Study

**9:30 AM** – Ladies Bible Study Brunch at Lucille's home.

**7:00 PM** – Wednesday Night Activities.

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

Wednesday, Dec. 22 – No Wednesday Night Activities BUT there will be Christmas Program practice at 7:00 PM.

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021 – Christmas Program.

Wednesday, Dec. 29 – No Wednesday Night Activities.

Monday, Jan. 10 – Monday Night Women's Bible Study.

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 – Mendistry Gathering.

March 4-5, 2022 - IF:2022 Women's Gathering.



Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM  
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**Characters of Christmas ... Mary!**  
**Matthew 1:26-38**

**God wants us to experience the best  
things @ Christmas ...**

**#1      God wants us to have the \_\_\_\_\_ of His grace.**  
vss. 26-30

**#2      God wants us to know about His \_\_\_\_\_.**  
vss. 31-35

**Angel Gabriel \_\_\_\_\_ this Kingdom to Mary**

In vs. 31 we learn that God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ your soul.

In vs. 32 we learn that Jesus is the Son of the \_\_\_\_\_.

In vs. 33: “He will reign over the house of Jacob  
\_\_\_\_\_, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

**#3      God wants us to believe in the possibility of His  
\_\_\_\_\_.** vss. 36-37

**#4      God wants us to be a \_\_\_\_\_ servant.** vs. 8

Gift  
Kingdom

Revealed  
Save  
Highest  
Forever

Power  
Submissive