



MIDDLEBURG FREE GRACE

REFORMED CHURCH

Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known



Pastor Mark Schwarz

WELCOME

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Order of Worship

Approach to God

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Carl & Nancy Moss

*Hymn # 243 *Emmanuel*

*Hymn # 244 *Come, Thou Long -Expected Jesus*

*Opening Prayer

*Congregational Greeting Time

Children's Message – Rus V

Announcements

Ministry of Music – *Thank You Jesus*

Barby Schwarz, Betty Moss, Pat Buyert,

Sienna Moss, Carol Knevelbraad, Becky Kooiker

Congregational & Offertory Prayer

Hymn of Preparation # 266 (vs.1-3) *The Beautiful Name*
(*General Fund Offering*)

Word of God

Message – *Don't Miss Christmas!*

Prayer of Blessing

Communion

Response to God

Song of Response # 439 (vs.1-2) *Song For The Nations*
(*Special Offering for the Mission Fund*)

*Benediction

*Closing Song # 439 (vs.4) *Song For The Nations*

*Postlude (*please stand if you are able)

Welcome to worship on this Lord's Day morning! We are glad to have all of you present with us. It is the first Lord's Day in the Season of Advent, a time when key themes such as *Hope, Joy, Peace* and *Love* are highlighted. Together we are pointing forward to the celebration of the gift of the *Savior of the World* on Christmas Day!

Today we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together on this First Sunday of Advent. We invite anyone who is in good and faithful standing in their church to partake with us at the Communion Table. For our friends who have special diets, there is gluten free bread on the MOVE table in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to pick up a serving before the service, if possible.

Our special offering today is for our Mission Fund which supports our RCA Missionaries. We are currently supporting Aaro Rytkonen in Oman, Way Out Ministries in California, Chad & Dara Vanden Bosch in Mozambique, and Brian & Elizabeth Bruxvoort in Alaska. Thank you for your support of this very special ministry.

If you are a visitor today, please fill out a “Welcome to the Family” card located by the sanctuary doors and leave it on the table or put it in the basket on the table in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to make contact with you.

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for coffee and lemonade.

Today we thank Carl and Nancy Moss for leading us in our Advent Candle Reading. Also thank you to Barby, Betty, Pat, Sienna, Carol and Becky for their special ministry of music and to Rus Verburbg for his Children’s Message. You all are so much appreciated!

Today’s Worship Attendants:

Pianist – Irene S	Sound Tech – Dilan M
Power Point – Tayla K	Ushers – Mike B & Justin R
Coffee/Lemonade – Carol Knd	Prayer Team – Consistory
Nursery Attendants – Tina K, Jaxon R, Madison H	
Children’s Message – Rus V	
No Children & Worship	
Elder Greeters After Service –	
Ken (east); Pastor (south); Jon (west)	

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us remember our friends and family in our prayers:

- Wayne Meerdink as he recovers from a blood condition problem.
- Kevin Oolman as he heals from her recent arm injury.
- Mark De Ruyter following his recent ankle surgery.
- Darla Siemonsma as she recuperates from her surgery.
- Jerry Van Roekel has returned home and we pray for his continued healing.

- Pastor Mark as he has blood clots again in his leg.
- Ezra Kraayenbrink, grandson of Evan & Shelly Kraayenbrink, as he continues to grow and develop.
- Lucille Van Zee, Harriet Vander Zwaag and Ken Bloemendaal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Wayne and Jan Vander Maten, proud grandparents of another new grandchild! Whitney & Jacey Hoegh welcomed a new daughter, Joelle Ann, on November 17th.

Congrats to Whitney & Jacey on the birth of Joelle!

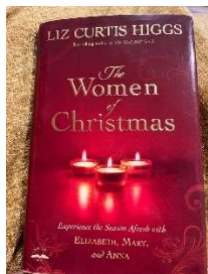
Monday, November 28 at 7:00 PM – Annual Congregational Meeting. We will be selecting new consistory members for 2023 and review the business of our church. The nominated candidates for Consistory Elders for 2023 are Rus Verburg and Mike Buyert. Nominees for Deacons are Steven Broersma, Dan Oolman, Brett Kooiker & Billy Kooiker, Jr. We will be selecting one elder and two deacons by casting of lots. These three men will then be presented to the membership for affirmation at the meeting. A time of fellowship will follow the meeting.

From the Mission Outreach Committee:

- The Mission trip this year will be to New Bern, North Carolina on Feb. 4-11, 2023. They were hit by Hurricane Florence in 2018 and they had a lot of damage from flooding. We will be doing dry walling, flooring, painting, etc. There is a sign-up sheet on the MOVE table. Please sign up by Dec. 4 so we can make travel arrangements. If you have any questions, please contact the Mission Outreach Committee.
- We have extra regular and cheesy pig in a blankets for sale at \$13/dozen. Contact Andrea Wielenga if you would a delicious addition to your holiday celebrations.

From the Sr. RCYF: We have some butterbraids to sell for the holidays coming up. Choices are cherry, apple, strawberry, and four cheese, \$15 each. Contact Heidi Kooiker at 712-3660-2057, if you would like some.

Service Opportunity: We are looking for volunteers to help serve coffee & lemonade after our Sunday morning worship service. Also we could use more volunteers to bring cookies on the first Sunday of each month. Please sign up on the MOVE table in the Fellowship Hall if this is something you would be willing to help with! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Minerva Kooiker. Thank You!



Ladies: You know how crazy the Christmas Season can be? Would you love to have your heart more centered and focused on Jesus this Christmas? Join Barby on Tuesdays from 4-5:30 PM for four weeks from Nov. 29 thru Dec. 20 and together we will read thru Luke 1&2 using excerpts from the book, “The Women of Christmas” by Liz Curtis Higgs. (You may buy the book if you’d like, but it is not necessary.) We will read the book, scriptures, discuss the questions, and pray, all during the 90 minutes we are together. So no homework!! Just blessings in fellowship and focusing on Christ! If interested, call or text Barby at 559-553-5897.

LifeWise Academy Boyden: We currently offer classes on Friday mornings to students in 4th-6th grade. And beginning in January, we’re adding classes on Friday afternoon for the 2nd and 3rd graders to attend. If you have students in these grades, or know people with students in grades 2-6, encourage them to check out www.lifewisecademy.org (search for Boyden, IA) to sign up or learn more about LifeWise. We’re excited to be growing our class size every month and now have over 50 students attending each week. Classes involve bible stories, key character-building traits, and prayer time. Cost of the class is covered by private donors and is free for all students that attend. If you’re interested in partnering with us financially you can donate at www.lifewisecademy.org and search for our local program, Boyden, IA. We appreciate your support and your prayers!

THIS WEEK:

Monday, Nov. 28 at 7:00 PM – Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Classes and Christmas Program Practice.

NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 4

Pastor Mark's Message – *God's Ultimate Christmas Gift*

Offering – General Fund

Worship Attendants:

Pianist – Haley B

Sound Tech – Garret VW

Power Point – Gina W

Ushers – Harlan H & Larry VW

Coffee/Lemonade/Cookies: Nerv K & Darla S

Prayer Team – George M & Dilan M

Ministry of Music – Dave Wielengas

Nursery Attendants – Lana O, Ella S, Jasmin O

Children's Message – Pastor Mark

Children & Worship - Little Lambs (3 yrs-TK)

Storyteller – Nelva

Helper – Eliza N

Greeters – Gayla M & Haylee O

Elder Greeters After Service –

George (east); Jon (south); Pastor (west)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Dec. 5 – Consistory & Transitional Meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 –

9:00 AM – Ladies Bible Study at Mary Swets home.

6:15-7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Family Supper

7:00 PM – Wednesday Night Classes and Christmas Program Practice.



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Don't miss Christmas!

Those who missed the first Christmas:

The first group that missed Christmas ...

Those who are _____ by Jesus (Innkeeper)

*And she (Mary) gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room for them. **Luke 2:7***

The second group that missed Christmas:

Those who are intimidated (_____) by Jesus (Herod)

They are afraid of losing their position or possessions for Christ. After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to Worship Him. When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him."

Matthew 2:1-3

The third group that missed Christmas:

Those who are _____ in Jesus (Scribes)

The Scribes were caught up in their religious pride, the pleasures and status they enjoyed.

How about you?

Are you _____ to give God room in your heart?

Does _____ Jesus your heart ... trouble you?

Maybe you're indifferent. Your life is fine just the way it is?

So, you _____ Him?

Inconvenienced

Willing

Troubled

Giving

Uninterested

Ignore