



SPRING LAKE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 23, 2018

Welcome to Worship!

At Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, we exist to help people of all ages develop authentic relationships with Jesus Christ

SERIES: Songs of the Season – A Christmas Playlist

WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM

Gathering Music

*Call to Worship

Children Sing

Jesus Loves me

Go Tell It On The Mountain

*The Lord's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Song: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle - LOVE

Dick and Judy Postma

*Songs:

Love Has Come

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Announcements

*Song: *The Birthday of a King*

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund/Capital Improvement

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17

Message: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Prayer

*Song: *O Holy Night*

*The Lord's Blessing

*Song: *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

*Parting Music

Pastor: Michael Westerveld

Accompanist: Karen Carlson

Praise Team: Ena Brondyke, Joel Brondyke

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

This morning Pastor Michael Westerveld will lead worship. Our accompanist today is Karen Carlson

If you are a visitor or guest we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Welcome Card available in the pew rack. Following worship, please bring your card to the Welcome Table where you will receive a gift.

Child Care for infants through age 3 is provided during our morning worship in our Infant and Toddler Center, located on the east end of the main floor.

Large Print materials are available at the Welcome Table.

When you see the heart symbol ♥ next to a song in the order of worship, it indicates the song is one of the HeartSongs you as members shared that had special meaning for you.

The east and south entry doors will be locked 10 minutes after our worship begins. The west entry door will remain unlocked. All doors will be unlocked after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service will be held at Grand Haven Christian School Gym, Tuesday, December 25 at 10 am. We will be meeting with First CRC of Grand Haven. The offering is for Love in Action's Sheltered Housing's "guest needs."

Sound System Fund Drive

As you are aware we recently have been experiencing sound system failures. The sound board is old and needs to be replaced. A new mixer sound board along with a new pastor's head set and additional wireless hand held will cost around \$6,100. We have a little over \$4,700.00 in the sound system fund. To assist with the shortage and to avoid depleting the sound system fund totally, Council is asking the congregation to participate in a Sound System Fund Drive in the amount of \$3,000.00. This would be over and above the regular budget. We would like to complete this by December 31, 2018. Therefore, we are asking the congregation to prayerfully consider helping us reach this goal. Please place your gift in an envelope and mark it as "Sound System" and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the deacons by the end of December, 2018. Thank you for your financial gift.

Connect

Connect will not meet until Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6 pm.

Love in Action Fundraiser

Love in Action of the Tri-Cities is being blessed by Meijer's "Simply Give" program. It begins now and goes through December 29. The purchase of a \$10 "Simply Give" card at the Grand Haven Meijer store will raise funds that are converted to food-only gift cards used by LIA to stock its central pantry and 10 area church pantries. Your help by purchasing a card will be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, contact them at 846-2710 or love@loveinactiontri-cities.org

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, December 23, 2018

9:30 am – Worship

10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday, December 25 2018

10:00 am – Christmas Services

at Grand Haven Christian School

Next Sunday, December 30, 2018

9:30 am – Worship

10:30 am - Coffee Fellowship

SERVING TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

GREETERS

West Entrance: Dorothy Ruiters

East & South Entrance: Wes & Agnes De Witt

NURSERY

Brandy Buys, Brandon Sytsma

COFFEE SERVERS

Ryan and Willie Van Dyke

USHERS

Ken Ruiters, Ken Wierenga

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

GREETERS

West Entrance: Dorothy Ruiters

East & South Entrance: Wes & Agnes De Witt

NURSERY

Janelle Westerveld, Melanie Buys

COFFEE SERVERS

Joyce and Jalaine

USHERS

Ken Ruiters, Ken Wierenga

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory</u>
Sheila Denning	Dave Denning
Joyce Fraser	Raymond Fraser
Evelyn Holthrop	Larry Holthrop
Joyce Langeland	Leon Langeland
Kathryn Madsen	Joe, Gary, Merri Madsen Ben & Minnie Ruiters
Muriel Peterson	Fred J. Peterson
Jim Plaisier	Doreen Plaisier
Nancy Plaisier	Mark Patterson
Debbie Rodrigues & Fam.	Terry Rodrigues
Ken & Dorothy Ruiters	Fred & Rena King Ben & Minnie Ruiters
Steve & Linda Teunis	Dorothy Teunis
Mickey Van Andel	Henry Van Andel
Joyce Van Beek	Gordon Van Beek
Carol Van Dop	Bill Van Dop
Bill & Arlene Wierenga	George & Julia Harden William Sr. & Anna Wierenga
George & Ruth Wierenga	Andy Wierenga

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM

Lee and Carolyn Baas

HE CAME

**The angels sang – “Unto you this day...
Is born a Savior”! Can you feel the
excitement? THE MESSIAH has come.**

The shepherds and the wise men got the word that the time had come and God was bringing salvation to mankind. God, the Son, takes off His heavenly robes and is dressed in a baby wrap.

He came -- He loves -- He died --

He arose -- He is coming again.

HE LIVES FOREVER

We bow in humble gratitude before our Savior and Lord who took our sins with him to the cross. And the “It is finished” cry echoed that the payment for our sins had been made.

HALLELULIA!

We join all Christians everywhere marveling at God’s great love to us.

Carolyn has again served in a leadership role in Bible Study Fellowship while helping with the administration of WITS (Waling in Their Shoes) International.

I was able to make eleven international trips, providing supportive encouragement where needed. I had scheduled only seven but emergency needs compelled me to add the others. Because of these needs, Carolyn could not go with me for her annual follow up with the women she had worked with in the Philippines. We hope to re-schedule that early next year. My health issue hit as I was almost complete with my last scheduled trip for the year.

The two biggest issues this year were our moving to a condo and a health issue that hit me in West Africa. At this time, we are waiting for some resolution to this issue. Some of you had gotten information via e-mail. A severe breathing problem hit me 4 days before I was scheduled to leave Nigeria. God provided great friends and kind airline officials to get me on the airplane the next day. Carolyn met me at the airport and took me to Mercy Hospital Emergency. They graciously provided me a bed, meals, around the clock wake up times, injections and medications for five days, letting me go home Thanksgiving Day PM. There is still no clear diagnosis of what happened and what is still “bugging” me. I am much better and we wait for more information. We will send a note to all of you when we get this resolved. At this time, we have not changed our 2019 schedule although some changes will have to be made.

All of our children will not be able to get together this Christmas because Brent and Kathy are in Bhutan. He received a Fullbright Scholarship to teach in a university in Bhutan for one year. They will return to Letourneau University next June. All of our other children and some of our 14 grandchildren will get together on Christmas Day.

Twenty years ago, God called us through the voices of missionaries and mission agencies to use our training, gifts and mission experience to provide supportive counseling to overseas Christian workers. We stand in awe of the open doors and blessings he continues to provide. To God be the glory.

Our mailing address remains the same:

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