



SPRING LAKE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 9, 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

O Come All Ye Faithful

Silent Night

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Songs

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

*The Lord's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle - PEACE

Ryan and Willie Van Dyke

*Song: *Away in a Manger*

New City Catechism No. 10

Announcements

Invitation to Prayer: *Silent Night*

*Song: *Emmanuel*

Intercessory Prayer

Children Excused for Children in Worship

Offering: General Fund/Salvation Army

Offertory: *What Child Is This*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Message: "Away in the Manager"

Prayer

*Song: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*The Lord's Blessing

*Song: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Parting Music

Pastor: Michael Westerveld

Accompanist: Jean Schuitman

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

This morning Pastor Michael Westerveld will lead worship. Our accompanist today is Jean Schuitman.

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

Bible Study at 5 pm

The 5 pm Sunday Bible Study meets today. The Lesson covers II Kings: 14-17.

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.

Gingerbread House Build

Wednesday, December 12, members and friends of SLCRC are invited to come and build a Gingerbread House. Supplies for the houses are needed. See the signup sheet on the podium of products we are asking you to supply. Needed are graham crackers, frosting, small and large marshmallows, Tootsie Rolls, chocolate chips, lots of bulk candies as Sprees, gum drops all sizes, mini candy canes, M & M's and Rolos. Leave your supplies on the table by the kitchen.

Services at Grand Pines

There will be Nursing Home Services today at 2:30 pm at Grand Pines led by Dale Carlson.

Christmas Cards to Homebound and Shut-ins

Lydia Bible Class members will bring Christmas Cards to our homebound and shut-in members. Cards must be in church by December 16. Cards will be delivered to Henrietta Laning, Etta Peterson, Cheryl Rasinske, Henry & Amy Sterenberg, Marshall Teunis, Bob and Rhea Teunis, Mickey Van Andel, Eugene and Donna Wierenga, George and Ruth Wierenga. Place your cards in the box provided by the church office.

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 9, 2018

- 9:30 am – Worship
- 10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship
- 2:30 pm – Services at Grand Pines
- 5:00 pm – Bible Study
- 6:30 pm – Youth Groups

Wednesday – December 12, 2018

- 6:00 pm – Gingerbread House Build

Thursday, December 13, 2018

- 10:00 am – Hannah Bible Study

Next Sunday, December 16, 2018

- 9:30 am – Worship
- 10:30 am – Coffee Fellowship
- 5:00 pm - Bible Study
- 6:30 pm – Youth Groups

SERVING TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

GREETERS

- West Entrance: Dorothy Ruitter
- East & South Entrance: Wes & Agnes De Witt

NURSERY

- Kim Sytsma, Ashley Foulkes

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

- Janelle Westerveld, Makenna Sytsema

COFFEE SERVERS

- Dale & Karen Carlson

USHERS

- Ken Wierenga, Ken Ruitter

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

GREETERS

- West Entrance: Dorothy Ruitter
- East & South Entrance: Wes & Agnes De Witt

NURSERY

- Jen Sytsema, Tyson Annema

COFFEE SERVERS

- Joyce & Jalaine

USHERS

- Ken Ruitter, Ken Wierenga

FROM THE DECORATING COMMITTEE

The church is being decorated for Christmas with poinsettias. You have the opportunity to make a donation in memory of a loved one or friend, in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Put your donation in an envelope with this form and specify what your donation is for and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office by Thursday, December 20, 2018. Price of each poinsettia is \$7.00. You may take your poinsettia home following the worship service on Sunday, December 23.

YOUR NAME _____

Specify who and what your donation is for –

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AN UPDATE FROM LEE BAAS

Thank you for praying. It is a little less than three weeks ago when I left Nigeria and headed for the Hospital in Grand Rapids. Some days it seems like it was three months ago and then other days it seems as though my days have stopped. This is just a brief update: (over)

I have appointments and blood work at least once a week. I am still seeing three different doctors and there is no definite answers as to what caused this or what is going on.

One of the concerns was that my platelet count was almost 2 million. They told us that the meds that they gave me could take four months or so before the count would be normal. We were happy that they dropped to 700,000. Subsequent blood tests showed them dropping more.

Then when I went for blood tests two days ago, they were alarmed because my platelet count was only 30,000. It should be between 150,000 and 400,000. They took me off three of the meds I was taking.

They told me not to break a bone or cut myself or bleed and if so I had to get to the emergency room ASAP. If a strong wind is blowing I probably should be careful that I don't blow away. I have lost 18 pounds.

Next Monday they are going to look at a couple things. I do not have pain but continue to be weak and tire easily. The Doctors still say they expect that I will regain all my strength and that I should be able to continue my work. That is our prayer. Join us in that prayer. Thanks.

May God bless all of you at SLCRC.

Lee and Caroly Baas
Faith Promise Missionaries
