

New Holland Christian Reformed Church

Sunday December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

~~Hearing devices are at the sound desk; Large-print Bibles are on the back tables.

~~Nursery is provided in the fellowship hall during worship.

~~Children ages 3 to 5 may leave for Children's Church when indicated. Their leader will meet them at the back of the sanctuary.

~~Everyone is invited for fellowship and refreshments after morning worship.

10:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Call to Worship (**congregation reads boldfaced**)

Christ Jesus, being in very nature God
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

Hail the incarnate Deity, Jesus, our Immanuel.

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given . . .
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name forever and ever.
Every day I will praise you
and extol your name forever and ever.

Glory to the newborn King.

—Philippians 2:5–7; Isaiah 9:6–7; Psalm 145:1–2

*Praise Song *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
354:1,2,3,5

*God's Greeting Revelation 1:4-5

*Mutual Greeting

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: General Fund

Ministry of Music *Do You Hear What I Hear?* Kacey Veurink

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting
(Children are dismissed for Children's Church afterwards)

*Advent Christmas Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
345:1-2

Scripture: John 1:1-14 (p. 1645)
Text: 1 John 1:1,12,14

Message **Meet Jesus**

Prayer

*Song *Of the Father's Love Begotten* # 342:1,2,4,5

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Readings: Galatians 4:4-5 & Matthew 26:26-28

Prayer

Confession of Faith

Partaking of Elements

Offering: Ruth Veltkamp

Song *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

*God's Parting Blessing 2 Peter 3:18

*Closing Song *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* # 345:3

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude ***Congregation Standing (if able)**

NHCRC Announcements

This morning we have the privilege to celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. Everyone who is a professing member in good standing in a Christian church is welcome to participate. The inside ring of cups contains grape juice; the two outside rows contain wine. When the elements are passed, please wait so that we can all partake at the same time.

How do Jews celebrate Hanukkah? This afternoon we look at John 8:12 & 10:22-42 & 11:7-10.

Rudy & Lydia Niewenhuis were blessed with a baby girl this past Wednesday, **Fannie Jean**. May God guide you all in his ways as a family.

William Millar, son of Jeff & Katie (Van Zee) Millar living in Hastings NE, is scheduled to have tubes put in his ears this Thursday. We pray for God's guidance and care.

We are grateful to the congregation for the many Christmas greetings and expressions of kindness shown. And we are grateful to God for the blessing of a gracious congregation here in New Holland. May God give each of you a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

Pastor John & Barb Gorter

Christmas Worship – Tuesday, December 25 – *What picture does God give us when announcing the birth of his Son? On this Christmas Day we will continue the series on Carols of Christmas (“Away in a Manger”) as we look at Luke 2:8-20.*

There will be no Sunday school today or Dec 30.

Happy Birthday and God's richest blessings to our senior members with birthdays this week: Harvey Hofstee (December 26), Minnie Mulder (December 28).

Please help yourself to materials found on the back tables:

- Today devotionals for January & February
- Luke Society newsletters

Next Sunday (December 30):

- *Why doesn't God give me a vision of himself to strengthen my faith? In the morning we will look at the first in the series on the Carols of Christmas ("Good Christians All Rejoice") which was scheduled the first Sunday of this month. We will look at 1 John 1:1-4.*
- *In the afternoon Pastor Drew Hoekema from Platte CRC will lead us in worship, while Pastor Gorter is in Harrison for a post-Christmas exchange.*

Steve and I want to thank New Holland CRC for inviting us to come and share how God is calling our family to mission work in the Netherlands. We are also grateful for the church's financial support and support from individual members, including the anonymous financial gifts we received from the Thanksgiving offering. We are excited to partner with you in our ministry to the Netherlands! If you have any questions or want to learn more about what we will be doing, email chelsey.nugteren@gmail.com

Need a gift idea for someone who has everything? Want an easy meal in your freezer? DCS Fellowship is taking orders for homemade chicken pot pies, large or small. Call Brandi DeLange (680-5035) to order. Pot pies will be made Feb. 14.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10:00 AM Christmas worship service

IN SERVICE

Lift Operator December Patrick Veurink

Head Ushers: July-Dec N: Trent Beltman; **S:** Devin De Lange

Ushers: Nov-Dec N: Larry Van Zee, Rocky Niewenhuis

S: Tyler Veurink, Bob Holleman

Greeters: December 23: Elders & Deacons

December 30 N: Jerry & Marjo BaanHofman

S: Wayne & Paulette Veurink

Fellowship Hall/Valet: Bruce & Jody VanZee Family

Jan 6 N: Henry & Darlene Van Zuidam **S** Mel & Geneva Overweg

Fellowship Hall/Valet: Leroy Bruinsma, Larry VanZee

Special Music: December 23: Elsie Veurink

Jan. 13: Dan & Harriet Gruenewald **Jan. 27:** Mavis Veurink

Today, Sunday, December 23

9:30 AM—Prayer

10:00 AM—Morning Communion

Offering: General Fund/Ruth Veltkamp

Accompanist: Deb VanZee

Nursery: Wayne & Paulette Veurink; Jane DeLange

Praise Team: Council members

Children's Church: Rocky & Danielle Nelson

Projection: Derrick Veurink **Sound:** Dan Veurink

Reader: Cooper DeLange **Library:** Bonnie VanderLey

Coffee: Dillon & Jamie Munneke

12:30 PM--Lake Andes Sunday School

2:30 PM--Afternoon Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Offering: Classical Shares

Accompanist: Brandi DeLange

Nursery: Wayne & Paulette Veurink; Jane DeLange

Christmas Day, December 25 10:00 AM

Offering: General Fund **Accompanist:** JoEllen Dykstra

Nursery: High School Students **Projection:** Kirsti Muckey

Sound: Bruce VanZee **Reader:** Leroy Veurink

Next Sunday December 30

9:30 AM—Prayer

10:00 AM—Morning Worship

Offering: DCS/Denominational

Accompanist: Rachel Faller

Nursery: Jerry & Marjo BaanHofman;

Dalton & Katelyn DeLange

Praise Team: Brandi De Lange, Marty Overweg,

Dan Veurink, Sidney Muckey

Children's Church: Pat & Brittney Veurink

Projection: Brenda Veurink

Sound: Traci Niewenhuis

Reader: Katelyn DeLange

Library: Sharon Hofstee

Coffee:

2:30 PM--Afternoon Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Offering: Aldo Sarti

Accompanist: Rachelle Hubers

Nursery: Jerry & Marjo BaanHofman;

Dalton & Katelyn DeLange