

New Holland Christian Reformed Church

Sunday December 29, 2024 10:00 AM Worship

Sixth Sunday of Advent

Our Advent theme comes from the prophet Isaiah:

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Today we focus on the name of Jesus as Everlasting Father

—Forever with us

Prelude

Welcome/Advent Reading (elsewhere in the bulletin)

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 9:2 *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.*

*God's Greeting/ Mutual Greeting

*Praise Team Opening Worship

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus CH 245 Vs 1,2

O Come All Ye Faithful CH 249 vs 1,2,3

Announcements

Preparing for a New Year

Congregational Prayer

Offering

General Fund/Classical Fund

(Children are dismissed for children's worship)

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-7

Message

The Everlasting Father

Prayer

*Song of Response *How Deep the Father's Love For Us vs 1,2,3*

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing Vs 1,2,3

*Postlude

*Congregation stand-if able

Please note: Hearing devices are available at the Sound Booth. Nursery is provided in the Fellowship Hall during worship. Please join us for refreshments/fellowship after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. The back two rows are reserved for families with young children.

Announcements

Communion will be part of the worship service on January 5. Reminder: The inner ring on the communion wine tray is grape juice.

On January 5, The installation of new council members Dennis Hubers, Vic Munneke (elders), Jon Hoeksema, and Rudy Niewenhuis (deacons) will take place. Thank you to outgoing council members Larry VanZee, Marty Overweg, Mike Zomer, and Brett Feenstra for your service to the NHCRC.

A potluck dinner will be held Sunday, January 5, after the morning worship to greet Pastor Josh Christoffels and his wife Karen, a potential candidate for our next pastor. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

You are encouraged to listen and watch Pastor Josh Christoffels' preaching; his sermons can be found at the Hammond CRC Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/@hammondcrc1959>

Our next Vine's Table meal will be Jan 11 at 11:30 am. Menu: French Toast and toppings (due to our cancellation in December, the menu has been moved to Jan.) This is a free meal to anyone over the age of 50 at Platte CRC. Please call Norma at 680-1691 to RSVP or sign up in the Platte CRC foyer. We'd love to see you there!

Mark Your Calendars! Mid-America Reformed Seminary invites you to the **2025 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference** on **October 3-4** at **Bethel Church in Lansing, IL**. Join us as our speakers inspire and equip the church to proclaim the Good News. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

Senior Birthday: Elaine Veurink January 1

Missionary Birthday: Graciella Sarti February 2

Usher and Lift Information:

Head:	July-Dec N	Trent Beltman
	July-Dec S	Matt Hubers
	Jan- June N	Jerry BaanHofman
	Jan-June S	Dan Veurink
Ushers:	Nov-Dec N	Terry VanZee, Gary VanZee
	Nov-Dec S	Riley Niewenhuis, Ryder Niewenhuis
	Jan-Feb N	Wayne Veurink, Brady BaanHofman
	Jan-Feb S	Blake Veurink, Dan Gruenewald
Lift:	December	Gary Noteboom
	January 2025	Gary VanZee

Upcoming Special Music: 1/12/25 Brad Vreugdenhil
1/26/25 Doug & JoEllen Dykstra
2/9/25 Vic & Laurie Munneke

Recap of Bulletin Dates:

January 5: Communion, Installation, Potluck

January 11: Vine's Table Meal

Greeters:

December 29	FH:	Albertha Vreugdenhil; Vonnie VanHorsen
	N:	Delwin & Linda Feenstra
	S:	Tim & Grace VanderLey Family
January 5	FH:	Lorena Vreugdenhil; Mavis Veurink
	N:	Trav & Farrah Dyk Family
	S:	Dalton & Kate DeLange Family

Notes

How can Jesus be called Everlasting Father?

People: Jesus is coming again! He is God's perfect gift to us, that will be for all eternity. Come quickly Lord, Jesus!

Today, December 29, 2024

Prayer at 9:30 am, Worship at 10:00 am

Valet	Doug Dykstra
Accompanist	Carly Lagge
Offerings	General Fund/Classical Fund
Scripture Reader	Brenda Veurink
Nursery	Jon & Taryn H.; Jerry & Marjo BH
Praise Team	Carol O, Brittney & Blake V, Larry VZ
Children's Church	Jeff & Katie Millar
Projection	Derrick Veurink
Sound	Ryder Niewenhuis
Library	Carol Muckey
Coffee	Norm & Bonnie DeLange
Cookies	Brandi DeLange, Geneva O, Sara M

Next Sunday, January 5, 2024

Prayer at 9:30 am, Worship at 10:00 am

Valet	Brady Baan Hofman
Accompanist	Rachelle Hubers
Offerings	Dakota Christian School/Ruth Veltkamp
Scripture Reader	Brittney Veurink
Nursery	TBD
Praise Team	TBD
Children's Church	Randy & Katie Veurink
Projection	TBD
Sound	TBD
Library	Sharon Hofstee
Coffee	Workgroup for Potluck
Cookies	None Needed

Church-Hall Reservations: Cyndee VanderPol 243-2333 or 680-2042.

Bulletin items can be emailed by 4:00 PM Thursday

(mveurink@midstatesd.net) to Donna Veurink

Advent Reading: Sixth Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Advent Reading: Our Advent theme for this year comes from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 9:6 Let's read this verse together.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: You may be asking, why are we continuing to celebrated Advent- which means, coming, after Christmas? Advent does mean coming and it is a good reminder to celebrate Advent after Christmas to emphasis that Jesus will come again and we continue to wait with the same longing and anticipation as the people did when Isaiah prophesied 700 years before Jesus.

Reader 1: Today we focus on Jesus' name of Everlasting Father. It is a strange name to call Jesus since he is sent by God the father.

Reader 2: The Hebrew translation for Everlasting Father is Father of Eternity. Jesus, death, life and ascension are the keys to providing eternal life for his people.

Reader 1: The nature of a father is to be tender, gentle, wise, faithful, loving and provider which is who Jesus was on earth but even more so now as our advocate before the throne of God.

Reader 2: Jesus is also the perfect image and reflection of God, an exact representation of God's character and heart. He is at the same time a humble servant and powerful king.

Reader 1: As we light this candle we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world and walks with us through our valleys and reveals God's heart and love for his people.

Reader 2: Like a father who loves his children, Jesus provides us with authority, protection, justice, mercy, grace, peace and hope.

Reader 1: Perhaps the most important revelation of Jesus as Everlasting Father reminds us that even though Jesus is born a child in a manger, he is fully divine, full of glory and splendor and majesty.