



ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

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TODAY AT ZION

Message: Just two days before Christmas, we come to the end of John's prologue today as the word takes on flesh and moves into the neighborhood. In a world where the rich and powerful live in gated communities, safely ensconced in their wealthy ghettos, think for a moment what kind of all powerful God chooses to come and live with the likes of you and me. He comes not even in some earthly palace surrounded by guards and courtiers, but to a poor not-quite married yet couple in a small village in the backwaters of the empire. This God who is so great no one can even see his glory and live, condescends to live among us as a baby and somehow in this humble state shows his true glory. Come let us worship our newborn king!

SERVING TODAY

Welcome Table: Kathy MacGraw

Ushers: Todd Kempema, Steve Mott

Greeters: Tom & Robbi Boeve

Coffee: Maurie & Lorraine Lemmen

Elder: Josh Sanders

AN ELDER is available to pray with you in the Family Room after the worship service.

IF YOU WOULD like a copy of the worship service, contact Tom Verbrugge at verbrugge.family@att.net or in the balcony after the service. You can also find the weekly messages on our website.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: What A Glorious Night

Call to Worship: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Dan & Merylyn DeVries

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Joy To The World/Only King Forever
He Shall Reign Forevermore

Children dismissed to Children & Worship

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Message: Meet Your Neighbor

Offering: Little Drummer Boy

Worship Song: Hallelujah Christmas

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: Hark The Herald Angels Sing (Glory In The Highest)

Message by Pastor Greg Brower

OUR SANCTUARY is equipped with a hearing loop for the hearing impaired. Turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to use this feature.

A FAMILY ROOM where parents can feed their babies or sit with them during the worship services can be accessed by exiting through the front door on the west side (piano side) of the sanctuary. The Family Room is the first door on your left.

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD CHECK IN: All children from birth through 3rd grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located by door D prior to participating in our kids ministries.

Check in Staff: Chris Smith

Nursery: Our Infant and Toddler Nurseries are located on the main floor just off the narthex.

Infant Staff: Anna Sundberg, Jonell VanderWall, Kendyll Bond

Toddler Staff: Heather Aernouts, Michelle Holzgen, Ella Bond

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Children ages 3 through 3rd grade will be dismissed part way through the service to meet in the following rooms:

Rm 207 3 year olds - Sylvia Friar, Kyle Friar, Taylor DeVries

Rm 206 4yrs-Pre-K - Mackenzie Wallace, Kim York Reagan Davis

Rm 205 K-1st Grade - Pattie Grooters, Ashley Smith, Michael Kempema

Youth Rm. 2nd-3rd Grade - Michelle Holzgen, Treasure Trombley

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There is no Sunday School today or Dec. 30 for Christmas break..



ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEED: If you have a pastoral care need or concern we encourage you to contact your elder (assigned by last name):

Matt Eling (A-D)

Josh Sanders (E-H)

Tricia Leistra (I-M)

Emily Morehouse (N-R)

Todd Kempema (S-U)

Mike Knott (V-Z)

Often, we come to church each week and put on our best face. We talk about plans for the weekend and the kids and grandkids, but some of us also carry worries about finances or maintaining homes. It is not always easy to tell who needs an encouraging helping hand. If you know of someone in our church family, or if you personally need some help, please contact our Chair of Deacons, Sarah McAnally, at 810-434-6841. Scripture encourages all of us to carry each others burdens (Galatians 6:2). You would bless us by letting us walk with you during this time.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Micah Zondervan had surgery to correct an inverted chest on Friday. He and the family ask for prayers for peace, relief from any pain, and perseverance during his recovery. Continue to pray for those in our congregation who deal with ongoing health issues.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chip and Becky Harkes on the birth of their daughter (and to Roger who was promoted to big brother)! Evelyn Rebecca was born on December 13 weighing 8lbs 1oz and measuring 20.5" long.

TO THE CONGREGATION, As a staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for all of the cards, snacks, gifts, and words of encouragement that you have shared with us. It is not only a privilege but an honor to serve God here at Zion. May God bless you this Christmas as we celebrate together the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

~Pastor Greg and Rachel Brower, Pastor Rick VanderWall, Pastor Jeremy Zoet, Connie Stegeman, Roxie VanderHeide, and Rachel Verbrugge

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE: The Middle School Youth holiday card delivery service continues through Christmas eve. You can place your cards in the big post office box in the narthex and the youth will sort them and place them in the appropriate church mailbox. In exchange for this service, we ask that you make a donation to the Jr. High Youth to help support their summer mission trip. There is a jar on top of the post office box that you can place your donation in. Thank You!

DONATIONS of the following items (full size - not travel size) are needed for the Personal Care Pantry:

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| Laundry Soap | Bar Soap | Dish Soap | Disposable Razors |
| Shampoo | Conditioner | Toothpaste | Paper Grocery Bags |
| Deodorant | Tampons | Maxi Pads | Paper towels (1 or 2 pack) |
| Toilet paper (1-4 pack) | | | |

Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex marked “pantry donations”.

PLANNING FOR the Israel 2019 trip is underway. This trip is with Prof. Dan Kroeze from Kuyper College and is a trip that is amazing! For more information (i.e. itinerary, dates, cost, etc.) check out the website www.landofthetext.com. You can also talk to Pastor Rick if you have any questions.

DO YOU WANT an easy way to start a conversation about church and Jesus? Carry around a cup with our church logo on it! You can get your very own Zion travel mug this Sunday. We will be selling the mugs for \$20 and you can buy as many as you want. They come in two colors, silver and gunmetal and both have a cool looking Zion logo. Cups will be available for purchase in the lobby following worship. (If you don't want to buy one on a Sunday, they will also be available from the office during the week.)

HAND2HAND: We are serving 73 students from West Elementary, Grandview Elementary, and Grandville Middle School, providing students with a backpack full of weekend food. We are in need of 8 oz Jar of Peanut Butter, cans of chicken or tuna, small cans of chicken noodle soup, tuna helper, Rice Krispie treats, granola bars, individually packaged applesauce, fruit cups, and pudding. Food donations can be put in the grocery cart in the back of church.



THIS WEEK AT ZION

MONDAY

6:00PM Christmas Eve Service

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Prayer Group meets

WEEKLY OFFERING: December 16, 2018

Weekly Budget: \$10,875.20 Year to Date Budget: \$315,380.80

General Fund: \$14,239.00 Year to Date Contribution: \$307,452.52

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES have been placed in your church mailbox if you were currently using the envelope system. (NOTE: Your envelope number may or may not have changed.) If you are not currently using the envelope system for giving but would like to, please contact Connie in the church office cstegeman@zionreformed.org or 534-7533 ext. 3. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2019.**

PASTOR GREG is on vacation from December 25 through January 2. Please contact Pastor Rick or your assigned elder if a pastoral care need arises.

ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHECK THE YOUTH WEBSITE <https://www.zionreformed.org/youth-group/> for announcements, upcoming events, fundraising info, etc.

REGULAR WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS are cancelled for the holidays and will resume on January 13, 2019.

OUR STAFF

Rev. Greg Brower, Sr. Pastor gbrower@zionreformed.org
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CONSISTORY*

ELDERS**

Tricia Leistra '19
Matt Eling '20
Mike Knott '21
Emily Morehouse '19 (Clerk)
Todd Kempema '20 (Vice President)
Josh Sanders '21

DEACONS**

Tracy Lobbes '19
Rachel Eriks '20 (Secretary)
Chip Harkes '21 (Asst. Treasurer)
Sarah McAnally '19 (Chair)
Shanda VandePol '20 (Treasurer)
Aaron Huizenga '21
*(meets quarterly) ** (meets on the second Tuesday of each month)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Personnel & Administration - Brandon Deiter
Worship - Dianne Kooiker
Congregational Care - Rick VanderWall
Evangelism - Sean McAnally
Building & Grounds - Rick VanderWall
Education - Rachel Brower

MISSIONARIES

Paul & Grace Closius, Wycliff
Youth For Christ
Geoff & Tammy Kooistra, HCJB
Jeremiah & Mary Kuria, Kenya
Keith & Denise Krebs, RCA
Bob Offringa, Activation Int.
Comunidad Christiano Int.
Harry & Pat Miersma, RCA
Haluk & Wendy Bilgen, RCA
Nepal Church Planting
Albertha Kuiper, Wycliff
Albino & Sandy Rodriguez, RCA
Downtown Church Plant
Bethany Refugee Resettlement

TV MINISTRIES

WCET Jenison-Grandville & WCET Hudsonville: Fri 12:00PM, Sun 4:00PM
WKTV Wyoming: Thurs 8:00PM; BCTV Byron Center: Sun 2:00PM & 6:30PM

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