

Andrew, and his work led to more than six decades of support for the persecuted church. Open Doors purpose is to strengthen and equip Christians around the world who are facing persecution and discrimination because of their faith in Jesus Christ and to encourage their involvement in world evangelism by: providing Bibles and literature, media, leadership training, socio-economic development, and through intercessory prayer; Preparing the body of Christ living in threatened or unstable areas to face persecution and suffering; Educating and mobilizing the body of Christ living in the free world to identify with threatened and persecuted Christians and be actively involved in assisting them. We will take the offering in support of this ministry next Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Elder and Deacon Election** – At the congregational meeting this month, Joseph Osinga was elected as our new elder and Klaas Schievink as the new deacon. We will have a special installation service for our new council members on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Choices Clinic Baby Bottles** – Start saving up your coins! We will be handing out the baby bottles from Choices Clinic in the middle of January!

**\*Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**Children's Christmas Program** – Join us this evening at 6:00 pm for our annual children's Christmas program. There will be refreshments following the program.

**Christmas Day Worship Service** – Join us this Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am as we celebrate the birth of our Lord with a special Christmas Day service.

**2026 Education Classes** – We would love for you to join us in the new year in one of our many Bible study classes to fellowship while furthering our knowledge of the Bible. Sunday school classes will begin Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and we have classes for Pre-K to adult. Wednesday family night classes will begin on January 14<sup>th</sup> with the adults continuing their study of the book of Matthew. Ladies Coffee Break is every Thursday starting back up on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and they will be doing a Life Guide study on Listening to God.

**\*Prayer Requests:**

- Our Resonate Global missionary family, the Sytsma's, who are in Uganda.
- For Stephenville Christian Academy and other schools in our area. For the health and safety of the faculty and students this school year.
- For Joy Osinga, and the restoration of her kidneys. Praise that her kidney numbers have increased in the past few weeks.
- Praise that Brady Miller's scans came back as NED (no evidence of disease). Continued prayers as they move into the next chapter of monitoring and for the original desmoid tumor to continue to shrink in his cheek.
- Continued prayers for Macee as she battles health issues.
- For the expectant mothers in our SCRC family, Madison Earlanson, Maryke Hernandez and Bregtje Vandermeer. For health and strength throughout their pregnancies, for safe deliveries, and for God's peace and protection over all mothers and babies.
- For Kimberly, Owen & Janet's daughter-in-law, who had surgery this month to remove a benign brain tumor that has been causing seizures.
- For Judy Hartwell who is continuing chemotherapy after they found growth in a tumor in her abdomen. The doctors have scheduled surgery to remove some of the smaller tumors in the coming months.

# Stephenville Christian Reformed Church



**Pastor Donald Draayer**  
**December 21, 2025**

# Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship:

Pastor: Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name. For in perfect faithfulness, you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

**All: O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Pastor: Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.

**All: O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Prayer

\*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

Lighting of the Love Candle: Luke 1:26-38

- Vandermeer Family

\*Opening Songs: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" LUYH 93 (1-3)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" LUYH 88 (1-4)

Offering: General Fund

Christmas Choir – "Carol Sing"

Congregational Prayer

Message: "Bathsheba – Uriah's Wife"

Scripture: II Samuel 11:1-17

\*Song of Response: "What Child is This" LUYH 95 (1-3)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Glory to God" LUYH 84

# Stephenville Christian Reformed Church News



Welcome to our fellowship, where we are gathered together as friends and family to worship and praise our God. If you are visiting with us, we are glad that you are here! This morning, we celebrate the fourth week of Advent and Pastor Draayer will be continuing his sermon series on the women in the genealogy of Jesus, preaching from II Samuel 11:1-17. Following worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee & cookies. At 11:45 there will be practice for the Children's Christmas program and also for the adult Christmas choir. Then join us tonight at 6:00 pm for the annual Children's Christmas program. Refreshments will be served following the program.

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday 10:30am** Morning Worship  
**11:45am** Practice for the Children's Program & Adult Christmas Choir  
**6:00pm** Children's Christmas Program  
**Thursday 11:00am** Christmas Day Service

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## Offering Schedule

**December 21:** General Fund  
**December 25:** Benevolence  
**December 28:** General Fund & Open Doors Ministry  
**January 4:** General Fund

## Wednesday Cooking

**December 24:** No WFN  
**December 31:** No WFN  
**January 7:** No WFN  
**January 14:** Jennifer Osinga

## Sound Booth

**December 21:** Justice & Shaun  
**December 25:** Desiree & Ryland  
**December 28:** Kaleb & Dillinger  
**January 4:** Honor & James

## Nursery Duty

**December 21:** CoriAnn & Jaclyn  
**December 28:** JoEllen & Henry  
**January 4:** Jessica H. & Macee  
**January 11:** Heidi & Ryland

## Sunday Cookie Duty

**December 21:** Shirley Osinga  
**December 28:** Jessica Hoekstra  
**January 4:** Linda Beukeboom  
**January 11:** Audrey Veldhuizen

## \*News/Reminders:

**Monthly Capital Campaign** – The December capital campaign is for Open Door Ministries. Open Doors originated in 1955, when a young Dutchman started smuggling Bibles to the persecuted Christians in Communist Europe. He became known as Brother