

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 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 this Sunday, December 28th.

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 4th.

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:**

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 11th and we have classes for Pre-K to adult. Wednesday family night classes will begin on January 14th with the adults continuing their study of the book of Matthew. Ladies Coffee Break is every Thursday starting back up on Thursday, January 15th and they will be doing a Life Guide study on Listening to God. We also have a college age Bible study that meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at Bert & Heidi's house. Their first meeting in the new year will be on Thursday, January 15th.

***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.
- For the expectant mothers in our SCRC family, Madison Earlanson, Maryke Hernandez and Bregje Vandermeer. For health and strength throughout their pregnancies, for safe deliveries, and for God's peace and protection over all mothers and babies.
- 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

"Is This What It Means to be Highly Favored?"

LUKE 1:26-38 & MATTHEW 1:18-25



**Pastor Donald Draayer
December 28, 2025**

Christmas Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Pastor: But when the set time had fully come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, to redeem
those under the law,
that we might receive adoption to sonship.

All: Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his messiah.

Pastor: Come, let us adore him.

All: He is Christ the Lord.

Prayer

*God's Greeting/Mutual Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

- Hoekstra Family

*Opening Songs: "What Child is This" LUYH 95 (1-3)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (Christmas Version)

Christmas Offering: Benevolence

Children's Message

Christmas Choir – "More About Jesus"

Message: "Is This What It Means to be Highly Favored?"

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 & Matthew 1:18-25

*Song of Response: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LUYH 80 (1-3)

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" LUYH 98 (1-3)

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 birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Today, Pastor Draayer will be concluding his sermon series on the women in the genealogy of Jesus, preaching from Luke 1 & Matthew 1.

Weekly Schedule

Thursday 11:00am Christmas Worship Service
Sunday 10:30am Sunday Morning Worship Service

Offering Schedule

December 25: Benevolence
December 28: General Fund & Open Doors Ministry
January 4: General Fund
January 11: General Fund & SCA

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Wednesday Cooking

December 31: No WFN
January 7: No WFN
January 14: Jennifer Osinga
January 21: Heidi Velsen

Sound Booth

December 25: Desiree & Ryland
December 28: Kaleb & Dillinger
January 4: Honor & James
January 11: Justice & Shaun

Nursery Duty

December 28: JoEllen & Henry
January 4: Jessica H. & Macee
January 11: Heidi & Ryland
January 18: Lynn & Kinsley

Sunday Cookie Duty

December 28: Jessica Hoekstra
January 4: Linda Beukeboom
January 11: Audrey Veldhuizen
January 18: Vicki Schievink

News/Reminders:

Christmas Offering – This morning, our offering will be for our benevolence fund. These offerings are used for any benevolence needs our deacons come across, including but not limited to our support of Grace Place Ministries in Stephenville. In 2025, we have assisted 157 Grace Place clients and have also given rental assistance to 2 Texas church plants, Carismah Church and International Peacemaking Church of Christ, and daycare assistance for an SISD teacher, totaling \$9,199.79. This will be our fifth benevolence offering for 2025, and we have received \$3,919 in benevolence offerings.