

***Prayer Requests:**

- Our Resonate Global missionary family the Sytsma's who are in Uganda and for our Haiti missionaries, the Gryglewicz's who are currently ministering to Haitian communities in Florida.
- For Stephenville Christian School and all other schools in our area. For the health and safety of the faculty and students as they go to school each day.
- For Anita Lootsma who is battling colon cancer and is going through chemotherapy.
- For healing and strength for Janet Sieperda who is still struggling with C-Diff.
- For Kay Dyk whose back surgery was postponed again and is now scheduled for March.
- For Macee Tucker who was diagnosed with juvenile arthritis.
- For Pieter Vandermeer's grandmother who has been diagnosed with cancer and has chosen not to pursue treatments.
- A hedge of protection for the SCRC council and congregation.
- All those who are sick or having ailments with their bodies in our congregation.
- For our country and the leaders in charge making decisions each day.
- For the persecuted church.

Stephenville Christian Reformed Church



Pastor Greg Dyk
Sunday December 17, 2023

Sunday Morning Service

Sermon Notes

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle – **The Candle of JOY**

*Opening Song: “How Great Our Joy” LUYH 90 (1-4)

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: “Angels We Have Heard on High” LUYH 82 (1-3)

Confession and Assurance

Offering: General Fund

Children’s Message

*Praise Song – “What Child is This”

Congregational Prayer

*Scripture: John 1:1-5; John 6:63-64a

Message: “God Is Like a Light”

Prayer

*Song: “Hark: The Herald Angels Sing” 80 (1-3)

*God’s Blessing

*Sending Song: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” LUYH 88 (3, 4)

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 is the 3rd week of Advent and Pastor Greg will be preaching from the book of John. Following morning worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies. At 11:45, students participating in the Christmas program will have a final practice.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10:30am Morning Worship Service
6:00pm Christmas Program

Offering Schedule

December 17: General Fund
December 24: General Fund & World Renew
January 7: General Fund
January 14: General Fund & SCS

Wednesday Cooking

December 20: No WFN
December 27: No WFN
January 3: No WFN
January 10: TBD

Sunday Cookie Duty

December 17: Lynn Lail
December 24: Kali Osinga
January 7: Linda Beukeboom
January 14: Audrey Veldhuizen

Nursery Duty

December 17: Jennifer & Kylar
December 24: Jessica H & Paisley
January 7: Pietra & Macee
January 14: Heidi & Kylie

*News/Reminders:

Monthly Capital Campaign – The December capital campaign is for World Renew. World Renew is a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. World Renew’s vision is “a world where people experience and extend Christ’s compassion and live together in hope as God’s community.” Their mission is to be compelled by God’s deep passion for justice & mercy as they join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. World Renew’s worldwide ministry is three-fold: community development, disaster response & rehabilitation, and peace & justice. You can learn more about this organization at <https://worldrenew.net/>. We will take the offering for World Renew on December 24th.

Profession of Faith of Johannes DeGroot – Johannes DeGroot met with council this past week and they unanimously voted to welcome him as a member. The congregation presentation will be on Sunday, December 24th.

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!

2024 Committees – If you’d like to become more involved here at SCRC, we would love you to join one of our 5 committees: Education, Social/Fellowship, Worship, Tech, or Building & Grounds. If you would like to know more about what each committee does, we have our 2023 committee document on the bulletin board which lists each committee’s mandate and members. Please talk to the corresponding committee president if you are interested in joining that committee!

SERVE leader needed – The education committee is looking for a woman who will be willing to be the leader for the group of girls that will be attending the Stephenville SERVE. This leader will need to be able to stay on site with their group for the entire SERVE experience. Please let Jennifer Osinga know if you’d be interested in filling this need.

*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Children’s Christmas Program – You are invited to join us tonight at 6:00pm for our children’s Christmas program. There will be refreshments following the play.

Christmas Worship Services – Join us on Christmas Eve at 10:30 am for our Sunday service. Then on Christmas Day at 10:30 am we will celebrate the birth of our Lord with a Christmas Day candlelight service.

New Year’s Eve Service – Join us Sunday, December 31 at 10:30am for our New Years Eve service. We will also be celebrating the sacrament of communion.

Elder/Deacon Installation – We will have a special installation service on Sunday, January 7th for recently elected Elder Linsey Hoekstra and Deacon Pieter Vandermeer.

2024 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. Our Sunday school classes will begin Sunday, January 7th and we have classes for Pre-K to High School. Wednesday family night classes will begin on January 10th and the adults will be continuing their study on the book of Isaiah. Ladies Coffee Break is every Thursday @ 9:30am and will start back up on Thursday, January 11th with a LifeGuide study called “New Testament Characters.”