

**\*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 24, 2023**

# Sunday Morning Service

# Sermon Notes

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

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

\*Opening Song: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” LUYH 76 (1, 3, 4)

\*God’s Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Song of Praise: “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”  
LUYH 81 (1, 2, 4, 5)

Profession of Faith by Johannes Degroot

Song of Praise: “Joy to the World” LUYH 92 (1-4)

Offering: General Fund & World Renew

Children’s Message

Congregational Prayer

\*Scripture: Ezekiel 47:1-12, Revelation 22:1-7

Message: “God Is Like a River”

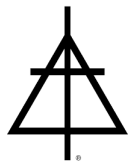
Prayer

\*Song: “Like a River Glorious” LUYH 699 (1-2)

\*God’s Blessing

\*Sending Song: “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 is the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent and Pastor Greg will be preaching from the books of Ezekiel and Revelation. Following morning worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cake to celebrate the public profession of faith of Johannes Degroot.

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday 10:30am** Morning Worship Service

**Monday 10:30am** Christmas Day Candlelight Service

## Offering Schedule

**December 24:** General Fund & World Renew

**December 25:** Sytsma Missionaries Book Translation Fundraiser

**December 31:** General Fund & Benevolence

**January 7:** General Fund

**January 14:** General Fund & Stephenville Christian School

## Sunday Cookie Duty

**December 24:** Kali Osinga

**December 31:** Shirley Osinga

**January 7:** Linda Beukeboom

**January 14:** Audrey Veldhuizen

## Nursery Duty

**December 24:** Pietra & Paisley

**December 31:** CoriAnn & Katie

**January 7:** Jessica H. & Macee

**January 14:** Heidi & Kylie

## \*News/Reminders:

**Message from Pastor Greg & Kay** – Today is the eve of our Savior’s birthday. Each year Christians celebrate the coming of Christ to Earth. We want to wish you a Christmas filled with joy as we rejoice together over the good news. To us a Savior has been born! He is Christ the Lord! Merry Christmas! Pastor Greg & Kay

**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 this morning.

**Profession of Faith** – This morning we will be celebrating the public profession of faith of Johannes DeGroot.

**SERVE leader needed** – The education committee is looking for a woman who would 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.

**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!

## \*Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**Christmas Day Worship Service** – Join us tomorrow at 10:30 am as we celebrate the birth of our Lord with a special Christmas Day candlelight service with carols and scripture reading.

**New Year’s Eve Service** – Join us next 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and we have classes for Pre-K to High School. Wednesday family night classes will begin on January 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> with a LifeGuide study called “New Testament Characters.”