

# Stephenville Christian Reformed Church

**Elder and Deacon Nominations Accepted** – At the congregational meeting this evening, we will be selecting one new deacon and one new elder to join the council. The men who have accepted their nomination for deacon are Justin Taylor and Casey Thiebaud. The men who have accepted their nomination for elder are Roel Stoker and Frank Kalsbeek. Our outgoing Elder is Bert Velsen and Deacon is Scott Lail. Thank you, gentlemen, for your 3 years of service on the SCRC council. If you are in need of an absentee ballot, they are in the back of church by the member boxes.

**Pastor's Vacation** – Pastor Greg and Kay are currently on vacation until December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have a need, please reach out to one of our Elders.

**\*Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

**Congregational Meeting** – Join us TONIGHT at 6 pm for our yearly congregational meeting where we will be approving the 2025 budget and also electing a new elder and deacon. Following the meeting, everyone is invited to join us for a soup/sandwich potluck followed by our annual SERVE bake-off fundraiser to support the 14 youth and 3 leaders who will attend SERVE 2025 in Gallatin Valley, Montana.

**End of Year Education Dates** – Sunday school classes and Wednesday family night have concluded for the year and will resume in January. Ladies Coffee Break will end the year on December 12<sup>th</sup> with brunch @ Sina Veltkamp's house.

**Stephenville Christian School Christmas Program** – You are invited to support the students at SCS for their annual Christmas Program which will take place on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**\*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 Pastor Greg who went to the urologist last month where they found a legion on his prostate. He had a biopsy done last week and will get the results when they return from their vacation on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- For Margreet Osinga's family who lost Anja Kooi this past week from her battle with cancer.
- For Frank Kalsbeek's sister Joni Rollema who has stage 4 cancer.
- For Joy Osinga who is currently waiting for confirmation to be put on the kidney transplant list. Prayers as she waits for a matching donor.
- For Jordan Kalsbeek and that his medication will help alleviate and reduce the risk of future seizures and that there are no side effects.
- For Jace Nelson who was in a serious car wreck and has had many surgeries already. Also, for comfort and strength for his wife and 2 kids.
- For Janet's sister, who lost her husband suddenly from cancer.
- 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 during this transition of leadership.



**Pastor Todd Hilkemann**  
**Sunday December 8, 2024**

# Sunday Morning Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## \*Call to Worship

One: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I hope.

**All: My soul waits for the Lord, more than the watchmen wait for the morning.**

One: O people of God, hope in the Lord!

**All: There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**

One: With the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is full redemption.

**All: There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**

One: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit!

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

-Overstreet Family

\*God’s Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Opening Songs: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LUYH 351 (1,3,4)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LUYH 56 (1 & 4)

Call to Confession

God’s Will For Our Lives

Offering: General Fund & Stephenville Christian School

Congregational Prayer

Message: “It’s Not About You”

Scripture Passage: Colossians 1:15-23

Prayer

\*Song of Response: “Joy to the World” LUYH 92 (1,3,4)

\*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, we are celebrating the second week of Advent with Pastor Todd Hilkemann leading the morning message from Colossians 1. Following morning worship, please join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies. There will be practice following worship for the children’s Christmas program and also for the adults that are participating in the Christmas choir.

## Weekly Schedule

**Sunday 10:30am** Morning Worship

**11:45am** Children’s Christmas Program  
Practice/ Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday 9:30am** Ladies Coffee Break Brunch @  
Sina Veltkamp’s

## Offering Schedule

**December 8:** General Fund & Stephenville Christian School  
**December 15:** General Fund  
**December 22:** General Fund & Crossroads Prison Ministries  
**December 29:** General Fund & Benevolence

## Wednesday Cooking

**December 11:** No WFN  
**December 18:** No WFN  
**December 25:** No WFN  
**January 1:** No WFN

## Sunday Cookie Duty

**December 8:** CoriAnn Kalsbeek  
**December 15:** Lynn Lail  
**December 22:** Kali Osinga  
**December 29:** Shirley Osinga

## Nursery Duty

**December 8:** CoriAnn & Jaclyn  
**December 15:** Pietra & Henry  
**December 22:** Jessica H. & Ryland  
**December 29:** Heidi & Kinsley

## Council Greeter

**December:** Scott Lail

## \*News/Reminders:

**Monthly Capital Campaign** – The December Capital Campaign is for Crossroads Prison Ministry, formerly known as Crossroads Bible Institute. Crossroads connects prisoners with mentors in Christ-centered relationships so that lives, prisons, and churches are restored through the Gospel. If you are interested in learning more about their mentorship program, you can go to their website at: <https://cpministries.org/mentorship-program>. The offering for this ministry will take place on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.