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Faith Christian Reformed Church

December 20, 2009

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Morning Worship – 9:30 AM

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Entering Into His Presence

Prelude

Call to Worship: “Still a Bach Christmas”...Johann Sebastian Bach  
Advent Candle Lighting and Scripture Reading

\*Welcome and God’s Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: #331:1-3,5 (PH) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
(the words of verse 5 are taken from the WC hymnal #133)

“Rejoice”

Glory to God, for unto us a Savior is born  
Jesus our King, came down to earth His people to free  
Let the redeemed, let us sing Hosanna

Rejoice, rejoice, oh come let us adore Him  
Rejoice, rejoice, oh come let us adore Him  
Jesus Christ the Lord

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God’s Will for Our Lives

Prayer

Ministry of Music: “Gesù Bambino”...Pietro A. Yon

\*Song of Worship: #332 (PH) “My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord”  
(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children’s Church)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Timothy Christian Schools

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 (p. 984)

Sermon: **THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS: JESUS, JUDGE OF THE NATIONS**

Going Out to Serve

\*Song of Response: #151 (WC) “Go Tell it On the Mountain”

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: #337:1 (PH) “Joy to the World!”

Postlude

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Worship Leader: Dr. Greg Schuringa

Organ: Donna Erdman

Guitars:

Ministry of Music:

Advent Participants:

\*Please stand if you are able

Sermon: Dr. David Schuringa

Piano: Jan Slinkman

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Kathy Greenfield, Linda Loerop

Kaitlin Tobin, Michael Wieringa

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church)

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Evening Worship ~ 6:00 PM  
Candlelight Christmas Worship

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We Gather

Prelude

Call to Worship:

“Come, O Redeemer, Come”

Father, enthroned on high—holy, holy  
Ancient, Eternal Light, hear our prayer

Lord, save us from the dark, of our striving  
Faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down

(chorus)

Come, oh Redeemer, come; grant us mercy  
Come, oh Redeemer, come; grant us peace

Look now upon our need; Lord, be with us  
Heal us and set us free, from our sin

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\*Welcome and God's Greeting

\*Songs of Worship: #340 (PH)  
#165 (WC)

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

“I Wonder as I Wander”

\*Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

Ministry of Music:

“Mary Did You Know?”

Songs of Worship: #150:1,3 (WC)

“What Child is This?”

“We Will Exalt You”

We will exalt You, O Lord; we will exalt You, O Lord

We will exalt You, O Lord, Emmanuel

(2x)

You are the child born to us; You are God's Son given to us  
Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God  
You are the child born to us; You are God's Son given to us  
Merciful Savior of love, Emmanuel

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Prayer

\*Songs of Worship:

“Christmas Offering”

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
There is no shadow in Your presence  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne  
Before the Holy One of heaven  
It's only by Your blood  
And its only through Your mercy, Lord, we come

We bring an offering of worship to our King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
O Lord, we bring an offering to You

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#155 (WC)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Offering:

*In His Service* Small Group

Offertory

## We Listen

Scripture:	Isaiah 7:13,14 ( <i>p. 681</i> )
Sermon:	<b>THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS: EMMANUEL</b>
Prayer	
*Song of Response: #160:1 (WC)	“O Holy Night”
*Benediction	
*Song of Worship: #164 (WC)	“Silent Night”
Postlude	

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Worship Leader & Sermon:	Dr. Greg Schuringa
Organ:	Donna Erdman
Guitars:	Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz
Vocals:	Randy Huisman, Carla Printz, Sandy Roelofs
Violin:	Kristen Voss

*\*Please stand if you are able (PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church)*

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## Welcome to Faith!

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*"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"*

Psalm 122:1

We gather for worship each Sunday morning and evening to glorify God as we grow with others in the love and truth of Christ. Be sure to prepare your heart to meet the Lord in worship and to warmly greet and welcome those around you. Please remember to turn off your cell phone for worship.

Please visit our **Welcome Center** for information about Faith. Welcome cards are available in the pews—please fill one out and place it in the offering plate. After worship, elders are always available by the exits to our worship auditorium for prayer.

**For Babies and Moms:** a mother's room is available in the south wing so moms can care for their babies in private.

**For Children Under 3:** infants and toddlers are cared for in two nurseries in our south wing.

**Children Ages 3 – Kindergarten** are invited to attend Children's Church during our morning worship, where indicated in the order of worship. This is a fun time of singing and Bible teaching led by loving volunteers.

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## Worship at Faith

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**In worship this morning and this evening** we continue a series of sermons in December called "The Christ of Christmas," focusing on the Jesus as "Judge" and "Immanuel."

**In the morning** we welcome Dr. David Schuringa (Dr. Greg's dad) to our pulpit. Dr. Schuringa leads Crossroad Bible Institute, a ministry we support and whose mission is to equip the church to reach people in prison and prepare them for re-entry into society.

**In the evening** we celebrate the Christ of Christmas at our annual **Candlelight Worship** service. Come to sing songs of Christmas and to hear a sermon on Jesus as our Immanuel.

**Upcoming Worship Opportunities:**

December 25, 10:00 AM: Christmas Day Worship

December 27 AM & PM: Old Year's Focus

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## Our Church Family

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**Peter Tazelaar** completes ten days of radiation treatment this week.

**Please remember to pray** for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we especially think of Ruth Beetz who lives in Providence Healthcare.

**Bob Venhousen and Judy Stremmer** along with their children invite you, the family of God, to join them as they worship God, celebrate His love and faithfulness, and exchange marriage vows. The worship service/wedding ceremony will be held Saturday, January 2, at 4:00 PM at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church.

**"I would like to thank everyone** for their prayers, cards and visits during my recent surgery. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated." Chuck Smith

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## Calendar for the Week

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Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hour, Library
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Service
	7:15 p.m.	<i>the gathering</i>
Wednesday:	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Friday:	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service

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## Offerings

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**Today: AM:** Timothy Christian Schools.  
**PM:** *In His Service* Small Group.  
**Christmas Day:** All God's Children.  
**Next Week: AM & PM:** Faith Education Fund.

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## Opportunities to Serve, Grow and Connect

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**Last Sunday morning, we held a Congregational Meeting** to consider recommendations from the Council's Parsonage Task Force. Following a presentation and time of discussion, the recommendations to purchase a senior minister parsonage (at 408 W Avery Street in Elmhurst) and sell one current parsonage were affirmed by the congregation. The Council will work to implement the recommendations passed by the congregation.

**From the Council and Pastoral Search Committee:** In January, the Pastoral Search Committee will be presenting a report and making a recommendation to Council to extend a call to Rev. Michael Laird to fill the Minister of Congregational Life staff position. Should the Council follow this recommendation, Council would bring it to a future Congregational meeting for the congregation's consideration. Please continue to enfold the process in prayer.

**The Church Property Committee requests** that since our own parking lot is so small, the able members of our congregation use the parking lots of Timothy Christian and the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Sundays. This is to provide adequate parking in the main lot immediately west of our church building for the visitors, elderly, and handicapped. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**The deadline for all Bulletin Announcements will be Tuesday at noon** for the next two weeks due to the holidays. Holiday office hours are Monday-Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

**Sunday School & Catechism** will not meet today. They will resume on January 10, 2010.

**Thank you to everyone** who helped out with P.A.D.S. the first weekend in December. We were able to supply food and shelter for 42 people.

**P.A.D.S. signup sheets** are located in the Fellowship Hall today. Your help is necessary for our church to fulfill its commitment to this ministry to the homeless. We are looking for volunteers to prepare and bring food and to work at the site. We are also looking for donations of socks and underwear. If you have any questions, contact Peter Holtrop, 630-953-2938.

***The gathering*** is meeting in our large group tonight! See you there!

**Thank you to all who supported *the gathering's* first ever Holiday Pie Fundraiser!** The pies will be available for pick up **TOMORROW** on Monday, December 21, at church after 12:00 PM!

**Calling all instrumentalists!** The Music Committee would like to invite you to play during the Christmas morning service. If you would be willing to share your talents and play in a group with other musicians during this service, please contact Cathy Geers, [cathygeers@aol.com](mailto:cathygeers@aol.com) or 630-852-7295. The only rehearsal will be on Christmas morning before the service.

***The gathering*** is excited to announce our winter retreat for 2010! From January 29-31, we will be headed up to Expeditions Unlimited in Baraboo, WI. This year, each student will have the opportunity to go skiing/snowboarding as well! Brochures can be found on the sign-up table in the narthex. Cost varies depending on whether you want to go skiing/snowboarding. You must register by January 24!

**The Junior High Group** is also excited to announce our Winter Retreat! Like last year, we will be headed up to The Wilderness Water Resort in the Wisconsin Dells from Feb. 5-7! Brochures and information can be found on the sign in table. Space is limited! Your registration and deposit guarantee a spot! Registration closes on Sunday, January 17, so sign up soon!

**What a caring church!** Over two dozen children's jackets shipped last week for distribution at Christmas time in Mexico. Thank you for giving warmth to God's little ones through Tapestries of Life Ministries. It is not too late to send additional jackets, just call Dorothy Vanerka, 630-655-0084.

**A big "thank you" goes out to this congregation for** supporting two of our Christmas ministries. With your generosity we were able to deliver 158 Christmas gifts from the Angel Tree and Giving Tree ornaments. Thank you for blessing these families at this special time of year.

The Deacons & *In His Service* Small Group

**For over twenty years the January Series of Calvin College** has been the leading lecture/cultural arts series in the country. This year Faith CRC will present all the programs from the January Series. These live presentations from Calvin College will be simulcast to Faith CRC from 11:20 AM – 12:30 PM. Start planning now to spend your days in January at Faith. The series begins on Wednesday, January 6, and continues Monday through Fridays, concluding on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. For a complete schedule and speakers go to <http://www.calvin.edu/january/>. Think of friends and neighbors who you could invite!

***Voices In Faith***, a new, local men's vocal ensemble, will sing as part of an evening service at Faith CRC on **Sunday, January 24, at 6:00 PM.** *Voices In Faith* loves to praise their God and Savior through music. Music not only has a message through words or lyrics, it also contains a tidal wave of emotions. It is by faith and the grace of Jesus Christ that we have eternal life and a purpose for our lives here on earth. *Voices In Faith* expresses that belief and hope through song. Make sure to invite a friend to this evening of music and worship. Contact Faith CRC for more information, 630-279-1776.

**Honduras Serve Project 2010!** We are in the process of preparing for our next Honduras Serve Trip. The dates for this upcoming trip are January 30 – February 6, 2010. We will be serving Hogar de Niños, our orphanage in Comayagua. This trip fills up quickly. Please contact Allen Heerema, Lambert Bronger, or Bob Venhousen, Jr. if you are interested or if you have questions.

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## Serving Faith Church

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### **Greeters**

#### *Today*

Irv & Theresa Skrysak  
Joe & Sally Reamer

#### *Christmas Day*

Ken & Sue Folkerts  
Ben & Terry Vander Naald

#### *Next Week*

Todd/Heather Lindemulder  
Jim & Marge Van Kampen

### **Kitchen**

#### *Today*

Joe & Sally Reamer  
Ryan & Jess Vander Naald

#### *Next Week*

Ken & Lois Rusthoven  
Matt & Niki Tazelaar

### **Library**

#### *Today*

Kathleen Glaubke  
Laurie Wieringa

#### *Next Week*

Jeri Cook  
Joyce Hookstra

### **Coffee Servers**

#### *Today*

Evelyn Bertini  
Barb Vroom

#### *Next Week*

Jerry & Pearl Dykstra

### **Saratoga Driver**

#### *Today*

Ed Hoogstra

#### *Christmas Day*

Al Miedema

#### *Next Week*

Dirk Glaubke

### **AM Nursery-Infant**

#### *Today*

Karri Broadus  
Niki Tazelaar  
Kaitlin Gehrke  
Rebecca Miedema  
Brittany Vander Naald

#### *Christmas Day*

Rachel Baron  
Heather Lindemulder  
Alison De Boer  
Kyla Smits  
Abbie Tazelaar

#### *Next Week*

Kathleen Glaubke  
Cathy Canelos  
Brooke Tobin  
Bonnie Van Dyk  
Corrine Wieringa

### **AM Nursery-Toddler**

#### *Today*

Mary Huizinga  
Jean Gehrke  
Jimmy Huisman  
Kei Loerop

#### *Christmas Day*

Kimberly Kim  
Laurie Van Dahm  
Madison Huisman  
Cristi Vander Naald

#### *Next Week*

Alyssa Tobin  
Grace Dryden  
Jake Hooker  
Luke Hooker

### **PM Nursery**

#### *Today*

Michelle Smykowski  
Jodi Van Dahm

#### *Next Week*

Jen David  
Kaitlin Tobin

### **Audio Visual**

#### *Today*

Todd Lindemulder  
Chris Kakabeeke  
Taylor Hoogendoorn

#### *Christmas Day*

Steve David  
Julie Huisman  
Eric Glaubke

#### *Next Week*

Steve De Boer  
Stephanie Huizinga  
Eric Glaubke