



Walking with Jesus

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WELCOME

December 18, 2022

Welcome! During this season of great anticipation we are glad that you joined us as we search for the presence of God in our lives and in our world today.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday School—9:00 AM; Worship—10:00 AM

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Sunday, December 18

- 9:00AM—Sunday School
- 10:00AM—Worship
- Building and Grounds and Worship Task Force Meetings
- 6:00PM—Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 21

- 7:00PM—RCYF & Catechism

Saturday, December 24

- 7:00PM—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
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MINISTRIES THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

Today

Greeters: Craig & Brenda Sandbulte

Nursery: Sarah DeHaan & Claire

Sound System: Craig Sandbulte

Power Point: Cory Altena

Children's Sermon: Brenda Sandbulte

Fellowship Treats: Kathy and Keilahny

Next Week

Greeters: Darrin and Nancy Popkes

Nursery: Beth Slykhuis and Carly DeLeeuw

Sound System: Bert Reitsma

Power Point: Sandy Reitsma

Children's Sermon: Ethan Van Briesen

Fellowship Treats: NA Merry Christmas

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Center of Hope—Providing for the physical and spiritual needs in Sioux Falls
- Inspiration Hills—their winter retreats will bless people
- Words of Hope—Devotionals and Translations will touch lives
- Audrey Grave—Continue recovery from knee surgery
- Marrienne Groen—Continue health concerns
- Melissa Grave's Brother, Kyle—diagnosed with PTSD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The total raised at the Women of Hope Cookie Walk was \$2,138.08. Thank you to all who baked cookies, worked and bought cookies. Merry Christmas.
- Soup and Pie Supper: Today is the last day to sign up for helping with the Women of Hope Soup and Pie Supper. We encourage all Women of Hope to sign up for working AND donating.
- In your mailbox please find the white gift envelope. The “White Gift” program at Hope Reformed Church began back in the late 1950’s when it was suggested that instead of Sunday school teachers and students exchanging gifts among each other, the money be used to purchase gifts for the church. Originally each class purchased a separate gift for the church and placed a description of the gift in a box wrapped in white paper which was opened at a special time, hence the name “White Gift”. Since then the project has been expanded and now several organizations in the church and members can contribute to the “White Gift” fund.

The “White Gift” offering this year will be used to create catechism learning classroom areas. We will consolidate two rooms upstairs so we can use the middle room and one of the upstairs unused Sunday school rooms for catechism classrooms. We would use the white gift offering to create rooms with couches, chairs, and décor to provide a fun learning environment for Wednesday night catechism students. We hope to make a comfortable area where kids can gather and learn more about God.

The “White Gift” envelopes can be returned in the offering plate any Sunday during this holiday season. They can also be returned at the Children’s “White Gift” Christmas program December 18 at 6:00pm.

- We will be putting together personal care kits for the Bread of Life recipients to be distributed at the December 21st Bread of Life. We would welcome things like body wash and shampoo. Thanks so much, Hope Reformed for being the Hands and Feet of Jesus. You can hang your bags on the coat rack on the west wall of the Narthex.
- Verlan Boone from ATLAS will be leading us in worship on Sunday January 1, 2023.
- Join us tonight at 6:00 for the Children’s Christmas Program as they preform “Bethlehem... Nothing Ever Happens Here”. The children and all the volunteers have been putting in the time and effort to entertain you with a lovely program. Please join us for cake and ice cream to celebrate Jesus’ birthday following the program.
- Education Task Force Members please remember to bring your ice cream and helping hands for this evenings program.
- No Catechism or RCYF December 28. Enjoy your Christmas Holiday!

WORSHIP

Prelude— Audrey Groen

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 130:5-7

Invocation

Hymn—#154—O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hope Advent Candle—RCYF

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance—John 1.12-13; Luke 1.37

Ministry of Music— Cherub Choir

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Hymn—#179—Joy To The World

Children's Message—Brenda Sandbulte

Scripture—John 1:15-16 page 1646; Luke 1:26-38 page 1588

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon—God's Relentless Pursuit

Prayer of Application

Offering and Offertory Hymn— #188—Angels We Have Heard on High

*Doxology (# 34) & Offertory Prayer

*Benediction—#154—*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Refrain Only)

SERMON NOTES

- God's Relentless Pursuit

- The Stunning Wonder of Jesus

- A Good Word for Us