



Walking with Jesus

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WELCOME

December 4, 2022

Welcome we rejoice in your presence with us during this season of Advent. Since Advent is a time of preparation, please join us as we enter the sanctuary in an attitude of silent and reverent preparation.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Sunday, December 4

- 9:00AM—Sunday School
- 10:00AM—Worship
- MESA Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, December 7

- 6:30PM—Women of Hope Christmas Meeting
- 7:00PM—RCYF & Catechism

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00-11:00 COOKIE WALK

MINISTRIES THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

Today

Greeters: Jim & Klarice Rypkema
Nursery: Pam Grave & Kyle DeLeeuw
Sound System: Pam Grave
Power Point: Ethan Van Briesen
Children's Sermon: Melinda DeLeeuw
Fellowship Treats: Nobody

Next Week

Greeters: Gary & Glenda Jager
Nursery: Melinda DeLeeuw & Harper Klein
Sound System: Dorene Chapa
Power Point: Kyle Reitsma
Children's Sermon: Shelly Altena
Fellowship Treats: Cookie Walk Leftovers

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Beth's niece, Kallie's Boyfriend's family—mother and grandpa in a fatal accident
- Bruxvoorts—As the winter is long in Alaska, the hope in Jesus shines bright
- ATLAS—For the transitional leadership and mentors touch lives
- Hope Haven—For the staff and residents who use their gifts to glorify God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elders selected at the Congregational meeting were Shane DeLeeuw and Kyle Reitsma. Deacons selected were Kim Chapa and Vince Lutjens.
- Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls and messages after my knee replacement. It is greatly appreciated. -Alan Hilbrands
- Women of Hope Soup and Pie Supper will be January 11th 2023 with a snow date of January 18th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex now through December 18th. We encourage all Women of Hope to sign up for working AND donating.
- Today 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.
- Children’s Christmas program practice is again today following church. Practice dates will continue December 11 and 18. The program is December 18 at 6:00 PM
- MESA will be sponsoring a couple families with Whispers of Love, Hope and Joy again this year for Christmas! The age and gender of each person is on a mitten on the tree in the basement. If you would like to participate, please take a mitten from the tree and return the gift wrapped with the mitten on top of the gift. Please return your gift by December 18. Thank you!

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WORSHIP

Prelude— Vonda Maggert

Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 87:7-13

Invocation

Hymn—#198—Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Hope Advent Candle—Catechism Kids

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance—John 1:12

Ministry of Music— God's Kids Choir

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Hymn—#189—Angels from the Realms of Glory

Children's Message—Melinda DeLeeuw

Scripture—John 1:6-13 page 1646; Matthew 27:24-54 page 1547

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon—He Came To That Which Was His Own

Prayer of Application

Communion

Offering and Offertory Hymn— #233—We Three Kings

*Doxology (# 34) & Offertory Prayer

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

SERMON NOTES

- But his own did not receive him

- The Cross is the Way of Salvation

- The Cross is the Way of Life