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Oakland Christian Reformed Church
Sunday December 1, 2024
O Come Let Us Adore Him!

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	11:30 AM	Family Life Potluck
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:15 PM	Open Bible Study
Monday	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	5:15-6:30	Oasis
	6:30 PM	GEMS/Cadets
	6:45 PM	Men's Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Prayer meeting at the Branch
Saturday	10-3	Ahadi Home Tour
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Christmas Party
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11
		Title: Paul's Song
	Offering: OCRC Ministries/Covenant Giving	
	6:00 PM	Scripture: Romans 11:33-36
		Title: Celebrating God's Amazing Grace
		Offering: Hungry for Christ

Serving in Ministry	Today 12/1	Next Sunday 12/8
Nursery - AM	Gabby Brouwer, Megyn Schout, Molly McCarty	Ginger Hill, Julie Hoeve, Jasmine Rush
Nursery - PM	Melanie Groenheide, Marcia Ver Beek	Ruth Busscher, Pat Van Dam
Safety Team	Andy Helder	Mike Hoeksema
Children in Worship Leader	Shanna Arendsen	Kim Vande Zande
Children in Worship Helpers	Carrie Bosch, Shelby Nelson	Jackie Bosch, Alysha Van Dam
Sunday School Refreshments	Jordan Redder	Casey Schrotenboer
Sunday School Security	None Scheduled	None Scheduled
Refreshments	Ginger Hill and Linda Kennell	Flokstra Family
Weekend Custodians	Ryan and Allison Kruithof	Matt and Stephanie Smit

Happy Birthday: 1st Tanya Van Dyke, 3rd Stacey Pluger, 4th Erika Kruithof (15), 5th Andrew Bosch, Andy Krommendyk (88), 6th Marcia V Beek, 7th Pastor Mark, Emily Vande Zande

Happy Anniversary: 3rd Cris and Julie Compagner (31), Ryan and Allison Kruithof (19), Paul and Dawn Van Dam (42)

Prayers for the week:

Barb Ver Beek started her weekly chemotherapy treatment this past Tuesday. Barb will go through a total of 12 weekly chemotherapy treatments. Pray that God gives Barb strength as she goes through these treatments and pray that the side effects will be minimal.

Ken Hulst is having left foot surgery on Wednesday. Pray for a successful surgery.

We give thanks to the Lord that our Sunday School Children were able to purchase 205 egg laying chickens through World Renew. Pray that these chickens will help those who are in need and provide many meals for them.

Our missionary, Pastor Scott Geurink had surgery on his torn Achilles tendon on Monday. The surgery was successful. Please pray for a full and complete recovery for Pastor Scott.

From The Council: The Thrive (Junior High Youth Group) leaders have informed the Council that they will be stepping down from their positions at the end of the ministry year. We thank them for their years of service. We will be needing new Thrive group leaders. We would like them to start as soon as possible so that they could work with the current leaders to make a good transition. If anyone is interested in this ministry position or has any questions you can contact any of the current Thrive leaders or Youth Elder Mike Ver Beek.

Prime Timers: There is a sign-up sheet for the bus trip to Baker Book House, lunch and Horrocks. We will be meeting at church at 10:45 AM on December 11. Any questions see Ruth Kruithof or Linda Kennell.

Parents of Sunday School children: Christmas Program practice begins Today! Please continue to work with your kids on reviewing their lines. If you have any questions, please reach out to Marissa Compagner or Melanie Groenheide.

Ladies: Starting in February, Ladies Bible Study will begin a 5-session series focusing on Passion Week. **Easter: Behold Your King** is a thoughtful look at the Easter season, focusing on the events and deeper theological meaning of the Passion Week. Diving into topics like: Old Testament prophecy that connects to Jesus as the Messiah, the significance of the events of Palm Sunday through the silence of Holy Saturday, and Jesus' appearances after His resurrection, this study will not only help the reader understand how beautifully deep Christ's sacrifice for us was, but also how to live in light of these life-giving truths. If you are currently attending or would like to join us for this study, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so books can be ordered. Contact Julie Compagner with any questions.

Community Announcement: The Christmas Home Tour is almost here!! On Saturday, December 7th, come spend your day exploring Oakland's finest Christmas decorations. From 10:00-3:00, you can tour tastefully decorated new, old, and remodeled homes. There will be Christmas Market crafts, baked goods, holiday treats, games, Christmas giveaways, and more. Be sure to bring your cash! Everything you need to get your holiday started, and maybe even pick up a few gifts along the way. Each home hosts a special activity, and lunch will be available for purchase at two of the homes. Proceeds will benefit the Ahadi Mission Trip 2025 participants from our church (Abby and Ruth Busscher, Jody Rietsma, Tanya and Natalie Van Dyke). **A few tips for Saturday:** Start at ANY house, no need to follow the order on your ticket. Carpool if possible. Look for the lightbulbs at the end of each driveway, to mark each home on the tour. If one house (or driveway) seems especially crowded, move on to the next home and plan to come back later. We ask that you kindly remove shoes, once inside each house. Enjoy the tour, we appreciate all your support!

Holiday Home Tour: There is a sign up to ride the Oakland bus for the Holiday Home Tour. You must sign up to be able to ride the bus! There is a holiday bus agenda for times and homes we will visit! Questions, contact Brenda Flokstra.

Join Us for a Holiday Hymn Sing!

Jack Ten Cate will be leading a holiday hymn sing for area senior adults on December 12, 2024. The event will begin at 1:00 PM and will be held at Hamilton Reformed Church. A time of fellowship with refreshments will follow the hymn sing. Save the date and invite your friends! If you have questions, please call the church at (269) 751-5145.

Morning Order of Worship
December 1, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent!

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude, Welcome, Call to Worship - Isaiah 11:1-5

*Opening Hymn of Worship

LUYH #56, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*God's Greeting

APPROACHING THE LORD

Preparation for the Lord's Supper (page 976)

*Hymn of Assurance

LUYH #88, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

(During the last verse, the children are invited forward for a Message)

Children's Message - We light the candle of Hope

*Hymn of Response

LUYH #828, vs. 1, 2, 4 - *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for Oakland CRC / Building Fund

Children in Worship Dismissal (3 - Kind.) - Daniel and the Lion's Den

LISTENING TO THE LORD

*Hymn of Preparation

LUYH #61, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Scripture: Exodus 15:1-21 (page 110)

Message: ***Moses' Song (Series: Redemption Songs)***

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application

Gray PH #152, vs. 1, 2 - *I Will Sing unto the Lord*

LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology

LUYH #964 - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Postlude

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande

Organist: Lois Dozeman

Pianist: Dar Pettinga

**Please stand, if able*

Morning Message Outline
Exodus 15:1-21

Moses' Song (Series: Redemption Songs)

1. R _____ God's P _____
 - A. From the _____
 - i. _____
 - ii. In the _____
 - B. From _____
2. R _____ in God's P _____
 - A. Over _____
 - B. Over the _____
 - C. With Great _____
 - D. In _____ Ways
3. R _____ in God's P _____
4. R _____ in God's P _____

Evening Order of Worship
December 1, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

A TIME OF PRAISE

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship - Ephesians 2:8-9
*Opening Song of Worship
LUYH #691 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - *Amazing Grace*
*God's Greeting

A TIME OF FAITH

Canons of Dort - Main Point 5, Articles 1-6 (page 943)
Hymn of Response - LUYH #655, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Out of the Depths...*
Canons of Dort - Main Point 5, Articles 7-9 (page 943)
Hymn of Response
LUYH #624, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Not What My Hands Have Done*
Canons of Dort - Main Point 5, Articles 11-15 (page 943)
*Hymn of Response - Gray PH #490, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Blessed Assurance*
*Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1 (page 861)
Congregational Prayer
Offerings for City on a Hill

A TIME OF LEARNING

Scripture: Romans 8:35-39 (page 1758)
Message: ***Always Connected***
Prayer of Application
*Hymn of Application
LUYH #688, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *How Vast the Benefits Divine*

A TIME OF LIVING

*God's Parting Blessing
*Doxology - LUYH #956 - *To God Be the Glory*
*Postlude

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande
Organist: Lois Dozeman
Pianist: Ruth Busscher

**Please stand, if able*

Evening Message Outline
Romans 8:35-39
Always Connected

Introduction

***Once we are Children of God,
God will never let us go.***

1. We Are _____ Than _____

2. We Are _____ by God

3. We Are _____ by God _____

4. We Are _____ by God's _____

Conclusion