

Elder Assignments and Districts			
Mike Ver Beek	2026	Youth Ministries	D. Arendsen – L. Christiansen
Steve Bosman	2024	Adult Ministries, Pulpit Supply	Cl. Compagner- D. Helder
Bob Dozeman	2025	Recording Clerk	Lisa Hertz -B. Kruithof
Andy Helder	2025	Membership Clerk, Fellowship & Service	K. Kruithof-T. Rietsma
Glenn Dozeman	2024	Worship	J. Rush – C. Van Dam
Mike Hoeksema	2026	Vice President, Missions & Evangelism	K. Van Dam - T. Zoerhof

Deacon Assignments and Districts			
Anthony Nelson	2026	Building & Grounds	D. Arendsen – L. Christiansen
Josh Schrotenboer	2024	Chairman of the Deacons	Cl. Compagner-D. Helder
Neil Tanis	2025	Mission/Mercy Fund Treasurer	Lisa Hertz-B. Kruithof
Frank Taylor	2025	General / Building Treasurer	K. Kruithof-T. Rietsma
Mitch Van Dyk	2024	Assistant Treasurer/ Covenant Giving Plan	J. Rush – C. Van Dam
Mitchell Slagh	2026	Zeeland Diaconal / Growing Hope Globally	K. Van Dam – T. Zoerhof
Custodians	Randy and Barb Ver Beek – (616) 218-9956		
Secretary	Jody Rietsma – (616) 688-5290		

General Information

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated on the second Sunday of Feb., June, Sept., and Dec., and on Good Friday.
The sacrament of baptism is administered upon request.

Missionaries

Navy Chann-Chhay & Ly Chhay – Resonate Global Mission (Cambodia)
Rev. Huascar De La Cruz Paseo de las Flores – ReFrame Ministries (Mexico)
Scott and Marcia Geurink – Resonate Global Mission (Michigan)
John and Kim Gryglewicz – Resonate Global Mission (Haiti)
Steve and Kim Holtrop – Resonate Global Mission (Nicaragua)
Rev. Dr. Mike Johnson – Ascending Leaders (Texas)
Ricardo Tranquini – My Father’s House Christian Community (Fennville, MI)
Sovann Neth – World Renew (Cambodia)

PEACE

PEACE I leave with you ...
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, KJV

Oakland Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, December 10, 2023
O worship the King! Welcome to worship!

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	5:00 PM	Voices of Praise
	5:45 PM	THRIVE
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Monday	6:30 PM	Elder/Deacon Meetings
	8:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Prime Timers at Russ’ Southtown
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Senior Women’s Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:00 PM	Outreach Leadership Team
Thursday	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting at Branch
Friday	5:30 PM	Fellowship Bible Study Christmas Party
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Scripture: Luke 2:1-20
		Title: <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>
		Offering: Oakland CRC Ministries / Building & Renovation Fund
	6:00 PM	Scripture: Micah 5:1-5a
		Title: <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
		Offering: The Bridge Youth Ministry

Serving in Ministry	Today – 12/10	Next Sunday – 12/17
Nursery – AM	Jane DeJonge, Allison Kruithof, Ellery Smit	Ginger Hill, Kacie Kruithof, Kaylee DeJonge
Nursery – PM	Julie Duimstra, Ruth Kruithof	No evening nursery
Safety Team	Ryan Kruithof	Todd Zoerhof
Refreshments	Judi Blauwkamp and Ruth Kruithof	Tara Kruithof
Weekend Custodian	Brad and Katie Slenk	Ryan and Allison Kruithof
Children in Worship Leader	Katie Baker	Shanna Arendsen
Children in Worship Helpers	Ellery S./Alysha V	Julie H./ Nella P.
Sunday School Cookies	Stephanie Smit	Kim Vande Zande
Sunday School Security	None	None

Ushers: AM Curtis Flokstra, Dave Hoeve, Paul Van Dam
PM Nathan Busscher, Ron Meyaard, Larry Kruithof

Happy Birthday: 13th Jerold Engelsman (78), Leah Smit (13), 14th Carly Slenk (11), 15th Brenda Baker, 16th Noelle Taylor (2)
Happy Anniversary: 11th Harold and Arlene Jager (67)

Prayer Items for this week:

We give thanks for the wedding that united Drew and Sara Flokstra in marriage this past Saturday. Pray that God will bless these two lives as they are joined together as one.
Helen Wiersma spent some time in the hospital this week with oxygen issues. Pray that these oxygen issues will be resolved.
Jerold Engelsman had a procedure this week to help with circulation in his right leg. Pray that procedure works.
Carol Myaard was in the hospital this week with an infection and blood pressure issues. Pray that Carol’s struggles will soon be gone.
Ken Hulst had successful surgery on his right foot this week. Pray now that as Ken recovers at home, God will give him a complete recovery and also patience, since Ken will not be able to put any weight on his foot for 2 weeks and then be in a boot for 4 weeks.

Christmas Program: is only a week away! Please continue to work with your kids and practice memorizing their lines. This year, the program will be taking place during the second half of the evening service on December 17. When you arrive at church for the evening, you can drop your children off downstairs at their Sunday School classrooms. Todd's class will be meeting in the big room in the basement. There is no need for an early arrival. See Melanie or Pam with questions - thanks!

From The Youth Group: We would like to thank the congregation and the community for helping out in their can drive this year. We collected and returned over \$2000 in cans and bottles to bless the Family Life Center. With those 20,000 cans and bottles we were able to purchase: 18 cases of diapers, 11 cases of wipes, 8 cases of Pull-Ups, 14 large jugs of laundry detergent, 11 cases of dryer sheets, 10 cases of toilet paper, 54 sticks of deodorant, 120 tubes of toothpaste and 40 toothbrushes. **God is Good !!!**

Prime Timers: December 12th we will be meeting at 5 PM at Southtown Russ’ in Holland for supper and then will be attending a concert at Evergreen Commons at 7PM. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please sign up TODAY. Any questions see Linda or Ruth.

Oakleaf Deadline: is next Sunday to Jody’s mailbox or Monday to the church email.

For King and Country Livestream: will be December 22 at 8PM. There will be desserts and beverages served at 7PM and the intermission. Donations accepted for the Ahadi Mission Trip 2025.

Advance Notice: The Christian School Society will meet downstairs after the morning service on January 7 to sign up for janitor weekends.

Morning Order of Worship
December 10, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Isaiah 62:10-12

*Opening Song of Worship

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for Oakland CRC Ministries / Covenant Giving Plan

Children's Message - We light the candles of Hope and Peace

Children in Worship Dismissal (3 years old - Kindergarten) - Jonah and the Great Fish

LISTENING TO THE LORD

*Song of Preparation

Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)

Scripture:

Luke 2:1-20 (page 1590)

Matthew 2:1-12 (page 1497)

Revelation 7:9-17 (page 1921)

Message:

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF THE LORD

The Lord's Supper

During distribution of the Bread the Worship Team sings *Manger Throne*

During distribution of the Juice the Worship Team sings *Manger Throne*

LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (chorus)

*Postlude

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande

Worship Team

**Please stand, if able*

Message Outline
Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12; Revelation 7:9-17
Angels from the Realms of Glory

Introduction - a history of the song

1. The _____ of Jesus

A. Angels

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

B. Shepherds

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

C. Wise Men

*Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

D. Nations

*Though an infant now we view him, he will share his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

E. All Creation

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

F. The Forgiven Sinner

*Sinners, wrung with true repentance, doomed for guilt to endless pains,
Justice now revokes the sentence; mercy calls you, break your chains
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

2. The _____ of Jesus

3. The _____ with Jesus

Conclusion

Evening Order of Worship
December 10, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

A TIME OF PRAISE

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship - Matthew 3:13-17
*Opening Song of Worship
Worship His Majesty #162, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Glory in the Highest*
*God's Greeting

TIME OF FAITH

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-3
Songs of Response
Worship His Majesty #146 - *Ring the Bells*
Worship His Majesty #655 - *Something Beautiful (2x, 2nd time acapella)*
Worship His Majesty #632, vs. 1, 2 - *He Touched Me*
*Apostles' Creed (page 813)
Congregational Prayer
Offerings for GEMS

A TIME OF LEARNING

*Song of Preparation
Worship His Majesty #156, vs. 1, 2 - *The Birthday of a King*
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (page 1497)
Message: ***We Three Kings***
Prayer of Application
*Hymn of Application
Screen, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - *We Three Kings*

A TIME OF LIVING

*God's Parting Blessing
*Doxology
Worship His Majesty #162, vs. 4 - *Glory in the Highest*
*Postlude

Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande
Organist: Deb De Young
Pianist Connie Duimstra

**Please stand, if able*

Message Outline
Matthew 2:1-12
We Three Kings

Introduction - a history of the song

1. The _____
We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse a-far
Field and fountain, moor and mountain - following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light."

2. The _____
We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse a-far
Field and fountain, moor and mountain - following yonder star.

A. _____ = _____
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

B. _____ = _____
Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God on High.

C. _____ = _____
Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

3. THE _____

Conclusion