



— THIRD SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

-John 3:16

Oakland Christian Reformed Church

Sunday, December 13, 2020

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today!

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship – In Person
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship – Streamed Service Only
		Youth Group / Thrive Meeting

Preaching Pastors

December 13	AM – Rev. Tom Pettinga	
December 20	AM – Rev. Tom Pettinga	PM – Rev. Tom Pettinga

Offering Causes

December 13

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Covenant Giving Plan
Evening	Compassionate Heart Ministries

December 20

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Renovation Fund
Evening	Holland Rescue Mission

Custodians

Monday - Friday	Randy and Barb Ver Beek – 616-218-9956
December 12/13	Ken and Barbara Hibma
December 19/20	Matt and Katie Brower

Ushers

Morning	Kyle Bauman, Steve Bosman, Jordan Hoeksema
Evening	Glenn Dozeman, Larry Kruithof, Lee Ver Beek
Substitute	Ruth Kruithof

Nursery – Morning Services Only – Starting December 13

December 20	Shanna Arendsen, Pam Nyhof, Alyssa DeJonge
Christmas Day	Jackie Bosch, Jordan Redder, Nicky Nelson

Safety Team

December 13	Greg Van Dyke
December 20	Dennis Bosch

Volunteer Opportunities

Drivers

The Shindano family needs volunteers for transportation. This might include services on Sunday mornings, transportation after Sunday school, Cadets for 2 boys on Wednesday and Thrive for one on Sunday evenings. Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you are able to help out. Any questions please see Lee and Bette Ver Beek or Larry and Rose Kruithof. Thank you!

Group Updates

We are excited to announce that all church educational activities will be able to resume on January 3, 2021. Again we thank you for your patience during these times.

Group Announcements

Prime Timers

The Prime Timers Christmas lunch is going to be postponed until a later date (January or February). We are sorry for having to cancel but want everyone to stay healthy. Thank you!
-Ruth and Linda

Group Meetings

In the Oakleaf the calendar was scheduled as normal for group meetings, however due to the Covid cases these are being determined weekly. Please pay attention to the weekly bulletin to see if your group will be meeting that week or not. I apologize for any confusion, thank you for your patience!
-Jordan

Thrive / Youth Group Meeting

This evening Thrive and Youth Group will be having a combined meeting in the Branch at 6:00 PM. There will be a lite lunch served. We are so excited to be gathering again and can't wait to see you all there!

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 3rd. This is a regularly scheduled week off, however due to the time we've had off we will be starting a week early. The kids will be dismissed with Todd Zoerhof out the front of the sanctuary during our morning worship service. Thank you and we can't wait to see all the kiddos again!

Happy Birthday

December 13	Jerold Engelsman (75) Lydia Kruithof (5)
December 15	Brenda Baker
December 16	Brandon Schreur
December 18	Jennie Hibma

Happy Anniversary

December 13	Junior and Frances Schreur (66)
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Thank You

We want to say THANK YOU to the congregation for donating your pop cans! The Youth Group returned \$1,988.00 in cans! We are able to shop for 3 families through Love INC this year. We continue to thank Oakland Church for your continued support to our youth!

Thank you to the Oakland family for reaching out to our family in many special ways over the past few weeks, in the passing of mom and grandma. Though it was sudden and unexpected, God's presence and the power of prayer were felt through the many calls, texts, prayers and words of encouragement on the Caring Bridge site and through your thoughtfulness with food and cards. Thanks also to Pastor Pettinga for his much needed pastoral care. Being part of a caring church family that circles you with love during hard times means so much! Thanks for being there.

-Brian, Tara, Taylor, Kacie and Josh

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Member Update

Bob Lampen
Rest Haven Care Center – Rachael Wing
280 W. 40th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Harold and Barb Hulst, and Ken and Mindy Hulst in the passing of Harold's sister and Ken's Aunt, Louise VanderMeer, this past week. May you feel the presence of God's comfort surround you during this time.

Please Pray For...

Our Missionaries: Navy Chann-Chhay & Ly Chhay, Scott Geurink, Johnny & Kim Gryglewicz, Steve Holtrop, Dr. Mike Johnson, Sovann Neth, Sandi Nyboer, Rev. Guillermo Serrano and Ricardo Tranquini

Our Home Bound Members: Carole Engelsman and Bob Lampen

College Students: Andrew Bosch, Marissa Compagner, Ben Duimstra, Drew Flokstra, Jennie Hibma, Sarah Hibma, Jordan Hoeve, Mikayla Hoeve, Kacie Kruithof and Jada VandenBosch

Continue to Pray For...

Pray for all of those in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing.

Please keep our council in your prayers as they lead our church through these difficult times. We are again in an unprecedented time and they are trying their best to keep everyone happy, safe and healthy.

Pray for Dick Hilbink, Andy and Joyce Krommendyk as they recover from Covid.

Pray for Ryan Ver Beek following his surgery and for relief from pain.

We pray for those who are sick and in the hospitals.

Pray for Heidi Huisman, daughter of Jim and Boots Vellenga, for recovery following her treatments.

Pray for Jobje Lammers, Dr. Lammers wife. They found a cancerous mass on her pancreas. Pray that God may guide them through this difficult time. If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement you may do so at the address listed below:

Dr. Warren & Jobje Lammers
2127 132nd Avenue
Hopkins, MI 49328

Congregational Announcements

Church Worship

This morning we return to in person worship for our morning service ONLY. We will also be installing Pastor Tom Pettinga during the service. As a reminder, if you are feeling ill we ask that you please stay home and use the live stream option. We will continue with social distancing on the south side of church. Masks are optional as always. Thank you and we look forward to worshipping with you in person again! Next Sunday, December 20, we will be back to evening worship services.

The Lord's Supper

This morning we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. All those who trust in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation and have publicly professed their faith in a Christian Reformed Church are invited to the Table of Remembrance.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday evening, December 20, will be our Candlelight service. We hope to see you there for this special service.

Allendale Family Life Center

The Family Life Center of Allendale is undergoing a much-needed remodel of their home on Fillmore Street for the next couple of months. They are seeking individuals who would like to help on projects such as stripping wallpaper, kitchen remodel, carpet removal, and most of all, painting. During the week between Christmas and New Year, the focus will be on giving the house a fresh coat of paint, walls and trim. If you would like to volunteer one day or several, please reach out to Tara Kruithof to discuss. Thank you!

Reminder

Material for the January Oakleaf is due to Jordan next Sunday, December 20th. Thank you!

Nursery

Nursery will begin again next Sunday, December 20th during our morning service only.

Congregational Needs

If you have any needs (financial, spiritual, emotional) please contact your district elder, or deacon. They are there to help!

Oakland Christian Reformed Church

Morning Worship Service

December 13, 2020 – 9:30 AM

Coming into God's Presence to Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:1-6

*The Lord's Greeting

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

*Hymn of Praise

“O Little Town (The Glory of Christmas)”

Installation of Rev. Tom Pettinga

Pastoral Prayer

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

*Song of Preparation

“Born That We May Have Life”

Scripture

Luke 1:1-20

Message

“Cousins and Answered Prayer”

Applicatory Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Song of Assurance

“Fullness of Grace”

*The Lord's Blessing

*Doxology

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

*Postlude

*If you are able please stand.

Offerings: Oakland CRC Ministries / Covenant Giving Plan

**Offerings are being accepted as you leave the church sanctuary*

Pastor: Rev. Tom Pettinga

Worship Team

Advent Reader: Worship Team

Oakland Christian Reformed Church

Morning Worship Outline

December 13, 2020 – 9:30 AM

Scripture:

Luke 1:1-20

Message:

“Cousins and Answered Prayer”

Introduction:

Sermon Body:

Conclusion: