

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	L. 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	L. 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 – 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)

JOY

Now the God of hope  
fill you with all JOY  
and peace in believing.

ROMANS 15:13, KJV

Oakland Christian Reformed Church  
Sunday, December 17, 2023  
O worship the King! Welcome to worship!

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School and Catechism
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship/Children’s Christmas Program
Monday	7:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Choir Party
Wednesday	5:15-6:30	Oasis
	6:30 PM	GEMS/Cadets Christmas Parties
	6:45 PM	Men’s Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting at Branch
Friday	7:00PM	Desserts/Beverage in church basement
	8:00 PM	For King and Country Livestream
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Scripture: Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:8-20
		Title: <b>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</b>
		Offering: Oakland CRC Ministries / Growing Hope Globally
	6:00 PM	Scripture: Luke 2:8-20 – Candlelight Service
		Title: <b>Silent Night! Holy Night!</b>
		Offering: Pine Rest

Serving in Ministry	Today – 12/17	Next Sunday – 12/24
Nursery – AM	Ginger Hill, Kacie Kruithof, Kaylee DeJonge	Jackie Bosch, Megyn Schout, Mackenzie DeJonge
Nursery – PM	No evening nursery	Abby Busscher, Pam Nyhof
Safety Team	Todd Zoerhof	Glenn Dozeman
Refreshments	Tara Kruithof	Pastor Mark and Kim
Weekend Custodian	Ryan and Allison Kruithof	Pastor Mark and Kim
Children in Worship Leader	Shanna Arendsen	None
Children in Worship Helpers	Julie H./ Nella P	None
Sunday School Cookies	Kim Vande Zande	None
Sunday School Security	None	None

**Christmas Morning Offering:** Love Inc  
**Serving in Ministry:**  
**Nursery** Rose Kruithof, Sadie Van Dam, Sophie Jones  
**Security** Bob Dozeman

**Happy Birthday:** 18<sup>th</sup> Jennie Hibma  
**Happy Anniversary:** 10<sup>th</sup> Caleb and Megan Schutte (1), 22<sup>nd</sup> Anthony and Johanna Nelson (13), Larry and Dawn Christiansen (22)

**Give Thanks:** All the field work for Growing Hope Globally is complete for the year. The total amount is still being tallied, but we thank the Lord that the work is complete and that we can help feed the hungry in this world.

Prayer Items for this week:

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Curt and Krista Schout and their family as they mourn the loss of Curt’s dad, David Schout who passed away on Tuesday. The funeral was on Saturday. Jim Vellenga met with the heart doctor on Wednesday. The plan moving forward is to adjust Jim’s medication and in the future for Jim to have a couple of minor procedures on his heart. Bette Ver Beek fell this week and broke her upper left arm (the humorous bone). Please pray that the pain Bette has will be minimal and pray that the doctors will have wisdom to know what the best path forward is for Bette. Carol Myaard remains at Zeeland Hospital struggling with an infection. Pray that Carol will continue to gain health and strength. Helen Wiersma recently had a bout with pneumonia. Praise God that the medication is working to take her pneumonia away. Jill Van Dam is scheduled to have left hip replacement surgery on Tuesday. Pray that this surgery on the left hip will be as successful as the surgery Jill had on the right hip just over a month ago.

**Christmas Program:** The Christmas program is tonight! This year, the program will be taking place during the second half of the evening service. When you arrive at church this 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!

**Oakleaf Deadline** is TODAY to Jody’s mailbox or tomorrow 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 during 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 17, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.**

**REJOICING IN THE LORD**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship - Isaiah 9:6-7

\*Opening Hymn of Worship

Lift Up Your Hearts #82, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*God's Greeting

\*Hymn of Praise

Lift Up Your Hearts #80, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

(During the last verse the children are invited forward for a Children's Message)

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

**APPROACHING THE LORD**

God's Will for our Lives

Prayer of Confession

\*Hymn of Assurance

Lift Up Your Hearts #87, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *Once in Royal David's City*

Voices of Praise                      *Your Sanctuary*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for Oakland CRC Ministries / Parking Lot Reconstruction and Paving

Children in Worship Dismissal (3 years old - Kindergarten) - Jesus Is Born

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

\*Hymn of Preparation

Lift Up Your Hearts #93, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 (page 1590)

Message: ***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

Lift Up Your Hearts #76, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

Screen, vs. 1, 2 - *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande

Organist: Deb De Young

Pianist: Dar Pettinga

*\*Please stand, if able*

Message Outline  
Luke 2:1-20  
***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

Introduction - A history of the song

1. An \_\_\_\_\_

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold him, born the King of angels. O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

A. For the \_\_\_\_\_

B. With the Right \_\_\_\_\_

2. A \_\_\_\_\_

*God of God, Light of Light eternal, lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created. O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

A. Jesus Is \_\_\_\_\_

B. Jesus Was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Like \_\_\_\_\_

3. A \_\_\_\_\_

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above: "Glory to God, all glory in the highest." O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

A. The Angel's \_\_\_\_\_

B. The Angel's \_\_\_\_\_

4. A \_\_\_\_\_

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Conclusion

**Evening Order of Worship**  
**December 17, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**

Prelude, Welcome and Call to Worship - Luke 2:8-15

\*Opening Song of Worship - WHM #69, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

\*God's Greeting

Scripture: Micah 5:1-5a (page 1445)

Message: ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Introduction - A history of the song

1. The \_\_\_\_\_

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

2. The \_\_\_\_\_

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning star, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.*

3. The \_\_\_\_\_

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.*

4. Our \_\_\_\_\_

*O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.*

Conclusion

Prayer of Application

Offerings for The Bridge Youth Ministry

\*Hymns during the offering

Lift Up Your Hearts #88, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Worship His Majesty #123, vs. 1, 2, 5 - *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
**"A Traditional Nativity"**

**Scene 1 - The Fall and Prophecy**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Children - vs. 1 and chorus)*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Children and Congregation - vs. 6 and chorus)*

**Scene 2 - Gabriel Appears to Mary and Joseph**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (Children - vs. 1 and chorus)*

**Scene 3 - The Stable in Bethlehem**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (Children - vs. 1; Congregation join on vs. 2)*

*Silent Night (Children - vs. 1, 2 - Congregation join on vs. 3)*

**Scene 4 - Shepherds**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Children vs. 1; Congregation join on vs. 2-3)*

*Away in a Manger (Children - vs. 1; Congregation join on vs. 2-3)*

**Scene 5 - Wise Men**

*We Three Kings (Children - vs. 1 and chorus)*

**Scene 6 - God's Promise**

*Joy to the World (Children - vs. 1)*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

*Joy to the World* (Congregation - vs. 2, 3, 4)

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande

Organist: Julie Compagner

Pianist Marissa Compagner

*\*Please stand, if able*