



— FOURTH 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 20, 2020

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

Calendar

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Candlelight Service
Friday	9:30 AM	Christmas Worship Service

Preaching Pastors

December 20	AM – Pastor Tom Pettinga	PM – Pastor Tom Pettinga
December 25	AM – Pastor Tom Pettinga	
December 27	AM – Pastor Tom Pettinga	PM – Rev. Brent Pollema

Offering Causes

December 20

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Renovation Fund
Evening	Holland Rescue Mission

December 25

Morning	World Renew
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December 27

Morning	Oakland CRC Ministries / Growing Hope Globally
Evening	Guiding Light Mission

Custodians

Monday - Friday	Randy and Barb Ver Beek – 616-218-9956
December 19/20	Matt and Katie Brower
December 26/27	Brian and Tara Kruithof

Ushers

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

Nursery – Morning Services Only

December 20	Shanna Arendsen, Pam Nyhof, Alyssa DeJonge
Christmas Day	Jackie Bosch, Jordan Redder, Nicky Nelson
December 27	Gabby Brouwer, Ruth Busscher, Megyn Schout

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!

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!

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

GEMS Craft Leader

We are looking for someone that would be willing to come up with a craft and lead our craft night on January 6th. If you are able to do this please see Shanna, Allison, Kim or Jordan. Thank you!

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 and thank you for your patience!
-Jordan

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!

Safety Team

December 20	Dennis Bosch
December 25	Ryan Bosch
December 27	Ken Hulst

Happy Birthday

December 20	Ken Van Dam (93)
December 24	Beth Diekevers, Lincoln Hoeker (4), Alma Myaard

Happy Anniversary

December 22	Tony and Johanna Nelson (10)
December 23	Larry and Dawn Christiansen (19)

Thank You

Thank you for the birthday cards and wishes I received for my 90th birthday. I am very blessed to be a part of such a loving church family!
-Rietta Ver Beek

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, food, visits and cards following my recent knee surgery. It is so greatly appreciated and I am so thankful to be part of such a caring church family!
-Carol Zoerhof

Thank you to all who have helped me in many ways during my Covid 19 recovery.
-Dick Hilbink

Thank you so much for your partnership with us in prayer and finances. You have been a blessing and enabled us to promote ministry to the Hispanic community. What a joy to see men and women coming to know Christ and churches being planted. Thanks too for partnering with Pastor Ricardo and My Fathers House in Bravo. Finally, we received the Christmas cards in the mail this week, thanks so much! May God continue to bless you all, and may you have a blessed Christmas!
-Scott & Marcia Geurink

Contact Info

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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

Congregational Needs

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

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 Andy Krommendyk as he recovers from Covid.

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 Thelma Brower, Dawn Van Dam's mom, as she was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Pray for Casey Schrottenboer as she heals from her recent foot surgery.

Pray for Nicole Shindano who is in the hospital following some complications with her pregnancy.

Pray for Arlene Dozeman as she recovers.

Pray for Jobje Lammers, Dr. Lammers' wife as she battles her cancer. She is in a lot of pain and doesn't have much of an appetite at this time. She is scheduled for her 2nd round of chemo this coming week. Pray that the lab/blood work will allow for the chemo treatment to proceed and pray that the pain, nausea and fatigue may be alleviated. 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

We have returned to in person worship! 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!

Candlelight Service

This evening at 6:00 PM will be our Candlelight Service. We hope you will join us for this wonderful service.

Reminder

Material for the January Oakleaf is due to Jordan no later than **today!** Thank you!

Christmas Service Offering

The deacons have designated World Renew as the Christmas Day offering. Please use the envelopes located in the back your envelope booklet labeled ***Christmas*** for this offering. Thank you!

Combined New Years Day Service

You're invited to join us for our combined New Year's Day Worship service on Friday, January 1, 2021 at 9:30 AM at Bentheim Reformed Church. Rev. Paul Burmeister will be leading the service and the offering will be for Love INC. Offerings can be placed in the wooden boxes in the lobby with checks being made payable to Bentheim Reformed Church. There will be NO nursery provided.

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Morning Worship Service

December 20, 2020 – 9:30 AM

Coming into God's Presence to Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

*Hymn of Praise

WHM 156 "The Birthday of a King"

*The Lord's Greeting

*Hymn of Praise

WHM 155 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

WHM 125 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

God's Law

Exodus 20:1-17

Prayer of Forgiveness

Response Hymn

LUYH 65 (1-3) "Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land"

Pastoral Prayer

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

*Song of Preparation

WHM 123 (1,3,4) "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38; 2:52 (page 1588)

Message

"Mary and God's Favor"

Applicatory Prayer

*Song of Dedication

LUYH 61 (1,5,6,7) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*The Lord's Blessing

*Doxology

WHM 123 (5) "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

*Postlude

*If you are able please stand.

Offerings: Oakland CRC Ministries / Renovation Fund

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

Pastor: Tom Pettinga

Pianist: Dawn Van Dam

Organist: Deb DeYoung

Advent Reader: Jordan & Elliot Redder

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Morning Worship Outline

December 20, 2020 – 9:30 AM

Scripture:

Luke 1:26-38; 2:52 (page 1588)

Message:

"Mary and God's Favor"

Introduction:

Sermon Body:

Conclusion: