

### **Elder Assignments and Districts**

Mike Ver Beek 2026 Youth Ministries  
Steve Bosman 2024 Adult Ministries, Pulpit Supply  
Bob Dozeman 2025 Recording Clerk  
Andy Helder 2025 Membership Clerk, Fellowship & Service  
Glenn Dozeman 2024 Worship  
Mike Hoeksema 2026 Vice President, Missions & Evangelism

D. Arendsen – L. Christiansen  
Cl. Compagner- D. Helder  
Lisa Hertz -B. Kruithof  
K. Kruithof-T. Rietsma  
J. Rush – C. Van Dam  
K. Van Dam - T. Zoerhof

### **Deacon Assignments and Districts**

Anthony Nelson 2026 Building & Grounds  
Josh Schrotenboer 2024 Chairman of the Deacons  
Neil Tanis 2025 Mission/Mercy Fund Treasurer  
Frank Taylor 2025 General / Building Treasurer  
Mitch Van Dyk 2024 Assistant Treasurer/ Covenant Giving Plan  
Mitchell Slagh 2026 Zeeland Diaconal / Growing Hope Globally

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Custodians Randy and Barb Ver Beek – (616) 218-9956  
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### **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)

# HOPE

I wait for the LORD,  
my soul doth wait, and  
in his word do I HOPE.

PSALM 130:5, KJV

**Oakland Christian Reformed Church**

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

*O worship the King! Welcome to worship!*

**Calendar**

Today	9:30 AM	Morning Worship
	9:50 AM	Children in Worship
	11:45 AM	Family Life Potluck
	5:00 PM	Voices of Praise
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:15 PM	Open Bible Study
Wednesday	5:15-6:30	Oasis
	6:30 PM	GEMS/Cadets
	6:45 PM	Men's Bible Study
Thursday	5:00 PM	Prime Timers at Russ' Southtown
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting at Branch
Next Sunday	9:30 AM	Scripture: Psalm 95; Revelation 7:9-17
		Title: <b>Angels from the Realms of Glory</b>
		Offering: Oakland CRC Ministries / Covenant Giving Plan
	6:00 PM	Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
		Title: <b>We Three Kings</b>
		Offering: GEMS

Serving in Ministry	Today – 12/3	Next Sunday – 12/10
Nursery – AM	Shanna Arendsen, Stephanie Smit, Piper Prins	Jane DeJonge, Allison Kruithof, Ellery Smit
Nursery – PM	Carrie Bosch, Ruth Busscher	Julie Duimstra, Ruth Kruithof
Safety Team	Matt Brower	Ryan Kruithof
Refreshments	Flokstra Family	Judi Blauwkamp and Ruth Kruithof
Weekend Custodian	Matt and Randi Prins	Brad and Katie Slenk
Children in Worship Leader	Kim Vande Zande	Katie Baker
Children in Worship Helpers	Sadie V./ Elliot R.	Ellery S./Alysha V.
Sunday School Cookies	Carrie Bosch	Stephanie Smit
Sunday School Security	None	None

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

**Happy Birthday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Stacey Plugger, 4<sup>th</sup> Erika Kruithof (14), 5<sup>th</sup> Andrew Bosch, Andy Krommendyk (87), 6<sup>th</sup> Marcia Ver Beek, 7<sup>th</sup> Pastor Mark, Emily Vande Zande, 9<sup>th</sup> Glenn Dozeman, Chelsea Kruithof (12)

**Happy Anniversary:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Cris and Julie Compagner (30), Ryan and Allison Kruithof (18), Paul and Dawn Van Dam (41)

**Prayer Items for this week:**

We give thanks for the wedding that will unite Drew Flokstra and Sara Horton in marriage on Saturday, December 9. Pray that God blesses these two lives as they will be joined together as one.

Ken Hulst will be having foot surgery on Wednesday.

Arlyn Schreur had left knee replacement surgery on Thursday.

Bill Hill had right hip replacement surgery on Thursday.

Our sympathy is expressed to Ken and Barbara Hibma and their family as they mourn the passing of Ken's dad, Andrew Hibma.

Our sympathy is expressed to Anthony and Johanna Nelson and their family as they mourn the passing of Anthony's mom, Rita Nelson.

We give thanks that Helen Wiersma concluded her infusions on Wednesday for her auto-immune disease. Pray that through all the infusions her auto immune disease will be gone.

Carol Myaard met on Friday with the chemotherapy doctor. Pray for God's peace for Carol in these next steps in her cancer journey.

We give thanks that Jim Vellenga is now home after spending some time in the hospital last week. The doctors have changed Jim's medication to deal with his rapid heart rate.

**Family Life Ministries Potluck and Service Project:** Today, we are eating together and doing a service project collecting items for the ACTS Program in Holland. Please come to the Branch after Sunday School and Catechism are finished.

**Oasis:** Come out and help celebrate Pastor Mark's 51<sup>st</sup> birthday and have him scoop you some ice cream!

**Prime Timers:** December 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Morning Order of Worship  
December 3, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

**REJOICING IN THE LORD**

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-2  
\*Opening Hymn of Worship  
    Lift Up Your Hearts #81, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 - *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*  
    (During the last verse, the children are invited forward for a Children's Message)  
\*God's Greeting  
Children's Message - We light the candle of Hope

**APPROACHING THE LORD**

Preparation for the Lord's Supper (page 976)  
\*Hymn of Response  
    Lift Up Your Hearts #92, vs. 1, 3 - *Joy to the World*  
Congregational Prayer  
Offerings for Oakland CRC Ministries / Building and Grounds  
Children in Worship Dismissal (3 years old - Kindergarten) - Daniel and the Lions Den

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14 (page 1070); Matthew 1:18-25 (page 1497)  
Message: ***O Come, O Come, Immanuel***  
Prayer of Application

**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: Lois Dozeman  
Pianist: Melissa Prins

*\*Please stand, if able*

Morning Message Outline  
Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25  
***O Come, O Come, Immanuel***

Introduction

\*Is it *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* or *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*?

\*A little history of the song

1. Look \_\_\_\_\_ to the Coming Messiah  
    "*O come, O come, **Immanuel**, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*"

    "*O come, O **Wisdom** from on high, who ordered all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its way to go.*"

    "*O come, O come, great **Lord of might**, who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times did give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.*"

    "*O come, O **Branch of Jesse's stem**, unto your own and rescue them! From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.*"

    "*O come, O **Key of David**, come and open wide our heavenly home. Make safe for us the heavenward road and bar the way to death's abode.*"

    "*O come, O **Bright and Morning Star**, and bring us comfort from afar! Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.*"

    "*O come, O **King of nations**, bind in one the hearts of all mankind. Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace.*"

2. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Coming Messiah  
    "***Rejoice, Rejoice!*** *Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*"

Conclusion

Evening Order of Worship  
December 3, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

**A TIME OF PRAISE**

Prelude, Welcome and Call to Worship - Isaiah 60:1-3

\*Opening Song of Worship

Lift Up Your Hearts #60, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

\*God's Greeting

**TIME OF FAITH**

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9 (page 1077)

Songs of Response

Lift Up Your Hearts #351, vs. 1, 3, 4 - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Worship His Majesty #173 - *His Name Is Wonderful (2x)*

\*Worship His Majesty #175 - *There's Something About That Name (2x)*

\*Apostles' Creed (page 813)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for ReFrame Ministries

**A TIME OF LEARNING**

\*Song of Preparation

Lift Up Your Hearts #105, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *As With Gladness Men of Old*

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-15 (pg. 5); Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 1497);

Matthew 11:28-30 (pg. 1514); John 16:5-16 (page 1678)

Message: ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

Lift Up Your Hearts #56 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 - *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**A TIME OF LIVING**

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

Lift Up Your Hearts #105, vs. 4, 5 - *As With Gladness Men of Old*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande

Organist: Lois Dozeman

Pianist Ruth Busscher

*\*Please stand, if able*

Evening Message Outline

Genesis 3:1-15, Matthew 2:1-12, Matthew 11:28-30, John 16:5-16

***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Introduction - A little history of the song

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

A. He Was \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_

B. He Brought \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_

C. He Brought \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

A. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in Our \_\_\_\_\_

B. We Will \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion