

**December 24, 2017**

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## Order of Worship

### Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 318:1, 2, 4, 5

Reading of the Law

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 57

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 243:1-5

Sermon

Prayer

Psalter\* 3

Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 200:4

### Song Service - 5:50 PM

Psalter 427:5-8

### Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Silent Prayer

Votum and Salutation\*

Psalter\* 58

Reading of Scripture

Psalter 406:1-3

Apostle's Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Psalter\* 15

Sermon

Prayer

Psalter\* 399

Benediction\*

Doxology - Psalter\* 413

*\*Please stand if you are able*

Sermon:

**The Eternal Word Clothed  
in Flesh!**

Scripture: John 1

Text: John 1:14

Lord's Day 13a

Sermon:

**A Savior, Which is Christ  
the Lord**

Scripture: Luke 2

Text: Luke 2:11

Lord's Day 13b

## Church Family

### Homebound:

Mrs. Ann Baas

Mrs. Barb Kwekel

Mr. & Mrs. Neal & Jo Markwat

Mrs. Esther Richards

Mrs. Mina Van't Hof

Mrs. Marian VerHage

### Remember in Prayer:

Ella Joy Dykstra

Mrs. Minnie Van Kempen

### Serving our country:

Dan & Sarah Arnoudse family and Josh Hults.

It feels as if no words can truly express how grateful, blessed and thankful we are to have you all as our church family. Your prayers, kindness, thoughtfulness, sweet words, willingness to help, and generosity towards our family during this past year has truly humbled us. In so many ways, this deployment has actually been a blessing for us, instead of a trial. We have both felt that God had 'held our family in His arms' and that he had made this 'burden' light. We cannot thank you enough for all of your support and help during this time - every single day, in some way, someone did something to help - whether it was a kind word, an invite, a meal, help with the kids, yard work, etc. The list goes on and on. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. We hope we can be as big of a blessing to all of you, as you have been to us.

*Josh & Laura Hults*

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## Calendar

*"The Lord willing" James 4:15*

**December 25** – (Monday) 9:30 AM Christmas Day Service led by Dr. Jerry Bilkes.

**December 27** – (Wednesday) 7:15 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting.

**January 1** – (Monday) 9:30 AM New Year's Day Service led by Pastor Macleod.

**January 3** – (Wednesday) 7:15 PM Weekly Prayer Meeting.

**January 6** – (Saturday) 7:30 AM Men's Group Bible Study in the cafeteria at PRTS. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 7:15 AM. We encourage men of all ages to attend.

**January 7** – (Sunday) 4 PM Youth Group meeting at church.

## Other News

The newly instituted church in Powassan, Ontario has called Pastor Rob Vandoodewaard to be their pastor. He has accepted the call to serve the congregation. Hope Reformed Church would covet your prayers as we strive to glorify the name of the Lord in Northern Ontario. ***"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."*** Psalm 106:1

## Welcome

Thank you so much for coming to worship God with us today. We hope and pray that you will be blessed among us and that you also will be a blessing to us. If you have any prayer needs or if you'd like to know more about our church, one of our pastors or elders would be very happy to speak with you. If you are visiting with us please sign the guest book on the podium in the narthex.

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*"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."*

*Matthew 1:21*

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## Congregational Life

- Today, Pastor Macleod will lead our worship services.
- Next Sunday, Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead our morning worship service, and Pastor Macleod will lead our evening worship service.
- The Sunday School (Beginners-7<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be practicing for the Christmas Program this morning during their normal Sunday School time. ***Please meet downstairs to line up.*** The Christmas Program will take place after the morning service on Christmas Day.
- There will be a *Christmas Day* service on Monday, December 25 at 9:30 AM. Dr. Jerry Bilkes will lead the service.
- There will be *no Sunday School* next Sunday.
- There will be a *New Year's Day* service on Monday, January 1 at 9:30 AM. Pastor Macleod will lead the service.
- **Grand Rapids Free Reformed Church Sunday School**  
Dear Parents - This year the children in our program (Beginner – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) will again receive a gift from the consistory. The 1st graders will receive a Psalter, and 2nd graders will receive a Bible. ***All other students*** will receive a gift of up to \$10.00 per student to spend on books at Reformation Heritage Books (RHB) located at 2965 Leonard Street NE. An account for this purpose has been set up with RHB, and they have been provided with a list of our students. When shopping, please let them know that your child(ren) are a part of our Sunday School program in order to receive this gift.

*Your Sunday School Teachers*



<b>Nursery</b>		
Today	Room A	Room B
Morning	Nicoline Theron	Leah Moerdyk
	Heidi Braam	Amelie Slingerland
Evening	Kim Kleyn	Karen VanderSloot
	Joni Murray	Maret Haab
<b><i>Christmas Day: Martha Markwat, Mary-Jo Haab, Emma VanderBoon</i></b>		
Next Week		
Morning	Jeanette DeBlaay	Shona Murray
	Cora Beute	Liz Huckstead
Evening	Liz Prince	Makenna Pronk
	Lexi Pronk	Emma VanderBoon
<b><i>New Year's Day: Sonia Wielhouwer, Lisa VanStrien, Josephine Haab</i></b>		

<b>Ushers</b>		
	Morning	Evening
Today	Bill Moerdyk	Henry Boven
Next Week	Peter VanStrien	Sam Moerdyk

<b>Offerings</b>			
	First Collection	Second Collection	Collection Boxes
Today	Guatemala Mission	Benevolent	Fellowship Chapel
<b><i>Christmas Day: Education Fund</i></b>			
Next Week	Youth Group	Word & Deed	Fellowship Chapel
<b><i>New Year's Day: CMI</i></b>			

Please send material for the bulletin to Jamie Beeke by noon on Thursday:  
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