

**MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM**

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*Third Sunday of Advent*

PRELUDE

ADVENT VIDEO: "Joy"

\*SONG: "How Great Our Joy!" *TCH #269:1-3*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsive)*

\*GOD'S GREETING: *(responsive)*

\*MUTUAL GREETING

**{Children 4 years old – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to join the**

**Worship Center leaders in the back of church, and Sunday School children are invited to the front of church during the mutual greeting}**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Joy"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SONG: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" *TCH #271:1-2*

**{Worship Center children are invited to join the leaders in the back of church. Sunday School children may be seated with their families during this song}**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SONG: "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful" *TCH #282:1-3*

DEACON'S PRAYER

OFFERING: *New Life GEMS*

OFFERTORY:....."All On a Silent Night"  
*Women's Chorus*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: .....Psalm 150 (pg. 983)

MESSAGE:.....**JOY**

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

\*SONG: "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" *PsH #569:1-2*

\*PARTING BLESSING

\*CLOSING SONG: "How Great Our Joy!" *TCH #269:4*

\*POSTLUDE

*Pastor Tim Toeset, Worship Leader; Erik De Vries, Organist  
PsH=Psalter Hymnal (grey); TCH=The Celebration Hymnal (red)  
\*If you are able, please stand*

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**WELCOME** to New Life Christian Reformed Church! We are glad you are here today! If you are a guest, please enjoy some coffee and fellowship after the morning service. We pray you will be blessed as you worship with us.

**ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGES:** This year during Advent, the Worship Center and Sunday School children will be invited to the front of church for a Children's Message and Advent Candle lighting. Children will then be dismissed to the Worship Center or back to their families.

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL:** The children in the Worship Center and Sunday School will be singing in church on Sunday, December 22. There will be short rehearsal in the sanctuary immediately after the worship this morning. We would love to see all the children participate!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY**

**GREETERS:** Ry & Jan Brummel/Mark & Tina Hoeksema/Joe Jacobs

**NURSERY:** Lilly Armendariz/Amanda Piatek

**SOUND OPERATOR:** Craig Menninga

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR:** Cameron Zandstra

**ROVING ELDER:** Don Hofstra

**DEACON'S PRAYER:** P.J. Wiltjer

**COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS:** Tim & Deb Abbring

**NURSERY CARE** is available during our morning worship service for newborns - 3 years of age. The nursery is located on the main floor in the east wing of the church at the end of the hallway.

**WORSHIP CENTER:** Children's Church (**4 years old - 1<sup>st</sup> grade**) meets on the main floor in **Room 3**. Teachers will escort children there during the morning worship service (see order of worship).

**Worship Center will not be meeting on December 22,  
December 29, and January 5.**

**Youth Education Classes will not be meeting on  
December 29.**

## **EDUCATION HOUR: 10:45 - 11:45 AM**

- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASS** (2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) meets on the main floor in **Room 4**.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS** (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the basement in **Room 11**.
- **HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM CLASS** (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the **old nursery** in the basement.
- **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** meets in the **Fireside Room**.

**The nursery will be staffed and open during the Sunday School hour for newborns - 1<sup>st</sup> grade.**

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

Judy Van Til (80)–12/15

Bryson Eenigenburg, Dale Gard (82)–12/16

Sharon Kooistra (75), John Leegwater (93)–12/18

Mary Lou Brummel–12/20

Bugs Rottier (82), Carla Van Til–12/21

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS:** “As we celebrate the gift of Jesus this Christmas, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for all the ways you have supported ReFrame Ministries this year. Whether through ministry shares, special offerings, or your faithful prayers, your generosity has made a difference. We are so grateful to partner with you in sharing Christ’s love. May this Christmas season fill your church and community with an abundance of His joy, peace, and hope.”

**Jessica Fox - Church Relations Manager**