

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Jeffrey Hubers

December 24, 2017



9:00 a.m.
Combined Service

Call to Worship

*Greet One Another

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Hymn of Praise

Prayers of God's People

Offering Our Gifts to God

Please sign the worship registry during offering time.

4 yr. olds - 2nd graders dismissed for Children & Worship

*Hymn

Scripture

Message

*Benediction

*Parting Song

John Koons family
#131 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"
#132 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gregg Bleeker, elder
Scott Gerlach, deacon

#127 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
Luke 1:46-55

"Magnifying God's Gift" ~ Pastor Jeffrey

#145 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Scripture reading for December 31st: Luke 15:1-7

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE:

Pray for individuals & families dealing with serious health issues:

Steve Huber's aunt

Scott Appletoft's sister, Lori

Ryan, Shirley Baas' grandson,

Clarice Adema

Dale Houchin's cousin, Lynn,

Jared, Dana Hansen's brother,

Jeff Hoffman

Jean Marie, Dan Moller's sister,

Loren Menning

Gregg Hielema

Mike Ligtenberg's tests came back showing small spot on lungs - pray for discernment & treatment

Vicky Graves, brother-in-law, Bryan's tests, showed just a small spot of cancer in his neck - pray for continued healing

Needing our prayers:

*Bob Buchele's sister, Lois, will have heart surgery soon

*Kim Vermeulen had consultation about her back on Tuesday

*Jay Anderson had tests at Mayo Clinic on Tuesday, the 19th

*Dave Christenson back surgery was successful, pray for pain management

*Norma & Gene Larsen's daughter, Amy, is doing well - cancer free!

*Doug Bleeker, Loren Menning & Donald Rueb to regain their strength

*Pray for the workers on the church's construction site for safety and timely progress in completing the building

*Continued prayers for all those struggling with cold/flu and other seasonal illness

*Pray for the tragedies going on around the world - terrorist attacks, suicide bombers, earthquakes, disease and famine

*Pray for the military and those fighting against the war on terrorism

*Pray for our president, his cabinet, our military, and leaders as they combat and discern actions against our enemies

*Pray for the disastrous fires burning again in California

*Prayers for all those struggling with grief and loss in holiday season - may the peace of Christ dwell over this and all communities and may God's Spirit comfort those who mourn

*Safe traveling for all those over the next couple weeks - pray for good weather, good traveling conditions, safety and caution for all drivers, pilots, and emergency responders

Mission/Outreach

Continent of the month: Europe/Asia

Mission of the week: Hope for Life ~ Watertown ~ Carl VanVoorst

Youth for Christ ~ Blue Earth, MN ~ Aaron Evenson

Classis Church of the week: Hamlin Reformed ~ Castlewood ~

Justin Wallick

Mitchell Church of the week: Queen of Peace chaplain ~ Charles Isaac

FRC local mission of the week: Abbott House

Persecuted Church of Christ: Mauritania

WELCOME TEAM: (for both 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. services)

<u>Welcome Team</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dennis/Jane Butterfield	Dec. 24
Dale/Sharon Houchin	Dec. 31
John/Karla Koons	Jan. 7, 2018
LeRoy/Susan Punt	Jan. 14

FELLOWSHIP TIME:

Dec. 24: No fellowship time
Dec. 31: No fellowship time
Jan. 7, 2018: Judy VanderPol
Jan. 14: Janet Klingner



BASIC INFORMATION:

Attendance December 17: 231
General offering received December 17: \$6,6067.38
Weekly offering needed: \$6,817.92
Mission fund offering received December 17: \$2,269.00

NURSERY

NURSERY for babies - 3 yr olds.
Today: 9:00 a.m. ~ Van't Haaff family
No Sunday School
December 31: 9:00 a.m. ~ Stevens family
No Sunday School
Jan. 7th: 8:30 a.m. ~ Schladweiler family
9:45 a.m. ~ Kim K. & Kari H.
11:00 a.m. ~ Kyle & Vicky Graves
Jan. 10th: Verla V. & Shirley B.

CHILDREN and WORSHIP for 4 yr. olds - 2nd grade

Today: "Advent 4: "The Magi Show the Way"
1st Leader - Kari; Greeters - Randi P.
Dec. 31: "Christmas: Meeting the Christ Child"
1st Leader - Carolyn; Greeters - Mandy S.
Jan. 7, 2018: "Listening to God/Baptism"
1st Leader - Mandy; Greeters - Pam P.
2nd Leader - Mandy; Greeters - Kathy M.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY** - Church office will be closed
Pastor Jeffrey & Carly will be on vacation thru Jan. 1, 2018



Dan Moller will serve as Elder "on call" for any emergencies while Pastor Jeffrey is on vacation. Please feel free to contact him for any immediate concerns – cell #680-2276.
For normal requests/updates, please contact church office.

Dec. 31: **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
Combined service ~ 9:00 a.m.
No fellowship time or Sunday School
5th Sunday offering for the Abbott House

January 1, 2018: **NEW YEAR'S DAY** - Church office will be closed

DATES & ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER:

January 3: Hope & Love Bible studies meet
January 7: Sunday School classes resume
January 9: Leadership meetings
January 10: Midweek activities & Jr. & Sr. Hi. youth resume
January 21: 8:30 a.m. Combined worship service followed by annual Congregational meeting

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Greetings to all,  
**WE STILL HAVE MAILBOXES TO USE FOR CARDS! AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO WALK OVER TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TO SEE IF YOU HAVE MAIL!**

If you have Christmas cards or greetings you would like to pass along to other members here at First,  
**-the mail boxes are up and labeled in the fellowship hall on the north wall**

Hope Bible Study will begin a new study on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. We will be studying "Dwelling in God's Peace" by Sarah Young. In this 8 session study participants explore what the Bible says about the peace God provides, how they can obtain it and why Jesus said that peacemakers are blessed.

If you'd like to be a part of this study please contact Joann Moller at 605-680-4207 or e-mail [djmoller@santel.net](mailto:djmoller@santel.net) so that books can be ordered in time. We meet every other Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We'd love to have you join us.

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Love Bible study will begin meeting on January 3rd at 6:15 p.m. Our study will be "Let It Go" by Karen Ehman. "How to stop running the show and start walking in faith". Contact Mavis Anderson if you would like to join the study.

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Hope for Life Community Church from Watertown, SD extends a heartfelt thank you to the Mitchell Reformed Church for your very generous gifts that we have received through out the year. These gifts were very helpful, they encourage us greatly, and are appreciated a whole lot.

Hope for Life is excited about beginning its eighth year of ministry starting January 1. Our numbers continue to slowly grow for the worship service and our youth programs. We were able to purchase our own building ministry center last February. This truly was a gift from God. Since moving into the church our numbers have grown about 25%. We continue to ask for your prayers and your financial support for the 2018 year.

Again, thank you very much and may our gracious Lord richly bless the Mitchell Reformed Church as you minister in the Mitchell community and beyond. In love, Carl and Jan Van Voorst

\*FRC no longer has Hope for Life as one of our "missionaries," as it is a CRC-funded plant, but individuals may still contribute and pray for Hope for Life Community Church.

## **Poinsettias placed in the sanctuary in memory of:**

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| *Maynard Schmidt                                                                   | by Delores Schmidt         |
| *Bill & Wilma Weins<br>Nora Larsen                                                 | by Gene & Norma Larsen     |
| *Newt Balding<br>Helen Balding<br>Verla Balding                                    | by Gary Balding            |
| *Henry & Mary Groen<br>Marvin & Mary Vlieger                                       | by Steve & Verla Vlieger   |
| *Gil & Lois Moller                                                                 | by Dan & Joann Moller      |
| *Tenny & Bregitta VanDam<br>Norma Christenson                                      | by Dave & Barb Christenson |
| *In memory of our parents                                                          | by Maynard & Betty Hieb    |
| *In memory of our loved ones                                                       | by Duane & Janet Weisser   |
| *Judy Windom<br>Alan & Alvin Asmus                                                 | by Mike & Debbie Asmus     |
| *Gerb Tolsma<br>Dick & Sipkia Tolsma<br>Peter & Gertrude Punt                      | by Shirley Tolsma          |
| *Dwaine Punt<br>Gertrude Punt<br>Joseph Gillespie<br>Bella Morgan                  | by Dave & Pam Punt         |
| *Herman & Gladys Bleeker<br>Leonard & Mary Eglan                                   | by Doug & Jeanine Bleeker  |
| *Lloyd VandenHoek<br>*Dean Doorn<br>Doug Doorn<br>Karen Nelson                     | by Loris Doorn             |
| *Gordon & Beverly Skoglund                                                         | by Alan & Nancy Pretre     |
| *Dick & Dorothy Houchin<br>Laurel Houchin & Dick E. Houchin<br>Tony & Dorothy Wolf | by Dale & Sharon Houchin   |
| *Don Star                                                                          | by Henrietta Star          |
| *Marvin VanderPol                                                                  | by Judy VanderPol          |
| *Bob Berkhof<br>Baus & Berendina Berkhof<br>Clinton & Matilda Bowen                | by Judy Berkhof            |
| *Lowell Doorn                                                                      | by Mary Doorn              |
| *Wally and David Baas<br>Walter and Eleanor Baas<br>Edith & Erma VandeBossche      | by Shirley Baas            |
| *Jason Kaemingk                                                                    | by Denny & Wyonne Kaemingk |
| *Marvin Spaans                                                                     | by Rosalie Spaans          |
| *James Tatum                                                                       | by Jeff & Kim Vermeulen    |