

HAWARDEN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, December 15, 2024

The Weekly Calendar

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10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service

11:15 a.m. – High School Catechism

6:00 p.m. – Evening Worship Service

Offering:

December 15: AM, Village Northwest
PM, Building Fund

December 22: AM, Union Gospel Mission
PM, Denominational Ministry Shares

Music:

December 15: AM, Sharon B. PM, Tricia B.
Song Leader, Dan B.

December 22: Donna O. Song Leader, Dave D.

Greeters:

December 15: Pete & Dianna D., Wilbur & Lucy D.

December 22: Bill & Nancy K., Al & Janna K.

Sound: Randy

Projectionist: Emily

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who enter this place to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. A special welcome to all visitors, may God bless you as you spend time worshiping with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Mr. Mark Tiemersma to lead our worship services today. He will be leading our services for the remainder of the year.

Please join us for dessert and coffee after the morning service on December 22 to show our appreciation and say farewell to Mark and Heather.

COOKIES!! Youth for Christ in Hawarden is looking for homemade cookies or bars, so they can bless Ireton Christian (5-8th grade students) and West Sioux Middle/High School students with their monthly Snack Giveaway. Cookies are needed no later than the evening of 17 December (this Tuesday). If you can help with 3-4 dozen cookies or a pan or two of bars, please let Roxanne Cook know at rcook@siouxlandyfc.org or 701-269-6352. THANK YOU!

The Unity Christian FFA is hosting their annual soup supper on Monday, December 16 from 4:30-6:30pm prior to our Christmas Concert. The soup supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Freewill donations will be taken.

The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Monday, December 16, at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Everlasting Father - Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 63:15-16, John 14:6-14, 1 John 1:1-4, and 1 John 3:1-3 to better understand how this revolutionary title reveals the nature of Jesus and discover the comfort and belonging offered to us in Jesus, our Everlasting Father. Listen at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

*Hawarden Christian Reformed Church
The Lord's Day – December 15, 2024
Morning Worship Service—10:00 a.m.*

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

We Rejoice in God's Presence

Prelude

* Call to Worship – Psalm 89:1-5

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #105: 1-5 *"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold, as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.

2 As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed, there to bend the knee before Christ, whom heaven and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare at that manger plain and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way, and when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

5 In that glorious city bright none shall need created light; you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing alleluias to our King!

Celebrating Advent

Third Sunday in Advent

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in joy. The joy that we have in Jesus, our Savior.

People: Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

Advent Song: PH #345: 1-3 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

We Are Reconciled to God

Call to Confession – I John 1:8-10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – I John 2:1-2

We Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #833: 1-3 *"There Is a Redeemer"*

1 There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain Thank you O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. (Refrain)

3 When I stand in glory I will see his face; there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. (Refrain)

Guide for Grateful Living – I John 2:3-11

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Village Northwest

(collected in the back)

We Hear the Word of God

* Hymn for Illumination: LUYH #90: 1, 3, 4 *"How Great Our Joy"*

1 While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

3 There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall redeem us all. (Refrain)

4 This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill. (Refrain)

Scripture: Luke 1:26-56

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *"Things to Rejoice In"*

Prayer

* Hymn of Application: PH #212: 1-5 *"Song of Mary"*

We Go Out to Serve

* God's Benediction

* Closing Hymn: LUYH #927: 1-2 *"God, the Father of Your People"*

1 God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one; grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your Son. Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven above, as one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love.

2 May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above. May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

Postlude

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Come, Let Us Worship

Prelude

- * Call to Worship – Psalm 92:1-5
- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another
- * Song Service led by Dan B.

In Prayer and Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Fund

(Collected in the back)

At God's Feet

- * Hymn for Illumination: PH #272: 2-4 “You Are Our God;
We Are Your People”

Scripture: Genesis 44:18-34; 49:8-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “*The Gospel According to Judah*” Part 2

Prayer

- * Hymn of Application: PH #329:1-4 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

With Heartfelt Dedication

- * Athanasian Creed (pg. 815-816)

* God's Benediction

- * Doxology: PH #315: 1, 2, 6 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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