

MORNING WORSHIP



Prelude	Prayer Time
Welcome	Song
*Song	<i>What Child Is This</i> Blue 281
<i>As with Gladness Men of Old</i> Blue 290	Offering 1st Ministries Fund
*Call to Worship	2nd Missions
Meditation on a Nativity picture	Scripture Matthew 2:13-18
Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle	Sermon <i>We Are Sustained by Hope in the Midst of Grief</i>
Songs	Prayer
<i>My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord</i>	*Parting Blessing
<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You</i> Blue 271	*Closing Song
Meditation on Philippians 2:5-11	<i>O Holy Night</i> Blue 285
Song	Postlude
<i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne</i> Blue 292	

Worship Focus

During our Advent Season this year, as once again we celebrate God's great gift of a Savior, we seek to hear God's voice as he dwells among us, and as he speaks to us in our situation as a congregation and as individuals. In each successive week, we have been developing this theme: We wait together in prayer and preparation, sharing God's overflowing comfort, remembering the saving power of God, and sustained by hope in the midst of grief. This morning we consider the last of the four phrases in that theme as we consider our hope in Christ which sustains us in the many experiences of grief which we endure all through our lives, and even in this Holiday Season.

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CHILDREN/ NURSERY INFO

Nursery: children birth-3 years at end of the east hall
Sunday School: available for kindergarten-adults
from 11:00 - 12:00 from September - May.

Ministries Fund Deacon Report

	<u>Dec 16, 2018</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budget	\$ 3,773.26	\$188,663.00
Collections received	\$ 2,599.00	\$138,942.00
Difference	(\$ 1,174.26)	(\$ 49,721.00)



We are called to love God wholeheartedly and to love others by leading them to commitment and maturity in Jesus Christ.

December 23, 2018



**Welcome to Comstock
Christian Reformed Church**

Our desire is that you find this fellowship a place of true worship and community.

Let us know if we can assist you in any way. It is our joy to serve you!

PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAISES

-Pray for **Tami Stewart** as she has been struggling with pneumonia the last few weeks, but thankfully is making progress in her recovery.

-Pray for our shut ins: **Anne Barnes, Marge Cramer, MaryLee Gosnell, Evelyn Izenbaard, Rod Linders, Grace Slager, Billie VanderNaald.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Tami Stewart, Marge Cramer,
James Gardner, Mikayla Tiesman,
Ann Triemstra

Dan & Mary Brouwer

Dan and Mary Brouwer would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming us into your lives in these last eight months, and for giving us the opportunity to work with and among you in this season of congregational transition. You are wonderful people, and God is truly among you. We look forward to continuing service with you, as together we seek God's leading and grace in the year ahead.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today 9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM NO Sunday School
Tuesday 9:30 AM Christmas Day Service
Thursday 9:00 AM Power In Prayer
Sunday 9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM NO Sunday School

OUR GIVING

Morning Offering

The first offering is for our **Ministries Fund**, which allows us to effectively carry out the ministries of our church. Our second collection this morning is for the **Missions**.

Christmas Day second offering will be for **Comstock Community Center**.
Next week our second offering will be for **Missions**.

Comstock Food Pantry

For December we will collect **boxes of fruit snacks, crackers, snack bars**. Your donations are greatly appreciated & can be placed on the table the entranceway.

Thank you from the Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

We will have a worship service on Christmas Day at 9:30am, which will include the congregational singing of 11 old favorite Christmas songs, special brass accompaniment, the reading of Luke 2:1-20 by Lilly Hinds, and a half-length sermon on Isaiah 60:1-5 entitled "Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come." Come and join us in the celebration of our Savior's birth.

Mission Report

Budget \$10,200
Collections \$9,581
Amount remaining \$619
We have 2 collections left. December 23 and 30.

Help Needed

We have a number of members who often need transportation to church events and medical appointments. If you are available to be on a list of people who can provide transportation for those who need it (with advance notice and when you are free), please let any one of our deacons know of your availability.

Power in Prayer

All are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM for prayer time here at our church as we lift up the prayers of our church, our community, and our country. Talk to Tina Slager for more information or any prayer requests you might have.

HOSPITALITY SERVICES

This Week

Nursery Linda French
Library Kay Triemstra
Welcome Center Tom & Ann T
Fellowship Cookies Jack & Joanne K
Praise Team Mark Terpstra,
Grace Triemstra
Accompanist Jack Karsten
Audio/Visual Cris & Randy Westrate

Next Week

Nursery Lauri & Tyler Meier
Nursery Christmas Linda & Ben French
Library Karen Tiesman
Welcome Center Jan Larkin
WC Christmas Day Roger & Cris Selles
Fellowship Cookies Paul & Evie Kemp
Praise Team Jared Jones,
Grace Triemstra, Randy Westrate
PT Christmas Leah, Lexi, Randy
Accompanist Mari Micheals
Accompanist Christmas Jack Karsten
Audio/Visual Mark Terpstra
A/V Christmas Jim & Tina Slager