

**NURSERY:**

<b>Dec 20</b>	Anne Thomas, Charlotte Thomas, Emerson Tossey Karen Oeverman, Franklin Baas, Becky Wemple
<b>Dec 24</b> (Christmas Eve)	Kendyn Meyering, Diane Eisenga, Megan Benthem, Melissa Oeverman, Emma Oeverman, Sue Cook
<b>Dec 27</b>	Christina Dodde, Caitlin Dodde, Nicole Schultz Linda Ellens, Maggie Southwick, Esther Bode
<b>Jan 3</b>	Leah Thompson, Jodi DeHate, Barb Dore Mya Eisenga, Karsyn Meyering, DaNay Tossey

**LITTLE LAMBS; CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

<b>Dec 20</b>	LL Teacher: Sara Bruno; Helpers: Isaac Baas/Harper Tossey CIW Teacher: Lindsay Beerens; Helper: Amanda Lee
<b>Dec 27</b>	LL Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Sam VanHouten CIW Teacher: Al Thomas; Helper: Kendyn Meyering
<b>Jan 3</b>	LL Teacher: Hillary Dracht; Helper: _____ CIW Teacher: _____; Helper: Kassie Sikkema
<b>Jan 10</b>	LL Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens CIW Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Karsyn Meyering

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

<b>Dec 20</b>	Kyle Meyering, Roger Hagerman, Jodi DeHate
<b>Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)</b>	Al Baas, Roger Hagerman, Deb Eisenga
<b>Dec 27</b>	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
<b>Jan 3</b>	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga

**OFFERINGS:**

<b>December</b>	<b>6:</b> Booster Club <b>13:</b> New Building <b>20:</b> New Hope Shelter <b>27:</b> Existing Building	<b>January</b>	<b>3:</b> Booster Club <b>10:</b> New Building <b>17:</b> Love INC <b>24:</b> Life Resource <b>31:</b> Benevolence
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**USHERS:**

**December:** Phil VanAssche, Kevin Eisenga, Mike Pluger, Adam Southwick

**January:** Lars Fredin, Kyle Veltema, Mike Southwick, Adam Swiler

**\*\*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find your own replacement. If you need assistance with phone numbers, please call the church office (231) 825-2171. Thank you!**



**HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

**December 20, 2020**

***Vision Statement:***

***In our endeavor to seek Christ's will and follow His calling,  
we desire to strengthen our church through  
growth in prayer,  
growth in vibrant worship,  
growth in committed outreach,  
and growth in thriving fellowship.***

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM  
Sunday School: 10:50 AM

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:30 AM**  
**Highland Christian Reformed Church**  
**December 20, 2020**

*Today we welcome Rev. Rod Kamrath as he leads our worship this morning.*

Prelude –Children’s Bell Choir

Welcome & Greeting

*“Let’s Worship & Adore Him”*

Advent Reading –Week 4: Ben Thompson & Kendyn Meyering

*“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” –vs 1 & 5*

Apostle’s Creed (responsive reading)

Communion Preparation

*“Go, Tell it on the Mountain” –vs 1 & 3*

Congregational Prayer

*“The Birthday of the King” –vs 1 & 2*

Children's Message

Scripture: **John 1: 1-18**

Sermon Title: **“A Heavenly Look at Christmas”**

*“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” –vs 1 & 2*

Blessing

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

Postlude

**Copies of Today’s Service:**

- **Live Videos** of our service will begin streaming at 9:20 am each Sunday on our Facebook page (public). A link to our Facebook page is available alongside our weekly online bulletins.
- **Video recordings on USB** are available for sign-out at the sound booth each Sunday. Please call Sara in the church office if you need a **DVD** made of a service. These can be made available upon request by Monday afternoon.

**Today’s Offerings:**

**1st: General Fund**

**2nd: New Hope Shelter**

Tithe & Offering boxes are next to the information table in the fellowship hall.

2020 Council				
Exec. Board: *		Church Office(231) 825-2171		
Elders		District	Deacons	
Bob Vennema	920-5032	#1, A-C	Gary Hesselink	388-2661
Dale Fredin *Pres.	388-4457	#2, D-E	Kyle Meyering *Sec. of Deac.	846-6075
Al Thomas *Clerk	878-6468	#3, F-L	Tom Ouwinga *V.T.	878-0468
Ken Roede *V.P.	825-2795	#4, M-O	Dan Villwock	846-1044
Larry Witt	884-6492	#5, P-T	Larry Sikkema	920-5248
Chad Dodde	878-3164	#6, V-Z	Ryan McQuestion	590-8012

**The Executive Ministry Team** that has been meeting consists of Dana Baas, Marilyn Visser, DaNay Tossey, Shari Benthem, Taylor Koch, Adam Southwick, Jon Dracht, and Al Thomas. Their purpose is to review our current ministry teams and structures and make recommendations to Council. The team will be meeting with current ministry team leaders to gather input. More information will be coming soon.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PASTORAL CARE:</u></b></p> <p>If you have any pastoral care questions or prayer requests, please contact your district elder or the church office.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS:</u></b></p> <p><b>Care &amp; Share Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)</p> <p><b>Education Team</b> (Mary Rees)</p> <p><b>Facilities Team</b> (Rick Dorman)</p> <p><b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)</p> <p><b>Safe Church Team</b> (Linda Wing)</p> <p><b>Safety Team</b> (James Bazuin)</p> <p><b>Service Team</b> (Julie Dorman)</p> <p><b>Worship Team</b> (Jodi Meyering)</p>

Christmas from \_\_\_\_\_ Perspective. –John

- 1. Jesus, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. What does the Bible mean by the phrase “In the beginning”?
  - b. Let’s consider:
    - i. John 1: 3 & 10
    - ii. Colossians 1: 15-17
  - c. Consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christmas (vs 10 & 11)
  - a. The very people Jesus created and loved, \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Will this tragedy occur again this Christmas?

- 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christmas. -vs 14
  - a. Some beheld \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christ.

PRAYER CORNER

*Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. –Hebrews 4:16*

Dear Heavenly Father, please be with Ken VanPolen, Pearl Koetje, Carol Niver, Steve Sluiter, Marilyn Ouwinga, and Dale Wing. Bless each of them in ways only you can do. Give them the healing and the patience they need.

- Our condolences go out to Deb Eisenga and her family in the loss of her mother, Joan Vanden Hoek, who passed away peacefully in her home this past Monday.

**ADVENT CHALLENGE – WEEK 4**

*Let’s Live Out God’s Word Together:*

The apostle Paul in Colossians 3 encourages us to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. He wrote that while in prison – not a very peaceful place!

What are some ways we can let peace rule in our hearts? Maybe by not arguing with a friend, or being kind to someone who is not kind to us? Let’s talk about it! Christmas is a great time to show people the kind of peace that Jesus brings!

*Resource: Helms, J (2017) The Shepherd on the Search: A 25 Day Family Devotional, DaySpring*

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\*CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:

**Tyler\* Bode**  
(Senior Airman, Air Force)  
Davis Monthan Airforce Base,  
Tucson, AZ

**Caleb\* Dodde**  
(Private, Army Reservist)

### **OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 20-26**

<b>SUN 12/20</b>	9:15 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room
	9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
	10:50 AM	Sunday School
	5:00 PM	Fellowship Bible Study –Lesson 5
<b>TUE 12/22</b>	5:45 PM	MOPS
<b>WED 12/23</b>	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS 12/24</b>	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<b>FRI 12/25</b>	11-5:00 PM	Youth Building Use
<b>SAT 12/26</b>	11-5:00 PM	Fellowship Hall & Youth Building Use

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today**, we welcome Rev. Rod Kamrath as he leads our morning worship service.

**You're invited to the Sunday school's 2020 Virtual Christmas program.** There will be a link on our church Facebook page this evening around 6:00 if not sooner, featuring this special production.

**Tonight at 5:00 PM: Fellowship Bible Study** will be looking at Lesson 5 of their 6-week study "Advent of the Savior".

**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will begin at 6:00 pm this Thursday. Rev. Ron Klimp will lead this special service. Nursery will be provided. Battery operated candles will be available and recommended for small children.

**Next Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**, we have the privilege of celebrating the Lord's Supper. Rev. Steve Elzinga will be here to lead our service that morning. If you or a loved one of our Church is home bound, but would still like to take part in Communion, please notify the office or your district elder.

**Thank You-** Dear Highland family, thank you so much for the acts of love and kindness shown to us during this journey we've been on. The cards, visits and especially the prayers have meant so much to us. Dick's back continues to heal from the surgery in June, however, he continues to cope with arthritis pain. We are blessed to belong to this family of God. ~Dick and Mary Bruno.

**Thank you-** With praise to God, my back is completely healed! Thanks to my Highland Church family for visits, meals brought in, cards received, and most of all prayers offered on my behalf. ~Marilyn Visser

***The Poinsettias at the front of church have been placed in loving memory of those who are forever in our hearts:***

John Dracht Sr.	Jerry Eisenga	Ralph & Marie Brinks
Josie Thompson	Whip Koetje	Hilda & Elton Sikkema
Jake and Joe Eisenga	Dick Dorman	John & Anne Vennema
Henry & Reka Eisenga	Bob Dore	Adrian & Freda Kamphouse
June & Ada Oeverman	Darryl Baas	Sietse & Johanna Ouwinga
John & Sara Ouwinga	Sid Ouwinga	Gerrit & Emma Hendricks
Nannie & Cornelia Bouma	Dick Hendricks	Nellie Bouma Hendricks

### ***"A Heavenly Look at Christmas"***

**John 1: 1-18**

**Christmas from \_\_\_\_\_ Perspective. –Matt & Luke**

- Joseph and Mary were \_\_\_\_\_ to be married.
- An angel appeared to Mary \_\_\_\_\_ her of the divine conception.
- An angel appeared to Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ him to take Mary as his wife.
- Caesar Augustus' registration \_\_\_\_\_ the trip to Bethlehem.
- Jesus was born in \_\_\_\_\_ at Bethlehem.
- Angels announced Jesus' birth to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Wiseman came from the East \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus