

**NURSERY:**

<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
<b>Jan 10</b>	Cindy Vennema, Becky Bode, Patti Koop, Lizelle Bazuin, Aubrynn Bazuin, Harper Tossey
<b>Jan 17</b>	Bev Kamphouse, Amy Eisenga, Addean Oeverman Kasey McQuestion, Shari Benthem, Jayden Benthem

**LITTLE LAMBS; CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:**

<b>Dec 27</b>	LL Teacher: Maggie Southwick; Helper: Sam VanHouten CIW Teacher: Al Thomas; Helper: Kendyn Meyering
<b>Jan 3</b>	Teacher: Hillary Dracht Helpers: Kassie Sikkema & Alan Thomas
<b>Jan 10</b>	LL Teacher: Nicole Koetje; Helper: Linda Ellens CIW Teacher: Amy VanPolen; Helper: Karsyn Meyering
<b>Jan 17</b>	LL Teacher: Anita Kvasnak; Helper: Emma Oeverman CIW Teacher: Nicole Schultz; Helper: Emerson Tossey

**SOUND SYSTEM, VIDEO, POWERPOINT:**

<b>Dec 27</b>	Cary Sikkema, Dan Ouwinga, Sue Cook
<b>Jan 3</b>	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Tami Eisenga
<b>Jan 10</b>	Kyle Meyering, Dan Ouwinga, Jodi DeHate
<b>Jan 17</b>	Matt Thompson, Roger Hagerman, Deb Eisenga

**OFFERINGS:**

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

**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 27, 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 27, 2020**

*Today we welcome former Highland Pastor, Rev. Steve Elzinga as he leads our worship this morning.*

*“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus: –vs 1 & 2*

Welcome & Greeting

*“Silent Night” –vs 1 & 3*

*Communion; “Noel”*

Congregational Prayer

Children’s Message

*“Joy to the World” –all 3*

Sermon Title: **“Who is Gifted?”**

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” –vs 1 & 3*

Blessing

**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.

2020 Council				
Exec. Board: *			Church Office(231) 825-2171	
Elders		District	Deacons	
Bob Vennema	920-5032	#1, A-C	Gary Hesselink	388-2661
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Larry Witt	884-6492	#5, P-T	Larry Sikkema	920-5248
Chad Dodde	878-3164	#6, V-Z	Ryan McQuestion	590-8012

**Roofing project update:** The Southeast sections are done. Flynn roofing will be back in the spring to do the bell-tower roof.

<u>PASTORAL CARE:</u>	<u>MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS:</u>
If you have any pastoral care questions or prayer requests, please contact your district elder or the church office.	<b>Care &amp; Share Team</b> (Cindy Vennema)
	<b>Education Team</b> (Mary Rees)
	<b>Facilities Team</b> (Rick Dorman)
	<b>Prayer Team</b> (Sandy Rice)
	<b>Safe Church Team</b> (Linda Wing)
	<b>Safety Team</b> (James Bazuin)
	<b>Service Team</b> (Julie Dorman)
	<b>Worship Team</b> (Jodi Meyering)
<u>CHURCH OFFICE:</u>	
(231) 825-2171	
office@highlandcrc.org	
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday	
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM	
**Bulletin announcements <u>MUST</u> be in by <u>NOON</u> on Thursday. Thank you!	

**A note from the office:** I will be working remotely from home Monday, December 28 and Wednesday, December 30. If you need to contact the office those days, please leave a message at the phone or email noted above and I will reply as soon as possible. -Sara Bruno

## OUR CHURCH WEEK: DECEMBER 27-JANUARY 2

<b>SUN 12/27</b>	9:15 AM 9:30 AM	A time of prayer in the prayer room Morning Worship Service (No Sunday School – Christmas Break) (No Fellowship Bible Study today)
<b>WED 12/30</b>	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
<b>THURS 12/31</b>	6:00 PM	New Year's Eve Hymn-sing & Prayer service
<b>FRI 1/1</b>	New Year's Day	
<b>SAT 1/2</b>	11-5:00 PM	Youth Building Use

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today**, we welcome former Highland Pastor, Rev. Steve Elzinga as he leads our morning worship service.

**Communion:** If you have a relationship with Jesus Christ, and he is your Lord and Savior, we invite you to join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

**Fellowship Bible Study** will not be meeting this evening.

**Our New Year's Eve Prayer Service & Hymn-sing** will begin at 6:00 pm.

**A Note from Council:** In the event of inclement weather or any cancellations, we will notify the congregation of Highland via our Bright Arrow phone tree. It is our hope going forward, that we will continue to offer all church programming as long as we have church and teachers/helpers to run them. All adult programming will be at the discretion of the leaders. If you have any questions, please contact 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** to our Highland Family for your heartfelt cards, thoughts, phone calls and especially your prayers before and after the passing of my mom. We are comforted knowing that she is in heaven with our Lord and Savior. ~Deb & Mark Eisenga

**At-home Faith Formation Tip** - The Practice of Hospitality: Kathleen Norris wrote, "True hospitality is marked by an open response to the dignity of each and every person." As you go through your week, focus on approaching every person you meet with this kind of open response. At the end of the week, look back at how this approach changed your attitudes and actions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices))

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### 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 MISSIONARIES:

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#### \*CURRENTLY SERVING IN OUR MILITARY:

**Tyler\* Bode**  
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Davis Monthan Airforce Base,  
Tucson, AZ

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