FINDING OUR VOICE

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Prelude

- * Call to Worship: #250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
- * Songs of Praise:

"The First Noel"

"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"

Prayer and Salutation

SHARING OUR HEARTS

Congregational Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Offering/Offertory

(Children may come forward for the Children's Message.)



Children's Message with Vicki Victory

(Children ages 3—Kindergarten are dismissed for Children and Worship.)

Song of Preparation: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20, Genesis 35:16-21 (pg. 35), Micah 4 & 5 (pg. 926)

Message: "Finding the Address" Rev. Shawn Hulst

Prayer of Application

DEPARTING TO SERVE

* Benediction

* Song of Response: "Midnight Clear"

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able



<u>WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FRC!</u> Is this your first visit—or are you new to the Hudsonville area? Feel free to fill out a blue welcome card (they are located in the pew). Bring it to the Information Desk for both a smile and a welcome gift. Additionally, a Nursery and Nursing Room are available for your convenience. And, individual-use hearing devices are located at the Information Desk. There is always an opportunity to worship, grow, and serve at FRC. Find the latest details by downloading the FRC App (Fellowship Hudsonville), by checking out our website (frchudsonville.org), or by visiting our Facebook Page (Fellowship Reformed Church).

STAFF NEWS

<u>OFFICE CLOSED:</u> A very limited number of staff members will be available in the office on Monday, December 16, and Tuesday morning, December 17. The staff will be sharing song and Christmas cheer with our Friends at Home. Staff will be checking and responding to emails and voicemails periodically throughout the day.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Tuesday, December 24, at 12:00pm, Wednesday, December 25, Tuesday, December 31, at 12:00pm, and Wednesday, January 1.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS: The following men were elected to the Office of Elder: Ron Borst, Tim Gortsema, and Les Holwerda. The following men were elected to the Office of Deacon: Roger Huisingh and Joe Wyn. The 2020 proposed budget was approved by a 95% margin.

THE ROSE ARRANGEMENT, located near the Baptismal Font, represents FRC's 18 Baptisms this year. This evening, we celebrate the Baptism of Lucas Charles Scholten.

HYMN SING TONIGHT! Please join us tonight, December 15, for a Christmas Carol Hymn Sing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN AND WORSHIP will not be meeting on December 22, 29, or January 5, during Christmas Break. We will resume on Sunday, January 12.

FAMILY NIGHT CLASSES will not be meeting on December 18, 25, or January 1. We will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES will be held on Tuesday, December 24, at 5:00pm (nursery provided), and 11:00pm (no nursery provided, but children are welcome to attend in their pajamas). Please note: there is no additional service on Christmas Day. Please note: there will not be a 6:00pm service on Sunday, December 29.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED for our Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm. Sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board if you can help.

THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Thursday, December 19, at 4:00pm (please note the earlier deadline due to the shortened week of Christmas). Items can be dropped off in the church office, emailed to Ifolkert@frchudsonville.org, or placed in the mailbox of Linda Folkert.

IF YOU ARE A WIDOW/WIDOWER OR SINGLE SENIOR and did not attend the luncheon this past Monday, please stop by the table in the lobby today and pick up your currant bread and box of candy. Items for our Friends at Home are not on the tables; they will be delivered to their home this week.

SERVE IN THE TECH BOOTH: If you or someone you know is interested in serving in the tech booth on a Sunday, please contact Ethan Couling at ecouling@frchudsonville.org. We have many areas for you to explore: running slides and media, video cameras, live streaming, lighting, and mixing sound.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES were placed in your mailbox. Contact Shelli Schultz at 669-1213 or sschultz@frchudsonville.org if you were not given envelopes and would like to have them. If you received envelopes and do not plan to use them, please drop them off in the Church Office so they can be reassigned to someone else. Please note: we are only able to provide year-end contribution statements to those who use our envelope system.

YOUR YEAR-END FINANCIAL GIFTS have always been an enormous blessing to the ongoing Kingdom-work of Christ. As you consider such a faithful contribution this year, please note the date of Monday, December 30. In an effort to accurately record and receipt each gift, we are requesting that all contributions be in the Church Office by noon on Monday, December 30.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Our annual night of trivia competition, live entertainment, and delicious dining is back! Saturday, January 18, from 6:00-9:00pm, teams of eight will compete in ten rounds of trivia. Register as an individual or as a team on the Youth Bulletin Board. It's \$15 per person with \$10 of that going to lowering students' costs of youth ministry events.

WERE YOU BLESSED WITH AN ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY (by birth or adoption) in 2019? You should have received an email requesting pictures for our Sanctity of Life Service. If you did not receive an email, please contact Linda Folkert at 669-1213 or Ifolkert@frchudsonville.org.

THE "TOOL TIME MINISTRY" of Fellowship is coordinating a work project for Holland Rescue Mission on January 6, 7, and 8. A 20,000 square foot warehouse space is being completely gutted—floor to ceiling. Please consider helping with this work project—any amount of time you can give (whether it's one day or more) would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Roger Huisingh at 802-0702 if you are interested or if you have any questions.

HAND2HAND CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS: Items for the Christmas Food Baskets for families in the Godwin School District should be dropped off TODAY (December 15) from 8:00am-1:00pm or 5:00-6:00pm, or Wednesday, December 18, from 8:30am-4:30pm. Please drop off all items at the table located near the Food Pantry (west side of the lobby). If you'd still like to provide food for a basket, see the sign-up sheet on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board for a listing of what should be included.

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

7TH-12TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS: Let's play some Jeopardy! All 7th through 12th grade students will be in the Youth Room this morning (Sunday, December 15) for a game of Jeopardy. Meet in the Youth Room from 9:50-10:40am and come early for breakfast.

NEW LIFE YOUTH MINISTRY (7TH-8TH GRADE): How have you experienced God this past year? Join us tonight, December 15, from 5:30-7:00pm in the Youth Room as we reflect on and celebrate God's presence in our lives.

<u>TURNING POINT YOUTH MINISTRY (9TH-12TH GRADE)</u>: Celebrate God's presence tonight (December 15) in the Youth Room from 7:30-9:00pm. We will have December 22 and December 29 off for Christmas Break. Join us again on January 5.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER: There are two ways for you to make money for any youth ministry event: get people to participate in Trivia Night on January 18 and/ or work at Trivia Night. If you get a team of eight to participate and work the event, you'll make \$100! Forms are available on the Youth Bulletin Board.

ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

<u>OPEN GATE SUNDAY SCHOOL:</u> Join us in the Open Gate Sunday School Class this morning, December 15, for a moving look into two different Christmas trees. This presentation could be something that you'll want to share with your family year after year.

<u>WANT MORE?</u> As we continue in Advent, you'll find new articles pertaining to the Sunday topic each week in the "Want More?" rack on the bulletin tables. Take advantage of these enrichment materials.

<u>BIBLE STORY GRANDMAS:</u> Every week, two of our loving ladies read Bible stories to the children in the Toddler Nursery. This ministry is a gift from one generation to another. This week's story is appropriately entitled, "Good News... It's Christmas."

<u>DAWN PATROL</u>: This month's Dawn Patrol will be, as always, on the third Saturday morning of the month. Therefore, please join us on Saturday, December 21, for camaraderie, training, and motivation. We meet in Room 027 from 7:30-8:30am.

EXPLICIT GOSPEL: Plan now to join Pastor Brent and video host, Matt Chandler, at Family Night, beginning in January, for a powerfully-challenging study entitled, "Explicit Gospel." Stay tuned for further details.

PRAYER GROUP INVITATION: As Christ's church, how do we respond to the battle for the heart of our country? The United States of America needs prayer. If you have a heart for revival in this nation, please join Ann Whitmyer beginning Wednesday, January 8, from 6:45-7:45pm. Come for supper and stay to pray. Please indicate your interest in participating in this group by signing up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board.

<u>FELLOWSHIP DISCIPLESHIP BLOG:</u> Each week on Monday morning, Adult Ministries posts the Discipleship Blog, written by Jim DeHorn. The blog offers observations about daily life, theological editorials, book reviews, encouragement, and sometimes humor from the perspective of an "everyman." Subscribe today by clicking on the "Resources" heading of the FRC website.

HEY MEN! It's time to sign up for our Spring Training Weekend at Grace Adventures from March 20-22, 2020. This is an absolutely awesome time filled with great food, nearly limitless indoor and outdoor activities, man games, and a spiritual experience that could change your life. But you must sign up quickly. The deadline is February 4, and the slots are filling up quickly.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

MOVIE NIGHT: Join us on Friday, January 10, for pizza and a movie! We'll start the night at 6:00pm with a pizza supper (donations will be accepted to cover the cost) in the Fellowship Hall. At 6:45pm, we'll move to the Sanctuary to see the movie, "Overcomer" (rated PG). Sign up on the sheet located on the Adult Activities Bulletin Board if you plan to attend.

2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Budgeted Amount \$ 41,661.14 Last Week's Offering \$ 53,611.15 Overage to Date \$ 19,509.70 Sunday School \$ 464.23 Contributions to FRC can be made in four ways: Weekly Offerings during our Worship Services; Online Giving through Subsplash; Auto-Giving through your Bank; or Mailing a Check to the Church Address.

Thank You!

Church Telephone: 616.669.1213 Church Prayer Line: 616.669.5400
Bulletin Announcement Deadline: 4:00pm on Wednesday
Web Site: frchudsonville.org

Worship Times: 8:30am, 11:00am, and 6:00pm

FELLOWSHIP REFORMED CHURCH EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00PM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Prelude

- * Christmas Hymn Requests (Hymnal #240-292)
- * Opening Prayer and Salutation

WE PRESENT PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Reaffirmations of Faith: Greg and Megan Scholten

Infant Baptism: Lucas Charles Scholten (son of Greg and Megan)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/Offertory Prayer

Offering/Offertory

WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD

Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God

Scripture: John 17:1-19 (pg. 1,073 in the Pew Bible)

Message: "All Jesus" Pastor Brent Beckett

Prayer for Application

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLY WORD

- * Christmas Hymn Requests
- * Benediction
- * Postlude
- * Please stand if you are able

This Week at Fellowship

Sun.	8:30am	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9:50am	Sunday School for Children	All Classrooms
	9:50am	The Open Gate	Fellowship Hall
	9:50am	Men's Bible Study	Room 108
	9:50am	Guided by the Word	Room 109
	11:00am	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Prayer Meeting	Pastor Shawn's Office
	5:30pm	New Life Youth Ministry	Youth Room
	6:00pm	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary
	7:30pm	Turning Point Youth Ministry	Youth Room
Mon.	8:00am	Staff Christmas Caroling	Friends at Home
	9:00am	Pickleball	Gym
	•	Team Two Band	Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Executive Team Meeting	Office Copy Room
	7:45pm	Team Two Vocals	Music Room
Tues.	5:30am	Early Riser's Men's Bible Study	Room 107
	5:30am	Young Men's Discipleship Group	Room 109
		Staff Christmas Caroling	Friends at Home
	•	Staff Christmas Luncheon	Room 107
	5:30pm	Upward Basketball	Gym
Wed.		Staff Meeting	Room 107
		Drop-In Ladies' Bible Study	Room 108
	12:00pm	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Bible Study	Baar Law Office
Thurs.		Men's Scripture/Prayer Bible Study	Room 107
		Women's War Room	Room 109
		Women's Bible Study	Music Room
	•	Pickleball	Gym
		Timmer Gym Usage	Gym
	•	Newsletter Deadline	
	7:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Youth Room
Fri.		Band of Brothers' Bible Study	Prayer Room
		Pickleball	Gym
		Siegersma Rental	Fellowship Hall
	5:00pm	Holwerda Rental	Gym
Sat.	7:30am	Dawn Patrol	Room 027