

AMERICAN REFORMED CHURCH WORSHIP

December 14, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

Third Sunday of Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, & Service - Galen Breuer

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle
by Anthony & Rochelle Behrens Family

Prelude

*Singing Praises - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Time of Greeting

Offertory Prayer & Offertory
Quarter Collection - Todd Visscher
(1st/4th grade collect food)

Prayer Requests, Congregational Prayer

Message - "God's Intentional Simplicity"
[Ecclesiastes 12:13-14]

*Singing Response - "Silent Night! Holy Night! "

*Benediction

Postlude

*all who are able, please stand

PRAISE AND PRAYERS

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Ongoing prayer concerns:** Bev De Graaff, Leon & Mary Kanengieter, Landen Kelderman, Lindsey Mesman, Ernie Moss, Audrey Raman, MaryAnn Sipma, Glenda Vaas, Dale Van Veldhuizen, Kathy Van Voorst, Virg Van De Stouwe, Allen & Bea Vande Stouwe, Dorothy Ver Meer, Sara Vink, Brad Wallenburg, Shirley Wallinga, Minerva Wissink.
- Church members with special needs this week: Prayers of healing & comfort for:** Aalijah Moss, Carter Van Voorst, Loree Walton; **Pray for** Carolyn Goold as she has same day surgery on Friday. **Pray for** Fiona DK during her time in the field. **Pray for** Arlene Smit as she has been dealing with extreme fatigue.

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

- Happy Birthday** to: Merrill Nettinga, Harley Vink, Natasha Wissink on Wednesday; Jacob Van Der Wilt on Friday! **Happy Anniversary** to: Harlan & Marsha Moss -49 Yrs on Saturday!
- Congratulations to** Dayton & Anna Brunsting who were united in marriage on Saturday, December 13th. May God bless their marriage and keep them strong in their love for each other and for Him.
- Thank you to** all who lift my brother up to the Lord in prayer over the many years of his struggle with cancers and treatment of those cancers. Thank you too for your expressions of sympathy at the time of his death and to the ARC angels for the beautiful evergreen arrangement. His struggles are over and he is at peace. ~Ken & Ida Evertse

TODAY AT AMERICAN

- PROJECTION:** Today-Kaileen R; Next week-Heather M; Candlelight Service-Mel R; Christmas Day-Jacob G; Dec 28-Loree W
- VIDEO:** Today-Aisayah M; Next week-Kaileen R; Candlelight Service-Carter W; Christmas Day-Aisayah M; Dec 28-Reid VV
- USHERS** this morning: Harlo V, Jacob VDW
- NURSERY SCHEDULE:** Today-Judy H, Kaden S, Teagan S; Next week-Annie VDZ, Jacob G, MaKenzie M; Dec 28-Harlo & Sara Vink
- VISITORS:** We would love to get to know you! Please stop by the Connection Center and fill out a Connection Card.

COFFEE is available self serve, before & after the worship service.
DURING THE PRELUDE: We ask that you use this time for reflection and to come closer to the Lord preparing your hearts for worship. You can do this on your own or are welcome to use the slides that are projected.

EVERYONE is invited to the Sunday School Christmas Program this morning following the worship service. We encourage everyone to support our kids and stay for this. An offering will be taken for LifeWise.

IT'S QUARTER SUNDAY! The children will be collecting quarters for Grace Covenant Ministries Camp during the offering this morning.

THERE WILL BE NO Sunday School classes today due to the Christmas program.

TODAY Mike Mesman will greet you at the South door after worship and will be joined by Carolyn Goold at the North door and Galen Breuer at the West door.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN

- SUNDAY:** --Alcoholics Anonymous; Al-anon ~ 7:00pm
--Congregacion Cristiana Pentiecostes ~ 1:30-3:30pm-ARK Room
- MONDAY:** --Consistory ~ 6:45pm. If you have something to bring to the Consistory's attention or if you wish to speak with the Elders about membership in the church, please contact Pastor Mark.
- WEDNESDAY:** --Men's Bible Study ~ 6:15am
--LifeWise ~ Noon
--Jr/Sr High ~ 7:00pm
--Christmas Caroling Party ~ 6:00pm (including 1st-6th grades)
- THURSDAY:** --SHARE Group ~ 11:30am at Pizza Ranch
- OUR OFFERING** for the week of December 7 was \$3412.25.
- COPIES** of the December Newsletter are available on the table by the mailboxes.
- THE CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY** will be held this Wednesday, December 17. We will meet at church at 6:00pm to go caroling and return to church for refreshments afterwards. Please bring potluck treats to share. Apple cider and hot chocolate will be provided. Take the whole family to share the songs of the season with Pleasant Acres, the Homestead, the Colony, Aspen Heights & some homes. A great way to share the joy of the season!! Come for a night of fun and fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE! The church dinner & auction is coming up soon.

February 4, 2026 is the big night! What a great reason to buy a little extra at Christmas while getting some great deals!!!

NEW ADDRESS for Dale & Katie Van Veldhuizen is: 4700 Village Drive, Apt 205, Davenport, IA 52807

SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet Thursday, December 18 at 11:30am at the Hull Pizza Ranch. Deputy Jessica Dorhout from the Sioux County Sheriff's Office will address our group on the sex trafficking. Hope we will see you there.

DURING THE HOLIDAYS be the hands & feet of Jesus by helping those in need. From Thanksgiving Eve until Christmas Day you have the blessed opportunity to bring non-perishable food items for the Sioux City Gospel Mission. The barrels are in the great hall and the children will also be collecting food during the offering.

VALENTINE'S SUPPER: The Fellowship Squad has planned an elegant evening for you to enjoy for Valentine's Day! Monday, February 9th at 6:00pm! A catered meal of appetizers, prime rib, mashed potatoes, salad & bread will be served along with a dessert! You'll enjoy live entertainment and a chance to win a prize! Childcare will be provided. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the Church or by contacting: Jeanne Breuer ~ 712-460-2336, Andrea Kelderman ~ 605-310-0516; Sara Vink ~ 712-470-2336, Aleisha Wissink ~ 712-539-3181. Ticket deadline is January 15. Make plans to join us for a delicious meal and a wonderful night of fellowship! Get your tickets soon!!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Mark leads a Men's Bible Study every Wednesday morning at 6:15am in the Fireside Room. Men of all ages are welcome!

HAVE YOU TAKEN FAMILY PICTURES for Christmas? Please take a minute to send an updated photo to the Church by email - amrefdch@mtcnet.net or text Donna -712-441-1289. Thanks!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2026 home build in Orange City. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are accepted through January 6.

FUTURE EVENTS AT AMERICAN

3rd & 2nd GRADE will be collecting food during the offering next week Sunday for the Sioux City Gospel Mission.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Celebrate the Light of the world with us during our Candlelight Service next Sunday, December 21 at 6:30pm.

WE WELCOME you to worship with us on Christmas Day, December 25 at 9:30am as we rejoice in Christ's birth!

"ARTICLES" for the January AMERICANews must be submitted to Donna by Monday, December 29.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

THE ELDER OF THE MONTH for December is Galen Breuer.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH for December is the Center of Hope. You may give designated gifts for this ministry at any time during the month.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS need to be turned in to the church office by 3:30pm on Thursdays.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE for today is live on YouTube at American Reformed Church, Hull IA and is also broadcast on Monday evening at 7:00pm on Hull cable channel 12.

ANYONE WISHING TO USE our church facilities, *either the old or the new*, needs to fill out a Facility Use Questionnaire. These can be obtained from Donna at the church office and returned to her.

CONSISTORY:
ELDERS: Galen Breuer, Carolyn Goold (Clerk), Mike Mesman, Kevin Roozing, Rob Van't Land (Vice President), Todd Visscher
DEACONS: Tim Brunsting, Craig Moss (Chair of Deacons), Kyle Roelofs, Colin Sandbulte, Rick Tiedeman, Todd Woelber
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