

AMERICAN REFORMED CHURCH WORSHIP

December 7, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, & Service-Rob Van't Land

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

by: Brian & Kelly Sipma Family

Jesse & Heather Mesman Family

Prelude "Communion Meditation on Three Tunes"

-Flute by Mali DK

*Singing Praises - "Savior of the Nations, Come"

(verse 5 will be sung a cappella)

*Time of Greeting

Offertory Prayer & Offertory

(kindergarten/5th grade collect food)

Prayer Requests, Congregational Prayer

Children's Message - Carolyn Goold

Message - "God's Intimate Plan" [Galatians 4:4-7]

Preparatory Hymn - "What Child is This?"

Lord's Supper

*Singing Response - "Joy to the World"

*Benediction

Postlude "Joy to the World"

PRAISE AND PRAYERS

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR THE FOLLOWING:

-Ongoing prayer concerns: Bev De Graaff, Leon & Mary Kanengieter, Landen Kelderman, 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.

-We extend our Christian sympathy to Ken & Ida Evertse in the death of Ida's brother, Russ Vander Schaaf, who passed away last week. May you feel God's presence and be comforted during this time of loss.

-Church members with special needs this week: Carolyn Goold, Lindsey Mesman, Aalijah Moss, Carter Van Voorst

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:

-This morning we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. ARC serves gluten-free bread during Communion.

-Happy Birthday to: Jessica Vierhout on Thursday; Bev Rens -70 Yrs on Friday; Leon Rens, Audrey Raman on Saturday!

-Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias. If you would like to take your poinsettia home, please do so after the service today. The poinsettias have been purchased IN MEMORY OF: Keith Birks, Wendell Fykstra, Brent Marra, Mark Marra, Pete & Joyce Mesman, Art & Harriet Moss, Irwin & Ellen Vermeer, Alison Walton, Wayne & Marion Walton.

-Just want to thank the ARC angels for the beautiful floral arrangement that they gave me in honor of my mother-in-law's passing. She is finally getting to celebrate with her husband, Earl, her daughter Anita, and her best friend Nettie! And thank you for all the expressions of sympathy. ~Glenda Vaas

-Thank you to the ARC angels for the Christmas gifts. It was so very thoughtful and appreciated. You made my day! ~Minerva Wissink

TODAY AT AMERICAN

PROJECTION: Today-Loree W; Next week-Kaileen R; Dec 21- Heather M; Dec 21 Candlelight -Mel R

VIDEO: Today-Laura W; Next week-Aisayah M; Dec 21-Kaileen R; Dec 21 Candlelight-Carter W

NURSERY SCHEDULE: Today-Eric S, Merritt M, Milana C; Next week-Judy H, Kaden S, Teagan S; Dec 21-Annie VDZ, Jacob G, MaKenzie M

USHERS this morning: Dwayne H, Denny K

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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE today during the Sunday school time (3 yr old-6th grade). NOTE this will be the dress rehearsal for the 3 year old through Kindergarten. Christmas program practice on Wednesday, December 10 for grades 1-6. NOTE this will be the dress rehearsal for grades 1-6.

THE BIBLE RECAP: We would love to have you join us! We are reading the New Testament thru the end of the year. It's great to do on your own, even better to do it with others. Please join us today after church in the Aftershock Room for adult Bible study where we go over and discuss what we've read in God's Word the past week. Contact Josh or Aleisha Wissink with questions.

NOMINATION BALLOTS for new Consistory members need to be returned to the box on the Connection Center by the end of the worship service today.

TODAY Mike Mesman will greet you at the North door after worship and will be joined by Carolyn Goold at the West door and Rob Van't Land at the South door.

THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN

SUNDAY: --Alcoholics Anonymous; Al-anon ~ 7:00pm

--Congregacion Cristiana Pentecostes ~ 1:30-3:30pm-ARK Room

TUESDAY: -- Faith Circle ~ 9:00am

WEDNESDAY: --Men's Bible Study ~ 6:15am

--BH Praying Moms ~ 8:30am

--LifeWise ~ Noon

--Christmas Program Practice:1st-6th Grade; Jr/Sr High ~ 7:00pm

THURSDAY: --Christmas Worship @ the Grain House ~ 6:30pm

SATURDAY: --4H Christmas Party in Basement ~ 10am

--Dayton Brunsting & Anna Huisman Wedding

COPIES of the December Newsletter are available on the table by the mailboxes.

THIS IS THE WEEK! Make plans to join us for Christmas Worship Night at the Grain House in Hull this Thursday, December 11, beginning at 6:30pm. It will be an evening of music provided by ARC, coffee and Christmas fun!

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!!!

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.

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!

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

4th & 1st GRADE will be collecting food during the offering next week Sunday for the Sioux City Gospel Mission.

REMEMBER YOUR QUARTERS! Next Sunday, the kids will collect quarters for Grace Covenant Ministries Camp.

THE CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY will be held on 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.

EVERYONE is invited to the Sunday School Christmas Program next Sunday, December 14 following the morning worship service. We encourage everyone to support our kids and stay for this. An offering will be taken for LifeWise.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Celebrate the Light of the world with us during our Candlelight Service on 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!

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.

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.

CONSISTORY:

ELDERS: Galen Breuer, Carolyn Goold (Clerk), Mike Mesman, Kevin Roozing, Rob Van't Land (Vice President), Todd Visscher

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