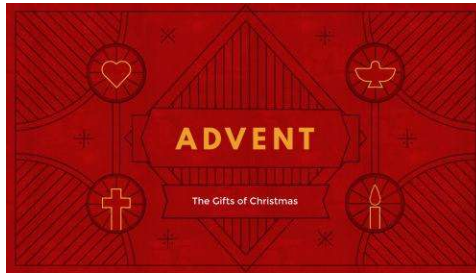


The Gift of Peace  
Romans 5:1-11



**FROM THE DEACONS**

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Nov 17-Dec 1:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 13,927.11
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 1,260.81
Community Offering:	
Backpack Buddies	\$ 1,721.02
Desert Streams/Lonts	\$ 760.00
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 225.00
Love Your Neighbor	\$ 107.00

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$251,128.76 Year to Date Expenses: \$ 264,303.92  
(through 11/30/2024)

**Community Offerings**

**TODAY: LOVE Your Neighbor**

Their mission is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities. Through their partnerships, they coordinate over 50 different ministries. Fellowship CRC helps to offer a Life Skills Program that empowers individuals toward authentic life transformation and a food pantry.

<https://lovewm.org/>

- Dec 29: Love Your Neighbor
- Jan 5: Resonate Global Mission *Rodriguez family*
- Jan 12: Denominational Ministry Shares

**THIS WEEK**

Monday, Dec 23

Tuesday, Dec 24  
*Christmas Eve*

Wednesday, Dec 25  
*Christmas Day*  
9:30am Worship

Thursday, Dec 26

Friday, Dec 27

Saturday, Dec 28

Sunday, Dec 29  
9:30am Worship

**COMING UP**

- Jan 5 Youth Group
- Jan 13 Exec
- Jan 19 Youth Group Winter Jam
- Jan 27 Elders  
Deacons

**STAFF**

- Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
- Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
- Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
- Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
- Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
- Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

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December 22, 2024



Welcome!  
We are glad you are here!

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME** in our service

Also available during worship:  
Nursery for infants & toddlers;  
"Busy Bags" with kid's activities;  
Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up  
(found by weekly bulletins)

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS**  
are available at the sound booth

**TODAY:** Fourth Sunday of Advent — The peace of God which we celebrate at Christmas is about more than absence of conflict; it is about wholeness. Jesus comes into the world and gives himself for us so that we could be made whole again.

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30am worship

NEXT WEEK: Pastor John Witvliet

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
*The First Noel*

### Prayers of the People

### Scripture Romans 5:1-11

#### Peace and Hope

<sup>5</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### Message "The Gift of Peace"

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

### God's Parting Blessing

#### TODAY

9:30am Worship  
11am Adult Bible Study

## CHURCH LIFE

### Upcoming dates for the proposed 2025 budget:

January 5 — budget copies available  
January 12 — Q&A meeting after service  
January 19 — congregational vote

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end of worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** ([LMPHILLO@aol.com](mailto:LMPHILLO@aol.com)) or **Dave Cook** ([dcook0104@gmail.com](mailto:dcook0104@gmail.com)). There will be NO CLASS next Sunday, December 29. Class will resume January 5.

*Thank you for the wonderful retirement celebration event! It was meaningful to celebrate and remember years of ministry. I am grateful for the generous gift towards hopeful travel plans and for the many cards with words of appreciation and gratitude. I would also like to express a special thanks to those who gave time to aspects of planning and preparation: Barb VanRyn, Laura Williams, Kathy Kikkert, Katherine Sneller, Pam Kortman, Diane Ronda. Pastor Tom, Andrew Lenhart, Dan Sanders with granddaughter Via Sanders. With Gratitude, Pastor Barb Sanders*

★ Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at [www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl](http://www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl)

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for **Jerry and Diane Ronda** and their family. Jerry has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and surgery was last week to remove the bladder. Pray for a good recovery process and continued healing.
- We extend our sympathy and prayers to **Dan and Sandy Wynia**. Sandy's father, Chuck West, passed away on December 17. A funeral service is being planned for Thursday, December 26. May this family know Christ's comfort, peace, and presence with them at this time.
- Pray for **LOVE Your Neighbor** as they create bridges in the community – connecting resources and services to under-served families in Hudsonville, Jenison, and Grandville.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Rick Aardema, **Jean Cisler**, **Randy & Cathy Kraker**, **Rog & Mary Visser**.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

## MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### FELLOWSHIP FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU to the congregation for your generous giving during Thanksgiving. The pantry shelves are full!

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you for remembering the Backpack Buddies in your prayers and giving!!

January food items needed for the 30 children in the program include:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Chunky Soups
- Fruit Cups, applesauce cups
- Oatmeal (boxes of individual envelopes)

**Thank you for your support of this ministry.**  
**Sandy Campo (616)889-3134**

### DECEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

THANK YOU to all who donated on Wednesday!

Our next blood drive will be on Wednesday, February 19 from 1:30-6:30pm. You can sign up for an appointment through the Versiti website.