

**Sunday, December 30, 2018**  
**Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Pastor Joseph Brinks**

**We Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

\*Opening Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

**We Celebrate God's Grace**

\*We Continue in Praise

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

"By Faith"

Prayer of Confession

\*Song: "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

Offering, for Ministries of Bethel and Tuition Assistance

Prayer

**We Hear God's Word**

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 (8-10) (pg. 1818)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "**Amazing Grace, Saving Faith, Faithful! Too**"

Prayer

**We Depart to Serve**

\*Please Stand for God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song: "Benediction Song/My Friends"

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Piano: Marla VanderMolen

**WELCOME TO BETHEL CHURCH!** We are glad you have chosen to worship God with us this morning. We extend a warm **welcome to Pastor Joseph Brinks** who will be leading us in our morning worship. There will be a **Combined 5:00 PM Service at First CRC** today. Theme: The Providence of God. Scripture: Genesis 50:15-26. The offering will be for the Gideon's. A fellowship time will follow the service in the social hall.



Sunday School and Catechism will resume on January 13. Come see Jesus in all of Scripture with us in our Sunday School Program "**SHOW ME JESUS**". All children ages PK-7<sup>th</sup> grade meet downstairs immediately after the morning service. **Pastor Rick's CATECHISM** for all 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades meet in the room next to the kitchen. Visitors are welcome!

**VALET PARKING** is available for anyone who would like to use this service. No matter the weather someone will be there for both the am and pm services. Just drive up under the canopy and come into church and we will park your car for you and also go and get it after the service when you are done with your cookies and coffee.

**PRE WORSHIP PRAYER TIME:** You are invited to come and join in praying for the worship service, to pray for God's Spirit to move, to pray for the pastor, to pray for the Lord's blessing as we join our hearts together in worship. Prayer time begins at 9:15. Won't you join in praying? We meet in front of church near the communion table.

**TODAY** December 30 (PM Combined Service at 1<sup>st</sup> CRC)

Nursery	AM:	Stephanie Konvalinka, Kim Kuiper
Greeters	AM:	John & Ruth Broertjes(E), Jon & Amy Dekker(S)
Usher	AM:	Wes VanBruggen
Media Shout		Scott VanVlymen
Offering	AM:	Ministries of Bethel and Tuition Assistance

**NEXT WEEK** January 6 (Installation Service)

Nursery	AM:	Lisa Zylstra, Kim Kuiper
	PM:	Brenda Vanderwal, Cindy Musch
Greeters	AM:	Ted & Doreen DeJong(S) Jim & Janet Buiters(E)
Usher	AM:	Steve Reimers
Media Shout		Ryan Schaafsma
Offering		Ministries of Bethel and DMC Inc.

**CHURCH FAMILY**

- Keep Andy Walstra in your prayers as he remains at Oak Grove continuing his physical therapy. He is awaiting a doctor appointment on January 8<sup>th</sup> for exploring options for a possible back corrective surgery.
- Pray for a good week away for Pastor Rick & Brenda as they spend time with family in Vermont celebrating New Year's. Pray for traveling mercies as they return home.
- Safe travels for college students and families also as they head to their destinations!

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Installation of New Elders and Deacons** will take place during the morning worship service of Sunday, January 6.

**Council** will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 7pm.

### **CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALL PRAISE TEAM SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS!** We would like to have a practice on Sunday, **January 20** after the 5pm worship service. We ask you to save the date & join us to get more familiar with some newer pieces we have worked on recently. We hope for 100% participation. Anyone interested in joining praise team this would be a good night to check it out! Please join us!

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY FUNDRAISER:** Students are selling Sky Zone tickets for \$15/each for 1-hour jump. December 5 the student went there for an outing and had a blast! Each ticket is valid for 1 year. Don't miss out on this great deal and opportunity to help support the students' SERVE fund.

Bethel will be in charge of leading the afternoon worship service at **APERION NURSING HOME** on both Jan. 6 and Jan. 13. We will also be doing **OAK GROVE** on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Can you help by speaking, playing the piano, singing or helping in others ways? See Larry Ouwenga for more information or to volunteer to help. Thank you!

It's that time of year again-the **PINEWOOD DERBY RACE** is just around the corner! If you are interested in making a car this year, please contact Dan Walstra for a kit. Just like last year-there will be awards for not only the fastest car but also for the winner of the show competition. Car kits are only seven dollars! The race will be held on February 20th... so pick up a kit and start sanding!

**CHECK OUT THE COFFEE AND COOKIE SIGN-UP SHEET** on the round table. **Have you signed up yet?** Two people will be responsible for two week shifts. If you wish to bake some that we can keep in the freezer, that would be great as well (place a date on the cookies and write a note on the sign-up sheet and we can put them out when needed). Questions talk to Andrew or Heidi Dunham! Thank you to all those who have signed up. Still have a few Sunday's left check them out!

### **CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS:**

#### **DeMOTTE CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN/PRE-SCHOOL SIGN UPS**

DeMotte Christian School will begin accepting sign ups for the 2019-2020 Kindergarten and Pre-School classes beginning January 7, 2019. Space is limited so please call the school office soon at 219-987-3721. All new families to the school will need to complete an application (available online at [www.demottechristianschools.org](http://www.demottechristianschools.org).) For 3-Year-Old Pre-School (T/Tham), your child must be 3 years old by August 1, 2019.

### **LOCAL EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

The Dordt College Concert Choir from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11, at First Christian Reformed Church (1633 S. Halleck Street in DeMotte). The concert is part of a winter music tour with performances in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn arrangements, gospel, classics from Mozart and Brahms, multi-cultural songs from around the globe, and profound works from exciting new composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

**SEEKING HOSPITALITY-** for **DORDT COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR**. They are in need of housing for 54 students for that evening. This is where YOU come in! If you would be willing to host 2 (or more) students after the concert on January 11, feed them breakfast, and get them back to church in the morning, please contact Velma Ouwenga at 987-4393. Thanks so much!

Reserve February 16, 2019 for the annual Women's Retreat at Community Church in Roselawn, Indiana. Join us for an inspirational day centering around the promises offered in Isaiah 41:10. Author and speaker Michelle Medlock Adams will give us her insights on the topic, "Do Not Fear". Breakfast, lunch, praise and worship included. Tickets are \$40.00. Check out our website at [www.crcroselawn.com/womensretreat](http://www.crcroselawn.com/womensretreat) for more details.