

Sunday, December 27, 2020

9:30am worship



Psalm 148

**“Responding with a
Hearty Hallelujah!”**

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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We welcome you to worship on this first Sunday after Christmas. Christmas is not too far behind us, only two days!! Now that it is and already not-so-distant blip on our calendars, how has Christmas changed us? Has it truly made a difference in our hearts and lives? Our scripture for this morning is Psalm 148, which encourages not just us, but ALL CREATION, to bring a “hallelujah” to God, for what he has done!

Today we will be having a morning worship service only. There will be no 5 p.m. worship service today.

Our next Worship Services will be Sunday January 3. Lord willing, we will be installing our new elders and deacons during the morning worship service.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

Song: “The Birthday of a King”

Prayer of Praise

God’s Greeting

Call to Worship:

L: Let everything praise God! Hallelujah!

**P: All the mountains and hills, the valleys and plains
shall resound with praises to God.**

L: Let everything that has breath praise God!

P: All creatures on earth, in the skies, in the seas shall sing praise to God!

L: Let us, here and now, praise God!

P: We praise God with our whole heart and soul and strength! AMEN.

Songs of Praise:

- “Here I Am to Worship”
- “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Psalm 148

Sermon: **Responding with a Hearty Hallelujah!**

Parting Blessing:

Pastor: Go into God's world, bearing the light of hope and peace.

Bring the Good News of the love of God
through Jesus Christ to all people. Go in peace.

People: AMEN.

Closing Song: “Go Tell It On the Mountain”

CHURCH FAMILY: please be in prayer for:

- We extend our sympathy to Al DeVries and his family at the death of Mary DeVries, who passed away on Tuesday in the hospital due to double pneumonia from COVID. A private graveside service was held yesterday for the family, who hopes to have a more meaningful celebration of Mary's life and legacy open to more people in the spring, circumstances permitting.
- We extend our sympathy also to Gary and Dianne DeVries at the passing of Gary's father Gerrit. Please pray for them, and for Gary's mother Dolly as they mourn his loss and plan a way to celebrate his life. We praise God that we have hope through Jesus who is the resurrection and the life.
- Carollyn Broertjes returned home from the hospital on Thursday, following back surgery that she had on Monday. Continue to pray for healing.
- Elmer VanderMolen was admitted to the hospital after he tested positive for COVID as he was getting one of his needed blood infusions. Pray for his healing and protection.
- Ray VanderMolen had been in the hospital due to Covid induced pneumonia in one lung. He responded well to treatments, is now off of oxygen, and returned home on Christmas Day! Praise God for healing mercies!

SERVING TODAY **December 27**
Piano Marla Vander Molen
Usher AM: Ryan Schaafsma
Media Shout Scott VanVlymen
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Library

SERVING NEXT WEEK **January 3** (Installation Service AM)
Piano Amy Dekker
Usher AM: Joseph Dekker
Media Shout Ryan Schaafsma
Offering Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.

No offering will be taken during the service, but offering boxes are available by the sanctuary doors to place your gifts. Also, you can use our online giving at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"SHOW ME JESUS" Sunday School and Catechism will resume January 10th.

COFFEE BREAK will resume on January 13th at 9:30am. If you have thought about coming to Coffee Break this would be a good time to start. We will begin a new study on Nehemiah. We meet in the big hall downstairs to accommodate for social distancing and please wear a mask. Nursery is provided! If you have any questions, contact Velma Ouwenga or Brenda Vanderwal.

LIBRARY NEWS: Have you checked out the free books yet? We are in the process of revamping the library and will have extra books as well as other items available for free downstairs on a table by the library. Please maintain social distancing while you peruse through the items.

Eric and Penny **Schering Newsletter** is in your mailbox. They plan to head back to PNG on January 5. Keep them in your prayers for safety as they travel and a blessing in their work in Papua New Guinea!

We welcome anyone who might be visiting with us at Bethel!

In light of worshipping together with the social distancing restrictions still in place, we want to share some of the guidelines we are continuing to follow:

- There will be no greeters at church during this time.
- Usher will be present to help seat. Every other pew has been "cordoned off" by the placement of hymnals and Bibles on the seats.
- We ask and encourage that people adhere to CDC guidelines in terms of washing their hands, not touching their faces, and maintaining social distancing while we are together.
- We encourage if you are sick, have a temperature, or believe you are an "at risk" person, that you stay home and take advantage of the on-line service opportunity.
- We strongly encourage the use of face coverings as you enter and exit the building, however you will not be turned away should you find it difficult to do so. Our number one concern is the health of our church family as we gather in worship, loving our God as well as our neighbor.
- There will not be an official nursery, with people there to watch children. Nursery will remain open in case a diaper needs to be changed, or to serve as a cry room if needed.
- Bathrooms are available. Again, please follow CDC guidelines about good hygiene.
- No offering plate will be passed during the worship service, but offering boxes will be available by the sanctuary doors in which you may place your gifts. Again, online giving continues to remain an option.
- Following the service, there will be no coffee or snack time. You are encouraged to NOT linger in the narthex, wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DeMOTTE CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL PRE-SCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN SIGN UPS

Beginning January 4, DeMotte Christian School will accept sign-ups for the 2021-2022 Pre-School and Kindergarten classes. Space is limited; all new families to the school will need to complete an application (available online at www.demottechristianschools.org). Call 219-987-3721 and leave your child's name, DOB, and class. We will record them in the order they were left and call you with confirmation.

For 3-Year-Old Pre-School (T/Th-am), your child must be 3 years old by August 1, 2021.

For 4-Year-Old Pre-School (M/W/F-am or M/W/F-pm), child must be 4 years old by August 1, 2021.

For Kindergarten (1/2 day or Full Day), your child must be 5 years old by August 1, 2021.

DMCS Important Dates:

Dec 21-Jan 3: Christmas Break

January 4: Students Return

January 4: PS(3), PS(4) and Kindergarten Sign Ups Begin

January 5: DMCS Board Meeting

January 5-19: "Bags for Bucks" Fundraiser