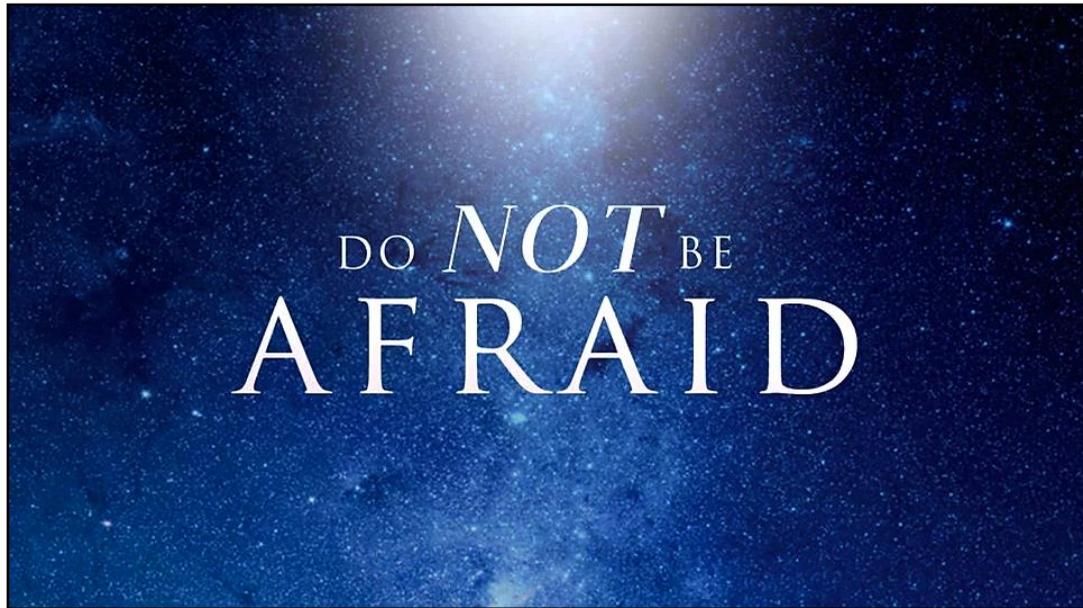


Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2020



Luke 1:5-25

“The Fear of Disappointment”

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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We welcome you to worship on this second Sunday in Advent as we prepare our hearts and focus on the coming, the presence, and return of Jesus. Our series this year is: **Do NOT Be Afraid**. This morning Pastor Rick will be preaching from Luke 1:15-25, on the “Fear of Disappointment”. This afternoon, Don Jabaay will be leading our church family in worship: “The Prince of Peace”.

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting: We Light the Candle of Love – Dunham Family
Please Stand as we sing: “Joy to the World”

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

We rejoice in the hope of Christ’s coming.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

God’s Greeting

Continued Praise

- “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
- “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Prayer of Confession

Scripture

Song: “What Child Is This”

Prayers of the People

Scripture: Luke 1:5–25

Message: “The Fear of Disappointment”

Please Stand for our Sending Litany

God’s Blessing

Closing Song: “Shine On Us”

SERVING TODAY

Piano

Usher AM:

Media Shout

Offering

December 6

Amy Dekker

Jr. Dahm

Ryan Schaafsma

Ministries of Bethel and DMCS Inc.



“SHOW ME JESUS” Sunday School and Catechism will meet today and Sunday School will practice for the Candlelight Service. Pick up is at 11:45am. **Catechism** for all 8th – 12th graders will meet with Pastor Rick. All students and teachers are asked to wear a face mask.

5:00 p.m. SERVICE
Pastor Don Jabaay

Welcome

Please Stand for our Opening Song: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
Opening Prayer

We Continue in Praise

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Time of Prayer led by Worship Leader

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

Text: Isaiah 9:6

Message: The Messiah - “The Prince of Peace”

Prayer

Followed by Song from the Messiah – “For unto Us a Child Is Born”

Please Stand for God’s Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “How Majestic Is Your Name”

SERVING NEXT WEEK December 13 (pm Candlelight Service)

Piano Amy Dekker
Usher AM: Jr. Dahm
Media Shout Katie Eenigenburg
Offering Ministries of Bethel and Lift Project

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!

CHURCH FAMILY: please be in prayer for:

- Brenda and Pastor Rick as they mourn the loss of Brenda’s father Egbert Beenen, who passed away last Saturday morning. The funeral was held this past Friday in Michigan. We thank God for the comfort we have in the risen Christ!
- Elmer VanderMolen
- Thank you so very much for the prayers and cards in the passing of Brother Ron. It was very much appreciated. Al and Mary DeVries

AGENDA & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday 10:40am Sunday School/Catechism
6:15pm YPS Meets at First CRC
Tuesday 7:00pm Council
Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Annual Candlelight/Sunday School Program – “Celebrate the Gift” will be held on Sunday, December 13th during the 5pm Service. We look forward to celebrating the gift of Jesus’ birth together!

YPS meets tonight at 6:15 at First CRC

COUNCIL will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Newly elected council members are encouraged to join us as we will be electing new officers for the coming year.

COFFEE BREAK meets on Wednesday’s at 9:30am. We will continue our study on the book of Esther. Nursery is available. We meet in the large hall downstairs to better comply with social distancing and please wear a face mask.

JR. CADET LEADER: We are in need of someone to help out with the Cadets and serve as a Jr. Cadet counselor. If you are interested, please contact Dan Walstra, as soon as you can. Thank you.

Our congregation is in charge of the **SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BELL RINGING** at Tysens, for Friday, December 18. A **sign-up sheet** is on the round table. Please consider signing up for an hour time slot. The money that’s collected in the Salvation Army red buckets is used in Jasper County and in our community as well!

LIBRARY NEWS: 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.

Dear Bethel Family - we are so grateful and blessed by your thoughtful birthday greetings that were sent to Dennis. We were able to spend about a half hour this past Monday watching Dennis open his cards and he held up each one for us to see. He was excited as he opened them and one of the staff read each one to him. We were bundled up in blankets sitting in lawn chairs outside of a sliding door on the south side of Tibstra House. We sang Happy Birthday to him as the staff cut a piece of birthday cake for Dennis and also for us. Despite the cold, masks and social distancing we had a wonderful visit with him. Thank you for your outpouring of love for our son - we know he was blessed by all the cards and we can’t thank you enough for your support and compassion.

Please keep Elim and Bethshan in your prayers as they care for each of the residents in their facilities. They are doing a wonderful job in making sure our loved ones are getting the best care possible while sometimes being under-staffed due to COVID and following all the guidelines from the State of Illinois. This has been a 24 / 7 job for them since the beginning of March. We are so blessed to have both of these Christian organizations in what we call “our backyard”.

Thank you Bethel Family - Your Christian Love is showing and what a blessing it is! Matthew 18: 5
Dave and Barb Werblo

We welcome anyone who might be visiting with us here 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.
- In light of the Mask Mandate by Governor Holcomb, 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

CCHS PREVIEW NIGHT (Monday, December 7) We are excited to welcome families to our upcoming Preview Night! This is a great way to take a closer look at what Covenant Christian High School has to offer. We are also welcoming 6-8th grade students to participate in Preview Night. CCHS teachers have planned activities for each classroom. Sign ups start at 6:30 pm, sessions start promptly at 7, ending around 8:30. Please check our Preview Night event on our school’s facebook event page!

Covenant Christian High School Winter Band Concert will be December 15 at 7pm. Come and celebrate the musical talents of our students! There will be a mixture of Christmas and other music, and everyone is welcome to join us. (Face coverings are required unless medically excluded).

DMCS Important Dates:

December 7: Preview Night @ Covenant Christian High School
December 18: End Quarter 2
Dec 21-Jan 3: Christmas Break
January 4: Students Return
January 4: PS(3), PS(4) and Kindergarten Sign Ups Begin

SERMON NOTES

9:30 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25

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5:00 p.m. Service

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