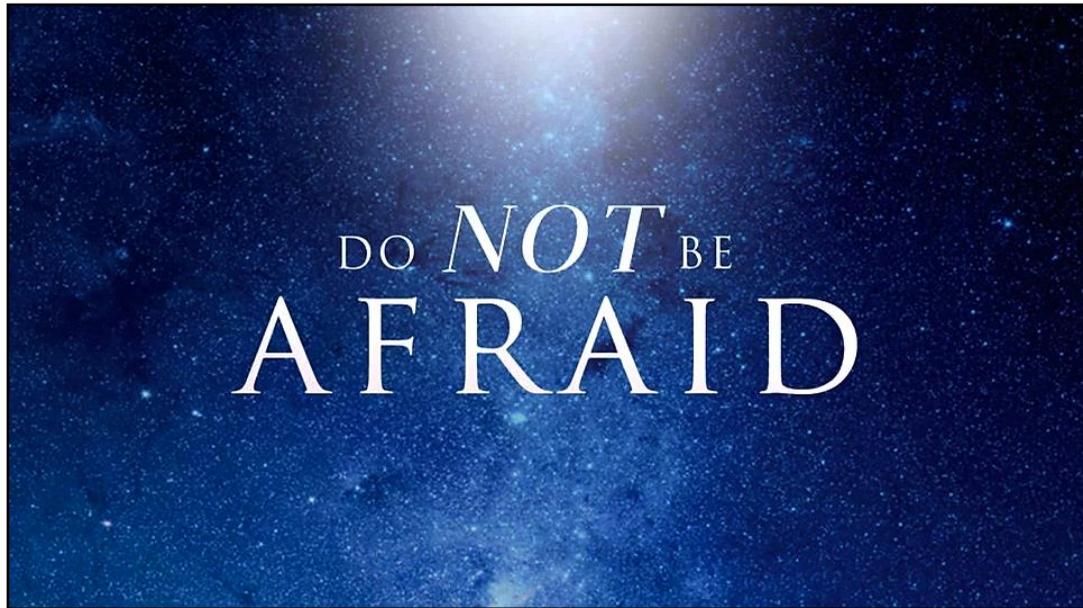


First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2020



Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 23, John 10:11-21

**The Antidote to Fear
“Knowing Jesus as Our Good Shepherd”**

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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Welcome to Bethel Church on this first Sunday of Advent. Our Advent series this year is “Do NOT Be Afraid” Today we will look at “The Antidote to Fear” as Pastor Dan Bloesch leads us in our morning worship. At our 5pm Service we welcome Pastor Don Jabaay who will preach from Isaiah 40:5 – “The Glory of the Lord”

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome – Worship leader

We light the candle of Hope – Daniel Bakker & Kaitlynn De Young

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming – Lisa Zylstra vs.1-2 Congregation join on vs. 3

Responsive Reading – We Wait and We Hope – Led by Praise Team

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.

We wait and we hope.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

We wait and we hope.

Glory to God the Father, to Jesus the Messiah, and to the Holy Spirit.

We wait and we hope. Amen.

God’s Greeting – Rev. Bloesch

Please Stand as We Continue with Songs of Praise

“Here I Am to Worship”

“In Christ Alone” vs.1,2,4

Prayer of Confession – Led by Rev. Bloesch

Brief Silence followed by Conclusion of Prayer

Assurance of Pardon – Worship Leader

Prayers of God’s People – Worship Leader

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 23, John 10:11-21

Message : “The Antidote to Fear: Knowing Jesus as Our Good Shepherd”

Prayer of Response – Pastor Bloesch

Parting Blessing – Pastor Bloesch:

Closing Song: “Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem”

SERVING TODAY

Piano

Usher AM:

Media Shout

Offering

November 29

Dan Zylstra

Jon Dekker

Scott VanVlymen

Ministries of Bethel and Tuition Assistance

5:00 p.m. SERVICE

Welcome

Call to Worship: Leader: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder,
And His name will be called.

**Everyone: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Opening Songs: "Let's Worship & Adore Him"
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Opening Prayer

We Continue in Praise

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"
"Away in a Manger"

Time of Prayer led by Russ VanderMolen

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-8 Text: Isaiah 40:5
Message: The Messiah - "The Glory of the Lord"
Prayer

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: "We Will Glorify"

SERVING NEXT WEEK December 6

Piano Amy Dekker
Usher AM: Jr. Dahm
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!

CHURCH FAMILY: please be in prayer for:

- Elmer VanderMolen
- Suzy VanSchouwen (hip surgery),
- Safe travels for Pastor Rick and Brenda as they return from visiting family in Vermont.
- Will and Bailee Jansma as Bailee's grandpa, Bruce Ahrens, passed away this week. Please pray for all who mourn his loss.
- Prayers for God's grace and wisdom for Brenda's parents, Egbert and Deeny, and all their family, as they go through this time of waiting and watching as Brenda's dad's health slips away. He is at home in Michigan on hospice care.

AGENDA & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday 10:40am Sunday School/Catechism will NOT meet today
Wednesday 9:30am Coffee Break

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Catechism will NOT meet today! See you all back next Sunday!

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.

Bethel Church, The Good Neighbor Food Pantry wants to thank everyone for their continued generous support with monetary and food donations during the pandemic. We truly have a community and church that volunteers, donates and aids the pantry in many ways. We continue to see a need with regular and new clients and accept food and monetary donations to help these families and seniors. We also thank the newspaper for publishing our information every week. Our ad located in the paper provides the location, address, hours, requirements and pantry phone number.

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

DMCS FALL SUPPER (Tuesday, December 1)

We are excited to again welcome the chicken bus, along with its famous broasted chicken, potatoes, rolls, and coleslaw, plus our own desserts! This year for the first time ever, it will be a drive-up, take-out style meal, served safely on Tuesday, December 1, from 5-7pm in front of Covenant Christian High School. Please check out the DMCS Facebook event page for more information!

Reminder: Poinsettia, Wreath, and Garland Pick Up If you supported a DMC 7th or 8th grader during their fundraiser, you may pick up your poinsettia, wreath, or garland at DeMotte Christian Grade School (219-987-3721) December 2-4, between 8:15am-3:15pm. Thank you again for your support!

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 out our Preview Night event on our school's facebook event page!

DMCS Important Dates:

December 1: DMCS Fall Chicken Bus Supper @ CCHS-5-7pm
December 1: DMCS Board Meeting at 7:00pm
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.

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