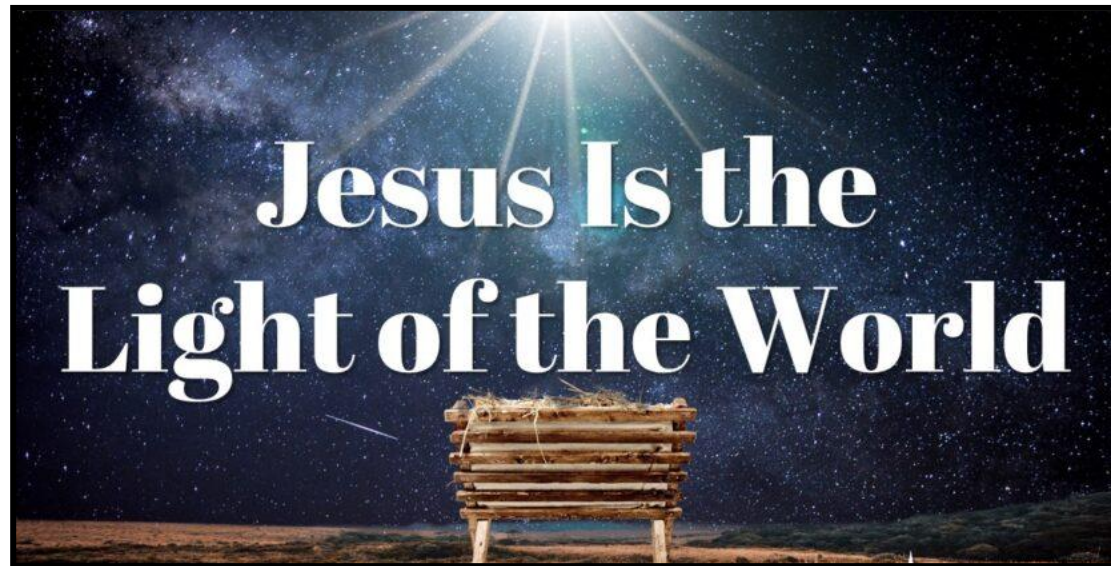


Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



Bethel Christian Reformed Church

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WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP whether in person or online. We welcome any visitors who have chosen to join us! Please take a welcome mug from the table in the back of church.

Today marks the second Sunday in the Advent season. We will focus our Advent this year on **Jesus – the light of the world** as we anticipate Christmas and the promise of the coming Christ Child. We long for the light to grow –we long for God to restore and forgive us.

This morning Mr. Joel Trinidad looks at Luke 2:1-7 – “Who is our Savior Jesus Christ?” Come find the light!

Next week Pastor Laryn Zoerhof will lead our morning worship from Galatians 4:1-7 “God sent his son – the Light of the World.” Come find peace through the light!

The children are dismissed for **CHILDREN’S CHURCH** after our time of praise. Please go to the foyer where your teachers will meet you. Children turning 4 years old by Jan. 1st are welcome along with any children parents feel would benefit from this opportunity. Visitors welcome!



Christmas Family Fun Night! **THIS** Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. There will be pizza, Bingo and prizes for everyone! All you need to bring is your appetite and a wrapped White Elephant gift labeled for each woman, man or child in your family attending. Be sure to **sign-up** so we know how many to plan on. Hope to see you all there for another great Family Fun Night, you won’t want to miss it!

Bethel has made the decision to extend a call to **Pastor Jeremy Oosterhouse**. We invite you to send them an encouraging note as they seek God’s guidance and leading. His email is joosterhouse@gmail.com and Rachel’s is rachel.ooms@gmail.com There address to send snail mail: 12606 S. Menard Ave, Alsip IL 60803. Lift them up in prayer along with Bethel as we seek God’s will. We ask for the Lord’s leading.

We will be having a 9:30 am service here at Bethel each week – **Jesus is the Light of the World!** Here is a schedule of opportunities to join with First CRC for their 5pm worship time.

Dec. 10: Sunday School Christmas Program
Dec. 17: Candlelight Service and Christmas Dinner
Dec. 24: No PM Service
Christmas Day: Combined Service at First CRC @ 9:30 AM
Dec. 31: No PM Service

CHURCH FAMILY: PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

- Carollyn B has her final outpatient procedure scheduled for this week Tuesday, We thank God for his healing for her.
- Henry D., Andy & Cheryl, Barb E, Rich K, Ted & Donna, Ruth DV, Carolyn VV
- Rachel B. had successful surgery. We praise God for the good reports of no cancer. Thanks for all the prayers.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery: AM	December 10 Steph and James
Children’s Leaders	Sandy & Linda
Piano:	Amy
Usher	Steve
Greeters	Rich & Mary(E), Ron & Sue(S).
Media Shout	Katie
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Roseland Christian Ministries

You can continue to give online at www.bethelcrcdemotte.org. Thank you!

THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES

Wednesday	6:00pm Family Fun Night!
	6:15pm Cadets Gym Night at DMCS

MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Please remain seated for our Opening Song:

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” 4 vs.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

In the faintest glimmers of dawning light, we wait for God’s bright glory.

People: We are waiting for the light to grow—waiting for God to restore and forgive us.

Leader: As the light grows in our lives, we remember how God has cared for us, and we remember the words of the psalmist: (from Psalm 85)

Leader: The candle we light today recalls the light of God’s promised salvation. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

We Light the second Advent Candle!

People: We are weary of this broken world, and long for the light to grow—we long for God to restore and forgive us.

Remain seated as we sing: “Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land” vs. 3

*Please Stand for God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*We Continue in Praise:

“Jesus, the Light of the World”.

“Emmanuel” (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Please Be Seated

Children are dismissed for Children’s Worship

Offering will be received for Ministries of Bethel and Roseland Christian Ministries

Morning Prayers

Scripture: Luke 2: 1-7 (pg. 1590) Lord’s Day 11

Sermon: **“Who is Our Savior Jesus Christ?”**

Parting Blessing

Closing Song: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” 4 vs.

SERVING NEXT WEEK December 17

Nursery: AM	Amy and Lyndsy
Children’s Leaders	Mary Brown and Lyndsy
Piano:	Marla
Usher	Steve
Greeters	Rich & Mary(E), Ron & Sue(S).
Media Shout	Scott
Offering	Ministries of Bethel and Rehoboth Christian School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a **NEW SNACK SIGN-UP SHEET** on the round table. If you had already signed up for December, please re-sign the sheet. The previous sign-up sheet inadvertently was misplaced. Thank you to all who supplied us with snacks each Sunday morning to go with our coffee/tea in 2023. You are all very much appreciated.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

- 1.) The Education Team is looking for a few more people who would be willing to be a **CHILDREN’S WORSHIP TEACHER OR HELPER**. We try to schedule everyone once every 4 to 6 weeks. If interested or want more information, please talk to Dianne DeVries or Mary Buitter.
- 2.) We are greatly in need of a volunteer to serve one Sunday service a month in **SOUND & LIVE-STREAM** and also a volunteer to serve one Sunday service a month on **MEDIA-SHOUT** starting in January. It’s not hard to do, we will show you how. Great opportunity to serve the Lord in Worship. Contact Gary. Thanks

On Wednesday, December 13th from 6-8pm, Anew Ministries is hosting a Momma's Christmas Market at First Church in Hebron. This event will provide a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Jesus to young mommas in this area. Each young mother will get to shop, purchase, and wrap her own gifts for her child, giving her the dignity of being a part of providing Christmas for her child. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or purchasing toys for this event, please visit anewministries.org for more information!

You're invited to a special **CHRISTMAS CAROL NIGHT at American Reformed Church** on Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 P.M. This will be a festive night of singing along to your favorite Christmas songs while enjoying hot cocoa and cookies! You won't want to miss it! The Christmas Carol Night will be at American Reformed Church: 1021 S. Halleck St., DeMotte, IN (Across from DeMotte Elementary School). We can't wait to see you there!

Coming to our area: **December 17 at 6pm** at Calvary Assembly’s sanctuary Is a **“HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” Virtual Christmas concert featuring Chris Tomlin**. This is a “Watch” party, where we will enjoy a “sugar bar” (treats) and sounds of the joyous season. Grab your friends and family and come sing along to your favorite Christmas Classics. It is a free event sponsored by Thrivent Financial. Questions see Donna Martin 219-743-4366