

WORSHIP SERVICES
AUSTINVILLE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Pott

Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Scripture: 1 Sam. 16:6-13 & Luke 2:1-7
Title: **Places Where God Comes**
Songs: 64, 67, 87, words on screen
Advent Reading: Luke 1:11-25

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-5 & Mark 1:1-8
Title: **The Voice in the Wilderness**
Songs: 137, 116, 965
Declaration of Faith: Belgic Conf. Art. 10

Today

Nursery: Martha
Greeter: Alex and Marina
Song Leader: Dennis

Next Sunday

Nursery: Cindy
Greeters: Lee and Elaine
Song Leader: Liz

Welcome to all who have joined us for worship. We pray God's blessing on the Word that is spoken. After the morning service, all are invited downstairs for coffee and fellowship time.

Thank you to Grace Barter for providing piano accompaniment for both services today.

Our special offering and Sunday school offering will be for the Ackley Youth Center. Next week our special offering will be for the Back to God International Ministry Share.

The Choir will practice today for our Christmas Eve program. Please meet upstairs after Sunday school. We need voices for a beautiful song that will be sung at the conclusion of our candlelight service.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 9:00 to 9:15 a.m. - Prayer Time in the Council Room

Sunday, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Student Connection 180 High School Group

Wednesday, 6:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Group will meet at Lee Neymeyer's home

Wednesday, 6:20 to 8:00 p.m. – AWANA (Early Herd 3:30-5:30 & Herd 6-8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **There will be a Congregational Meeting** this Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. The following men have been placed in nomination for Council: For Elder, Harold De Vries and Leo Van Wyk; For Deacon, Cody Cummings and Michael Janssen. We pray for God's will in this election process.
- **Austinville Historical Society Christmas Open House** will be this Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the historical building.
- **Timothy Christian School Cookie Walk** is this Friday, Dec. 7 from 8:30-11am at the United Reformed Church in Wellsburg (608 S. Adams). Complimentary homemade coffee cake and hot cider or coffee will be served. Clay angel ornaments made by the art students will also be available for purchase. To place an order for delivery in the area, please call 641-869-3679 on Thursday, December 6 before 3 pm.
- **Our Operation Christmas Child** date to go to Minneapolis is one week from Monday on December 10. Have you OCC Gift Boxes to the church no later than Sunday, December 9.
- **Our church Christmas Party will be held on January 19** in order to include Norm and Jasmine Underland. More details will follow after the first of the year.
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- **Eunice Bolhuis** had acupuncture treatments last Monday and Friday. She will need to go several more times to determine if these treatments are helping.
- **Nellie Harken** was taken to Allen Hospital yesterday with labored breathing and fluid around her heart. She will remain in the hospital a few days as they adjust her medications.

Below are the words to our morning closing hymn for the weeks of Advent:

To the tune of “Angels We Have Heard on High.”

Praise to God the Father sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,

Praise to God the Spirit be, ever and eternally.

Gloria, in Excelsis Deo! Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!

Words by St. Ambrose