

**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**AUSTINVILLE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**December 9, 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Pott**

**Morning Service 9:30 a.m.**

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-23 & 3:21-24

Title: **Places Where God Comes: Eden**

Songs: 60, 109, 56, words on screen

Advent Reading: Luke 1:26-38

**Evening Service 6:00 p.m.**

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-31

Title: **Getting Ready**

Songs: 449, 59, 965

Declaration of Faith: Nicene Creed, pg.16

**Today**

Nursery: Cindy

Greeters: Lee and Elaine

Song Leader: Liz

**Next Sunday**

Nursery: Melanie

Greeters: Todd and Liz

Song Leader: Doyle

**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 Martha Karsjens for providing special music this morning.

**Our special offering** will be for the Back to God International Ministry Share. Next week our special offering will be for Timothy Christian School.

**The Choir will practice today** after Sunday school. There will be no Sunday school the next two weeks, Dec. 16 and 23. Christmas Program practice for all ages will be from 11:00 – 11:45 on those two Sundays.

**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)

**Thursday, 7:00 p.m.** – Ladies Bible Study, lesson 3 – Janna has lunch

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **At our Congregational Meeting** this past Monday, Leo Van Wyk was selected as Elder and Cody Cummings was selected as Deacon. We thank Larry Harken and Rick Gibson for their service as they go off the council. The 2019 budget was also approved.
- **Our Operation Christmas Child Team** leaves tomorrow morning. See Melanie for time and details. Thank you to all who are helping tomorrow and to all who donated Christmas boxes.
- **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.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

- **Daryl and Irene De Vries** would like to thank Pastor Frank and the congregation for all the prayers, visits and cards during the past few weeks. We praise God for his healing hand and covet your continued prayers.
- **Nellie Harken** came home from the hospital on Monday without needing oxygen. There have been some medicine adjustments. Nellie is doing well and thanks the congregation for prayers.

- **Larry Harken** is having cataract surgery on Wednesday.
- **Celia Harken** is having surgery on her left hand on Thursday.
- **Elias Moore**, grandson of Dan and Kim Abbas, is scheduled for surgery on December 11 for his lip and nose and to also put in a feeding tube port. Please pray that Elias will remain free of sickness so the surgery can take place.
- **Jasmine and Baby Girl Underland** – Please continue to pray for health and strength for mother and baby and also for the entire Underland family.

**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