

WORSHIP SERVICES
AUSTINVILLE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Pott

Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23
Title: **Silent Man of Christmas**
Songs: 56, 61, 88, words on screen
Advent Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7
Title: **Light in Darkness**
Songs: 124, 136, 122
Declaration of Faith: Blue Book #117

Today

Nursery: Phyllis
Greeter: Arnold
Song Leader: Carolyn

Next Sunday

Nursery: Britney
Greeters: Dale, Phyllis and Marcia
Song Leader: Janna

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.

Our special offering will be for the Maintenance Fund. Next week our special offering will be for Memorial Park Cemetery. Our Christmas Day Benevolent Fund offering will be for Pam Dohrn.

Christmas program practice today for everyone at 11:00.

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Program

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – Christmas Day service

Wednesday, 6:30 a.m. – NO MENS' PRAYER GROUP THIS WEEK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congratulations to the Underlands** in the birth of Adalynn Elise yesterday afternoon. Mother and baby are doing well and we praise God for new life and pray that all will go well as the family prepares to move.
- **Please Pray for our Christmas Program.** Last Sunday night, invitations along with Goodie Bags were delivered to every home in Austinville. We have been praying for our neighbors that the Light of Christmas will touch hearts. We pray that all will feel welcome to attend our Christmas celebration.
- **From Pastor Frank and Betty:** Christmas is just around the corner, and 2019 is not that far behind. Betty and I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. In this season of Advent and celebration we cannot help but acknowledge the fact that you as a congregation have been a great blessing to us. You have supported and prayed for us in our ministry, not a service has gone by in which you have not given us words of encouragement, and we thank you. You have also supported us in the time of my brother George's death and upheld us in prayer. Now, just one more month and, the Lord Willing, I will again kind of retire, and Austinville CRC will once again have her own pastor. Our greatest prayer and wish is that you support, bless and encourage him and his family as you have supported, blessed and encouraged us. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED 2019!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- **Elsie De Vries** has been placed in Comfort Care at Grand JiVante in Ackley. She is in Room 10. Visitors are welcome.
- **Daryl De Vries** was able to return home from the hospital this week.

UPCOMING DATES

- December 30 – Old Year Service at 6:00 p.m.
- January 6 – Installation of new Council members during morning service

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2018

- **Beginning Balance** 11-1-18: \$6,974.09 Receipts: \$9,477.01
- Distributions: \$3,302.16 **Balance** 11-30-18: \$13,148.94
- **Special Offerings**
- Hope Haven: \$224.00
- Campus Ministry Share: \$238.00
- Timothy Christian School: \$348.00
- Thanksgiving Offering for World Renew: \$895.00

Words to Morning Doxology:

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!