

Sunday December 2, 2018
1st Sunday of Advent
We welcome all who worship with us today

Prayer Needs:

- God's blessing on the preached Word today, may we all experience the saving grace of the Advent Saviour.
- For the suffering among us, those sorrowing the loss of loved ones, those with afflictions of the body, mind and spirit, the lonely and the elderly.
- For revival of God's work in our country, for uprightness among our leaders.
- For the repentance and full restoration of those who have been placed under the first step of church discipline.
- Thanksgiving for the harvest and for safety for our farmers.
- Blessings on our annual gathering this week to commemorate Christmas with fellowship, a meal and singing songs to glorify God.
- Our widows, widower and the lonely, who keenly feel the loss of loved ones during the Advent and Christmas season.

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"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold you God! Isaiah 40: 9

Announcements:

Today: Pastor Elshout serves. Coffee & fellowship following the morning service. Catechism, Sunday School and the Adult Class @ 11:20 am.

1st Offering: General Fund 2nd Offering: PRTS

Next Lord's Day: Pastor Elshout serves. 2nd Offering: HRC Mission

Wednesday: Church Family Evening at Hope Haven at 6:50 pm. Adult Bible Study will discuss chapter 14 in "Glory Veiled and Unveiled".

Friday: Christmas Soup Supper & Singalong, will be held at the *Hull Community Center* this Friday, December 7, @ 6:30 pm. See the sign up in the narthex for food. Feel free to invite other family members and friends!

Practice: Young people and kids who are singing at the Soup Supper please gather in the sanctuary today before Catechism to practice the songs.

Thank You, *Soup Supper Committee*

Concert: Organist Pieter Heikoop from Yerseke, the Netherlands, will play an evening of Psalter music and singing at the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University, Monday, December 17 at 7:30 PM. An offering will be taken for "Ezra for Israel" and their mission work in Israel

December:

Sunday 2nd: First Sunday of the Advent Season

Wednesday 5th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

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Friday 7th: Christmas Soup Supper and Singalong, see note

Tuesday 11th: Consistory Meeting at church at 7:0 pm

Wednesday 12th: Ladies Bible study, same place and time

Thursday 13th: Singing @ *Royale Meadows*, Sioux Center at 6:30pm/**note date change**

Sunday 16th: Lord's Supper, morning worship service

Tuesday 25th: Christmas Day, morning worship service at 9:30 am

Monday 31st: New Year's Eve, evening worship service at 7:00 pm

January:

Wednesday 2nd: Church Family Evening, Hope Haven at 6:50 pm

Wednesday 16th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 23rd: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Wednesday 30th: Ladies' Bible Study, same place and time

Members and friends with ongoing needs:

Nellie Fintelman George & Chris Vonk Wilma Koedam

Senior Birthday:

Dick Bleyenberg, 80 years on December 8

Birthdays:

December 6: Caleb Zomer

December 8: Ryan Groeneweg

Greeters:

December 2: Pete and Linda Van Beek

December 9: John and Barb Groeneweg

Lunch Schedule:

December 2: Clarice E., and Amber Z.

December 9: Heather VGH and Julie P.

Nursery Schedule:

December 2: Morning: Lexi D. and Haley VV

Evening: Misty D. and Alexa Z.

December 9: Morning: Marilyn G. and Brynlie Z.

Evening: Amanda G. and Ava Z.

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~All the LORD willing~

“ . . . *be zealous*” *Revelation 3:19*

If you would see souls converted, if you would hear the cry that “*the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord;*” if you would place crowns upon the head of the Saviour, and his throne lifted high, then be filled with zeal. For, under God, the way of the world’s conversion must be by the zeal of the church. Every grace shall do exploits, but this shall be first; prudence, knowledge, patience, and courage will follow in their places, but zeal must lead the van.

It is not the extent of your knowledge, though that is useful; it is not the extent of your talent, though that is not to be despised; it is your zeal that shall do great exploits. This zeal is the fruit of the Holy Spirit: it draws its vital force from the continued operations of the Holy Ghost in the soul. If our inner life dwindles, if our heart beats slowly before God, we shall not know zeal; but if all be strong and vigorous within, then we cannot but feel a loving anxiety to see the kingdom of Christ come, and his will done on earth, even as it is in heaven.

A deep sense of gratitude will nourish Christian zeal. Looking to the hole of the pit whence we were digged, we find abundant reason why we should spend and be spent for God. And zeal is also stimulated by the thought of the eternal future. It looks with tearful eyes down to the flames of hell, and it cannot slumber: it looks up with anxious gaze to the glories of heaven, and it cannot but bestir itself. It feels that time is short compared with the work to be done, and therefore it devotes all that it has to the cause of its Lord.

And it is ever strengthened by the remembrance of Christ’s example. He was clothed with zeal as with a cloak. How swift the chariot-wheels of duty went with him! He knew no loitering by the way. Let us prove that we are his disciples by manifesting the same spirit of zeal.
C. H. Surgeon

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“To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.” Psalm 63:2

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