

First Christian Reformed Church Oskaloosa, IA

Sunday, December 21, 2025 ~ 9:30 A.M. ~ Pastor Jon Spronk
Morning Worship and Sunday School Program

We warmly welcome all those who are worshipping with us today.
May we be blessed as we worship the Lord together.

SERVICE NOTES

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent.

This morning our Sunday School Christmas Program will be part of the service. The offering taken will be going to The Growing Place (via Love, INC).

Instead of a PM Service this evening we will be Caroling in the community. We plan on meeting at church at 4:50 p.m. and beginning our Caroling at select destinations around 5:15 and finishing at church by 6:30 p.m.

Our Christmas Day worship service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 a.m. Our offering will be for the Ecumenical Food Cupboard.

BLESSINGS & CONCERNS

Natalie Boender (of BJ & Cassia) underwent back surgery on Wednesday. Everything went well and they were hoping to come home on Friday.

Please keep the following members who are in Nursing Homes, Care Centers or Homebound in your prayers:

~ **Bert & Elaine Bandstra and Marion & Dorothy Vos** (Homestead)

~ **Elizabeth Boender** (Oskey C.C.)

~ **Jim** (Fairhaven East, Pella) & **Marilyn Brummel** (The Cottages, Pella)

~ **Betty Huyser & Mary Ann Van Kooten** (Homebound)

~ **Ken Slagter & Keitha Troxel** (Northern Mahaska)

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Loren Van Kooten and the extended family** following the death of Loren's wife, JoDee, on Dec. 14. Her funeral was held Thursday morning in our church. May God comfort them all with His Word & Spirit.

CALLED TO WORSHIP

*All who are able are asked to stand.

Prelude: Kahlan Kamp, Maggie McMahan

Welcome by 3- & 4-Year Olds:

*"Christmas Bells", "Away in a Manger",
"Go, Tell It On the Mountain" & "We Wish You A Merry Christmas"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

CALLED TO RESPOND

*Songs of Praise: *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* #143:1, 4(R)

"Once in Royal David's City" LUYH #87:1, 2, 5

led by the Praise Team of Deacon Hughes, Caroline Jabaay,

Kahlan Kamp, Maggie McMahan & Daxton Roozeboom

Advent Candle Reading

Advent Hymn: *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* LUYH #98:1-3

Congregational Prayer

CALLED TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation: *"Christ, the True and Better"*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-17, pg. 480

Luke 1:30-33, pg. 1588

Message: **"CHRIST: THE NEW DAVID"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* LUYH #61:1, 5
(K-8th Grade Sunday School students
please exit to get ready for the program.)

CALLED TO GRATITUDE

Offering: The Growing Place (via Love, INC)

Prayer of Thanks

CALLED TO WONDER

“The Light Has Come”

by the K-8th Sunday School Classes

*Opening Song: *“What Child is This”* LUYH #95:1-3
All students and the congregation
(K – 8th Grade Sunday School students will come forward during the singing of this song.)

Welcome Peyton Veenstra
Opening Prayer Nora De Groot

Mary & Joseph Travel

Narration Caroline Jabaay & Nick Spronk
“Breath of Heaven” 5th -8th Girls

The Shepherds Hear the Good News

Narration Jared Roberts, Allie Veenstra & Wyatt De Ronde
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” K-8th Choir

The Angel’s Message

Narration Pippa De Ronde, Clara Brink, Deacon Hughes,
Allison Veenstra & Kwynn De Bruin
“Away in a Manger” K-4th Choir
Narration Sydnie Boender, Bexley Pierson & Everly Pierson
Special Music: *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* 5th -8th Boys & the
men of the Congregation

Narration Maggie McMahan
“Silent Night! Holy Night!” K-8th Choir

Closing Prayer Kahlan Kamp

CLOSING

*Thanks and Parting Blessing Pastor Spronk
*Congregational Song: *“Joy to the World”* LUYH #92:1-4
All students and the congregation

*As the song begins, the children will leave
the sanctuary for the Fellowship Hall.*

*Postlude

*After the service, children of all ages
are invited to the Fellowship Hall for treats ☺*

Christmas Program Committee:

Kelly Pierson
Tiffany
Roozeboom
Keri Spronk
Lyndsay Veenstra

Service Pianist:

Keri Spronk

Service Organist:

Gloria De Bruin

ACTS OF SERVICE **SOUND SYSTEM**

DEC. 21 – Mitchel V DEC. 28 – Sherwin P

LIVE STREAM

DEC. 21 – Doug DB DEC. 28 – Natalie P

PROJECTION

1stCRCprojection@gmail.com

DEC. 21 – Saif G DEC. 28 – Kristin P

**this is the
season**



**this is the
reason**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY:

9:00a Prayer Group Meets
9:30a Morning Worship Service
10:45a Fellowship Time
10:45a **NO** Sunday School
4:50 Caroling
6:00 **NO** Evening Service

M, T, W, F:

9-11:30a Office Open

TUESDAY:

12:00 Christmas Bulletin Deadline – firstercosky@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY:

12:00 Regular Sunday Bulletin
& Supplement Deadline – firstercosky@gmail.com

THURSDAY:

9:30a Christmas Day Service
Office Closed – Merry Christmas Everyone!

SUNDAY: (28th)

9:00a Prayer Group Meets
9:30a Morning Worship Service

NURSERY

12/21 AM – Deb B
Elijah B
Taylor H
12/28 AM – Erica DB
Natalie B
Daxton R

CHRISTMAS DAY

ACCOMPANISTS: Gloria DB & Shirley VD
OFFERING: Ecumenical Cupboard
SOUND: Rich DB
LIVESTREAM: Finn S
PROJECTION: Lisa DB
NURSERY: Bethany DB (K), Aubrey K,
Malaki B

NEXT SUNDAY – Dec. 28

AM ACCOMPANISTS: Gloria DB & Shirley VD
PM ORGANIST: Ruth DB
STUDENT PIANIST: None
OFFERINGS: Samaritan's Purse & Missionary Support