

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



Lord's Day 50



December 15 2013 3rd Sunday of Advent **9:30 am**

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP GOD

Preparation for praise and worship of our God

Prelude.....Music

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

*Opening Song of Worship

.....PH328:1,2,4,6 O Come O Come Immanuel

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Prayers of Adoration

*Greeting one another with the peace of Jesus the Christ

*Songs of Praise

.....Glory to God in the Highest

.....Jesus Thank You

Advent Prayer of Love

Ministry of Music.....The Gospel Song

Baptism of Caleb Veldhuizen

(Bethany Kids: ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Children's Church)

✠ REPENTANCE AND PRAISE

Preparatory for Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer of God's People

The Lord's Tithe and our Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany and the CRC

2. Shalom Manor

✠ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer that our hearts may be opened to the Word of God

Scripture: Romans 13:6-14

Message.....Pastor John Zantingh

"Expect Spiritual Growth"

Prayer of blessing on the message

✠ WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

*Hymn of Response

.....PH331 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

*Closing Prayer, blessing and sending out

*Closing songs of thankfulness

.....My Friends May You Grow in Grace

✠ WE LEAVE TO SERVE WITH CONFIDENCE

*Postlude..... Music

[* Please stand if you are able]

Welcome to those who are visiting today. Please take the time to fill out the Visitor Prayer Card. ☺

Bethany is part of a denomination called the Christian Reformed Church in North America ☺

Prayer Request? Please fill in the card found in front of you in the pew, and place in the offering bag.

Please join us after the *Service of Word* for fellowship & coffee in the fellowship hall.

Child-care is available for both infants and toddlers located in the lower level of the church.

Invite you to join the prayer team before the service at 8:30am. They gather in Sunday School Rm#3 interceding for God's people, as God's people gather to worship in Spirit & in Truth.

Missed a sermon? Like to catch up? ... sermons are available on the website for you to listen to.

LARGE print bulletins available - ask Denise if you would like one and she will print weekly!

📞 need some help hearing? Ask one of the ushers for a hearing aid ☺.

This LORD's Day

9:00am Prayer time in the Fireside Room

9:30am Worship Celebration

The LORD's Week

Mon. 7:00pm GEMS

Tues. 7:00pm Catechism grades 9-12

Thurs. 6:00am Men's Bible Study

7:00pm Cadets – please see Bugle for important details for this evening.

Next LORD's Day

8:30am Prayer Time downstairs in Sunday School Rm#3

9:30am Worship Celebration – Pastor Jim Pot, Lord's Supper

LiFE Here at Bethany – future dates (DV)

December 24th – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00pm

December 25th – Christmas Day Service at 10:00am



Bethany's Family Update

Birthdays: Debbie Boverhof, Devin Boverhof, Mike Dreyer, Ann Hook, Holly Sikkens, Kelly Dam, Avery Wubs, Brad Overbeeke, Wendy Vahrmeyer, Sonya VanDriel, Lorraine Wierenga

Anniversaries: John & Debbie VanMaaren, George & Betty Gritter

Praise & Prayer:

-**Michael and Laura Klapwyk** would like to thank the congregation for all their prayers, words of encouragement and support. After four years of hoping and praying, God has answered those prayers and they are expecting a baby in July. They ask for your continued support and prayers as the journey continues over the next months.

- **Adrian Vanderhout** is home this week. Pray for a blessed time with his family while here visiting.

-Continued prayer for **Quaid Waters (Bill & Tina Vahrmeyer's grandson)**

-**Luke Smit** is at Shalom—room #19 on Mapleview.

- Continue to keep in prayer **Dylan VanDriel, Caleb** (Karen Bylsma's nephew) and **Dan Mulder** (Sarah Stuive's brother).

-Others who are **ill** in our community of faith.

-Pray for **Pastor Colin VanderPloeg** and his wife Anita as they discern where their ministry will take them.

-Pray for the **college and university students** who are writing final exams for this term during the next 2 weeks.

-Pray for those who have lost a loved one and find this Christmas Season difficult. May the peace of **Christ** fill their hearts.

Partners in Global Ministry:

*Continued prayer for **Tom & Deb deRuiter** who are serving in Mali, West Africa.

***Devon Van Hoffen** serving in Africa. Pray that Devon will be bold in sharing the gospel and loving in his service.

Check out his blog at www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com

***Elise Wierenga** serving on the island of Utila, Honduras. Pray for Elise that as she seeks to share Christ's love to the people, pray that their hearts would be opened to the message of the gospel. www.cten.ca/elisewierenga

***Cassandra Vanderhout** serving on the island of Utila, Honduras

Is it your turn to serve today? ☺

Children's Church/Sunday School:

3 year olds- Vicky DenBak, Cassidy Kiers

4 year olds- Becky VanLochem, Connor DenBak

5 year olds- Brenda Boverhof, Natalie Langendoen

****Attention All Sitters: please arrive no later than 9:15am when it is your turn to serve in the Nursery/Toddler Room-thanks****

Nursery-Babies: Bertha Burke, Tracy VanSoelen, Miranda Langendoen

Toddlers: Lynn Janssen, Diana Slappendel, Riley Kremer

Projection: Veronica

Sound: Ed

Ushers: Chris Jorritsma, Mike DenBak

Greeters(Fellowship Hall, Floaters & Doors): Jerry & Jen Kiers, Ken & Nell Overbeeke, Harry & Sharon Hielema, Pete & Karen Veldhuizen

Coffee Servers: Cor & Ina VanSoelen, Pete & Karen Veldhuizen

Email / Letter to de Ruiter's: Zach & Steph Beldman

Address: Mr. Tom and Deb de Ruiter, B.P.2210, Bamako, Mali, West Africa – adiallo_78@hotmail.com

Is it your turn to serve next Lords Day? ☺

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3 year olds- Vicky DenBak, Cassidy Kiers

4 year olds- Becky VanLochem, Connor DenBak

5 year olds- Brenda Boverhof, Natalie Langendoen

Nursery-Babies: Jenni Wierenga, Rosie Enzlin, Nellie Scholman, Brittany Dykstra

Toddlers: Lindsay Janssen, Debbie Boverhof, Cadence Kiers

Projection: Kurt

Sound: Mike

Ushers: Chris Smit, Mary Bokma

Greeters(Fellowship Hall, Floaters & Doors): Cor & Ina VanSoelen, Gerry & Cynthia Vermeer, Joanne Dam

Coffee Servers: Gerry & Cynthia Vermeer, John & Joanne Zwier

Email / Letter to de Ruiter's: Ben & Joanne Benson

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

The Joy of Ministry till October 31, 2013

	PLAN	ACTUAL
INFLOWS	\$317,899.30	\$334,106.55
OUTFLOWS	\$317,899.30	\$281,006.80
Classis Shares 2013 Commitment		\$13,465.32
Classis Shares paid to date		\$11,221.20
Denominational Shares 2013 Commitment.....		\$59,521.32
Denominational Shares paid to date.....		\$50,596.20
2 nd Offering last week (December 1 st)		
Rose City Kids.....		\$250.00
Friendship.....		\$551.00
World Renew.....		\$200.00

Offerings

The 1st offering today will be for the ministries here at Bethany & the CRC and the 2nd: Shalom Manor
Next week's 2nd offering: Deacons

Welcome to Bethany!

We want to thank you for joining us for the worship of our God and Creator.

Here at Bethany, we strive to give God glory by communicating His message in a way that is Gospel (Christ) Centred.

God relishes the praises of His people.



"Sing to the Lord a new song."