

Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers

<u>Sermon Notes</u>

Welcome

Advent Wreath Phyllis & Sonja Garvelink

*Advent Song: Come Thou Long Expected

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*Song: Jesus the Light of the World

Congregational Prayer

*Songs: In Christ Alone

Shout to the Lord

Offering

Scripture: Psalm 2

Message: The Road to Salvation

*Song of prep for communion: Behold the

Lamb

Communion

*Song: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Offerings

Building Fund: Monies for future improvements and repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

Special Collection—Wycliffe Bible Translators: Monies to help every one of God's children have access to God's word in a language they can understand.

Church Announcements

Christmas Cards for the Shut-Ins GEMS and council will be delivering Christmas cards to our shut -ins this year. Please have your cards in the mailboxes by today. Here's a list: **Bud Bos** Corajean Hyma Sherrill Riemersma John Rietsma Shirley Scholten Sally Smith Carol Vanden Bosch Angie Vanden Heuvel June Vanden Heuvel Robert and David Wittingen

Thanksgiving Day Collection | We collected \$9,941.07 for World Renew Disaster Relief Response for Hurricane Milton and Helene. Also, there was a gift of \$500 for Parkview. The deacons thank the congregation for the generous giving of our members for these causes.

Church Calendar

Lord's Supper | We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during this morning's service.

There will be no **Worship Team** meeting this week.

The **Properties Team** will not meet this week. The next meeting will be Tues., December 17, at 7:00 PM.

Coffee Break will meet Thurs., Dec. 12, from 10-11:15 AM. We will be studying John 11.

Thank You Dinner | We will be having a thank you dinner for Pastor Shawn on Thurs., Dec. 19, at 5:30 PM. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of church for what you would like to bring. Please sign up by Dec. 15.

Congregational Meeting | There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 12, to vote on resolutions from the Next Steps Team and the Council.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder December. His phone number is 616.836.8054.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | All those who have died will be raised from the earth, their spirits being joined and united with their own bodies in which they lived. And as for those who are still alive, they will not die like the others but will be changed "in the twinkling of an eye" from "corruptible to incorruptible." Prepare for Christmas by looking forward to what Christ will do when He comes back, as we read the Bible together each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com.

Parkview | Please consider Parkview AFC Home in your year-end giving. We have experienced a deficit this past year due to increased costs and reduced contributions. For additional information, please contact your church representative Lavonne Blacquiere or contact Jennifer Letcher, Parkview Administrator (admin@parkviewafchome.org).

Bethel Church Blood Drive

Blood Drive at Bethel Church on Friday, December 13. 11:00am-3:45pm. (515 E. Main Avenue in Zeeland)

Zeeland Civic Chorus | The Zeeland Civic Chorus is performing Handel's Messiah again this Christmas season. Please join us in celebrating the Good News, with lyrics directly from Scripture. The next performance is to be held on December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Avenue CRC of Holland.