

Preaching: Pastor John Hutt

Sermon Notes

Welcome

Advent Reading-Lori Maxfield

*Songs: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Lead Me, Guide Me

Congregational Prayer

*Songs: *How Deep the Father's Love
for Us*

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Offering

Scripture: Isaiah 63: 16-64:4,
Mark 13: 32-37

Message: **Ready or Not, Here I Come**

*Song : *Jerusalem the Golden*

*Song: *Now Blessed Be the Lord our God*

Offerings

General Fund: Monies for general church operating expenses.

Church Announcements

Pastor John Hutt will be preaching for us this morning.

Advent Readers | With advent and Christmas season approaching soon, a couple more readers are needed for the Advent Wreath and also readers of Bible passages for a “lessons and carols” service on Christmas Day. Please consider helping out with this. Von has a sign up sheet on the table in the back of church and will be contacting people in the weeks to come. This can’t happen without volunteers!

First Focus | Please have any materials for the December First Focus submitted to Lisa by Weds., Dec. 3. Thank you!

Christmas Cards for Shut-ins | The mail boxes will be in the back of the sanctuary and by the church office for you to send Christmas greetings to our shut ins. The updated list will be in the December First Focus next week. The GEMS and council will be delivering them the week of December. 14. Let's help spread Christmas thoughts and joys to them!

Church Calendar

GEMS will meet at 6:30 PM on Weds., Dec. 3.

Coffee Break will meet on Thurs., Dec. 4, at 10 AM.

DECEMBER BREAKFAST | December 2, Tuesday at 9:00! Farm House in Zeeland...pink slip sign up sheet in back!

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Randy Hop is the Calling Elder for December. His phone number is 616.610.1859.

Prayers for Council and First | Please continue to pray for Council and 1st Church as we seek God's direction for our future. May His plans be made clear to us. "Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength " Nehemiah 8:10

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | God promises that you are and always will remain true and living members of the Church, and that you have the forgiveness of sins & eternal life. Be reminded of this promise each day this week as we read the Bible together at **UnfadingTruth.com!**

Community Ann. Cont...

Thrive Faith Formation Tip | Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many different ways we can get ready for Christmas—such as listening to music, reading Christmas stories, and lighting Advent candles. How will you practice getting your heart ready? Check out the Advent page of Thrive’s Family Faith Formation toolkit for some ideas: crcna.org/advent-tools. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Zeeland Civic Chorus | Save the date! The Zeeland Civic Chorus will be performing Handel's Messiah on Thursday, December 4, at Trinity PRC of Hudsonville (note venue), and Tuesday, December 9, at Central Avenue CRC of Holland. Performances will begin at 7 PM. Join us as we praise our Messiah with lyrics directly from God's Word.

Choral Ambassadors Christmas Concerts | The Choral Ambassadors will be giving their Christmas concerts entitled *Light Has Come*. Concerts will be held at Dutton URC on December 13 at 7 PM, Rusk CRC on December 14 at 6:30 PM and Cornerstone URC on December 16 at 7 PM. A freewill offering will be collected for the choir.