

Preaching: Pastor John Klompmaker

Sermon Notes*Welcome*

Advent Reading — Martina Hyma

Call to Worship

*Songs: *Go Tell It on the Mountain**That Beautiful Name*

Communion Prep

Congregational Prayer

*Songs: *How Firm a Foundation**Jesus Name Above All Names*

Offering

Scripture: John 20: 30-31

Message: **A Firm Foundation***Song : *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**Song: *Jesus, the Light of the World*

Offerings

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

Church Announcements

Pastor John Klompmaker will be preaching for us this morning.

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 is in the December First Focus. The GEMS and council will be delivering them this week. Let's help spread Christmas thoughts and joys to them!

Cookie Sign-Up | Just a reminder, cookie sign-up sheets are in the back of church. If you don't bake, you can always buy cookies! We appreciate any help with this!

Bad Weather Policy: | If there is a winter storm warning, tornado watch or warning, or any severe weather warning one hour before a scheduled event, the event will be canceled. If schools are canceled due to weather, all church activities will be canceled. The closing will be on Wood TV also.

Thank You

The deacons thank the congregation for their generous gifts on **Thanksgiving Day for World Renew and Parkview!** Our total collection was \$5058.00! World Renew is being gifted \$2,299.00 and Parkview \$2,795.00! Thanking God for the generous hearts of our congregation!

Church Calendar

Council will meet Tuesday, Dec.16, at 6:30 PM.

GEMS will meet from 6-8 PM for caroling on Weds., Dec. 17.

Coffee Break will meet on Thurs., Dec. 18, at 10 AM.

We will celebrate **Communion** next Sunday. The Lord instructs us to prepare our hearts and minds to receive this sacrament.

Looking at **breakfast** on Jan. 7, 2026, at City on a Hill...More info to come on that! If that place doesn't work, we will go local to Community! 9:00 AM, sign up sheet in back... destination will be determined in the next few days/week?!

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. "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | In 2026, Unfading Truth will guide your congregation through the entire Bible—from Genesis to Revelation—in a way that's both faithful and accessible. Our daily rhythm keeps readers grounded in God's Word each day, using the Reformed Confessions and a short devotional post to keep their whole life centered on God's unfading truth in between Lord's Days.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip |

Around the world a lot of people are thinking about giving and receiving gifts for Christmas. Did you know that Christmas is, in some way, God's gift to God? It marks that important moment when God entered our earthly life in order to restore God's broken world through the cross of Christ and the empty tomb. A restored world had been a desire of God's heart for a long time, so now is a good time to write God a Christmas card, praising the Lord that salvation is possible through the birth of the Christ-child in Bethlehem. Brought to you by Thrive: cena.org/Thrive.

Birthdays

We would like to wish **Wayne Wildschut** a very happy 85th birthday on Saturday, December 20. May his special day be great!