

Preaching: Pastor Dan Walcott

Sermon Notes

Welcome

Advent Reading and Lighting— Peggy Machiele and Sonja Garvelink

*Songs: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
O Come O Come Emmanuel

Congregational Prayer

*Songs: *On Jordan's Bank, the Baptists Cry*
Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Offering

Scripture: Revelation 2: 12-29

Message: **What Jesus Thinks about His Church #2: The Churches in Pergamum and Thyatire**

*Song : *Trust and Obey*

*Song: *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

Offerings

Faith Promise: Financial support to local and international missionaries.

Church Announcements

Pastor Dan Walcott 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 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!

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!

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.

Church Calendar

The **Properties Team** will meet at 6:30 PM on Tuesday.

Coffee Break will meet on Thurs., Dec. 11, at 10 AM.

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. "What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Lorraine Becksfort has moved to Quincy Place. Her new address is 12300 Quincy Street, Rm 113, Holland, MI 49424. Let's remember her and her family as they adjust to this new living arrangement.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | How has reading the Bible each day along with Unfading Truth benefited you? Share your experience and get a chance at winning a new NET or LSB Bible! Look for the link on each day's post or go to UnfadingTruth.com/share. Enter by midnight December 12.

Community Ann. Cont...

Thrive Faith Formation Tip | Advent is a season of waiting for Jesus. This week bring awareness to moments in your daily life when you are waiting. Instead of pulling out your phone or passing time with another distraction, use that time to connect with God in prayer. For example, if you're in a doctor's office waiting room, try praying with your eyes open, talking to God about the people who work there and those who come for care. If you have children, invite them to point out things you can pray for as you are waiting and then pray for them together. Whether you are in the school pick-up line, sitting in traffic, or waiting for vegetables to roast, embrace the opportunity to spend time with God. Brought to you by Thrive: crena.org/Thrive

Zeeland Civic Chorus | Save the date! The Zeeland Civic Chorus will be performing Handel's Messiah on Tuesday, December 9, at Central Avenue CRC of Holland. Performance 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.