

**Hospers Christian Reformed Church  
December 29, 2024 - 9:30 A.M.**

**We Are Gathered By God**

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Calling to Worship**

Leader- Brothers and sisters, today we gather in the presence of our God, who calls us to prepare the way for the Lord. Let us open our hearts to His coming, that He may make straight the paths within us.

**People- We come with anticipation and hope, ready to receive the One who brings peace and salvation. We prepare our hearts for His presence.**

Leader- As we light the way with our worship, let us clear away the clutter of our lives and make room for His grace. Let every thought, every word, and every deed be a reflection of our longing for His kingdom.

**People- We prepare our hearts, O Lord, for You alone are our Savior. Fill us with your Spirit and guide us in the way of righteousness.**

Leader- Let us worship God, the One who makes all things new, and together, let us prepare the way for His glorious return.

**People- Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell within us. We await You with joy and readiness. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: #567 (R) “Here I Am to Worship”

**We Renew Our Fellowship With God**

Reading of God’s Law

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn of Preparation: #56 (R) “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Special Music by Kailee Davelaar and Paige Vander Wilt “Behold”

**We Listen to God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 3

Message: “**Prepare the Way**”

Prayer of Application

**We Respond With Commitment**

\*Hymn of Response: #61 (R) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Congregational and Offertory Prayer **Offering Gideons**

\*Closing Hymn: #209 (G) “Seek Ye First” OCCS Hymn of the Month

**We Go Out To Serve**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: #956 (R) “To God Be the Glory”

\*Postlude

\*All who are able may stand

Pianist – Sheila Zevenbergen

**Hospers Christian Reformed Church  
Evening Worship- 5:00 P.M.**

**Continuing Our Worship**

Prelude

Welcome

Silent Prayer

\*Hymn of Adoration: #81 (R) “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

**Praying And Praising God**

Congregational Prayer

\*Apostles’ Creed (p. 813 G)

\*Hymn of Praise: #76 (R) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

\*Song of Preparation: #215 (G) “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

**Listening To God**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20 page 1591

Message: “**Time to Return-- Differently**”

Prayer of Application

**Dedication To God**

\*Song of Application: #754 (R) “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

**Concluding Our Worship**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: #394 (R) “All Praise to You, My God, This Night”

\*Postlude

\*All who are able may stand

**Offering is for Inspiration hills**

Pianist – Helen Zeutenhorst

**Hospers Christian Reformed Church  
Hospers, Iowa**

	Today		Next Week
<b>Offerings:</b>	Gideons Inspiration Hills		Building Fund Bethesda Christian Counseling
<b>Sound System:</b>	Randy Van Kalsbeek		Alan Woudstra
<b>Projection:</b>	Ed Vander Wilt		Stan Van Otterloo
<b>Prepare:</b>	Becky Vander Wilt		Ashley Vander Wilt
<b>Video:</b>	Justin Klynsma		Kurt Zevenbergen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Gerald VDV. & Kelly K.		Dave B. & Arnie VW.
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jay & Sharla K.		Al & Phyllis Schoonhoven
<b>Library:</b>	Sharon Van't Hof		Julie Stuit
<b>Coffee:</b>	Dave & Deets Bosma		Alan & Sandy Woudstra
	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>AM</b>
<b>Nursery:</b>	Amber K. Avery Z.	Mag VW.	Cheryl J. Anna DG.

**Our Church Calendar**

**Sunday**

9:30 A.M. Our Morning Worship – Mr. Ross Hoekstra  
 10:45 A.M. Coffee and Fellowship  
 5:00 P.M. Our Evening Worship – Pastor Milt Sikkema

**Our Church Family**

**Welcome** - This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. To everyone worshipping with us today, we extend a warm welcome. May the Lord richly bless us as we worship together, and may His name be praised. Please join us after the morning worship service for a time of fellowship and coffee. Leading our worship next week will be Pastor Dave Smit for the morning service and Mr. Jeff Santema for the evening service.

**Prayer request-** please lift Lola Van Kalsbeek up in your prayers as she recovers from surgery to repair a broken leg.

**Groundwork: Your Questions about Scripture and Hope** - Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we'll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Notice-** If you have any change requests for the 2025 Church Directory please get them to Ashley Vander Wilt as soon as possible. Please send to ashleyvanderwilt@outlook.com or 605-321-5893.

**Happy Birthday** to Kent Rusche (4)

**Kent Rusche** is asked to visit the shut-ins in Prairie Ridge and Landsmeer.

**Cheryl Jacobsma** is asked to visit the shut-ins in Crown Pointe in Sioux Center.

**Please remember to pray daily** for any sick or sorrowing people in the church.

**Our Church Offerings** – World Hunger (\$1,142.00) and Zestos (\$459.00)

**Christmas Offering** – Sioux City Gospel Mission (\$693.00)

**Remember** our shut-ins – Ruth Roetman, Nelva Vander Wilt, Arlene Van Otterloo, & Mary Bosma.

**Requested Announcements**

**Volunteers need for Love INC classes:** If you have a heart for helping others, we have opportunities for you to give of your time and your talents! The main needs are childcare volunteers and Faith & Finances mentors. Training is offered, please call Love INC office (476.5990) to find out more about ways to serve your community. Our next class session begins January 28, 2025.

**Sing Brahms' Requiem:** The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will begin rehearsals soon and all are welcome to sing. This season we will be teaming up with the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra to present Brahms' Requiem on April 15, 2025, with guest conductor, Dr. Ryan Smit. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays in the Dordt University choir room beginning January 14 at 7:30 pm. Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in this new year!

