

December 1, 2024

(Services available on website [northstreetcrc.org](http://northstreetcrc.org))

## Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM

Message: Rev. Dirk Koetje

“The God Who Pursues”

Jonah 1:1-17

## Evening Worship Service

5:30 PM

Message: Rev. Dirk Koetje

“Faith And Good Works”

Ephesians 2:1-10

Belgic Confession; Article #24

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 1, 2024

*Accompanists:* AM Sue Lucas Prelude: Taryn DeJong  
PM Sue Arendsen Cajon: Mitch Boerman  
*Rover/Radio:* AM Nick Unema Scott Hoek Zach VandenHeuvel  
PM Curt Lucas Steven VanAst Zach VandenHeuvel  
*Ushers:* AM & PM Brooks Koetje (East), Jim Staat Sr. (Center), Carson Koetje (West)  
*Nursery:* AM Mari-Jo Peerbolt, Lisa Poortvliet, Andie Schutt, Lainey DeJong  
PM Stephanie Klein, Kathy Busscher, Andrew Boerman, Creed VanDussen  
*Sound/Projection/Camera Operators:* AM Matt VanderPloeg, Ron Oskam, Jackson Busscher  
PM Jerry Redder, Ron Oskam, Jackson Busscher  
*Children's Worship:* PM Sara Boerman, Rebecca Boerman, Tyler Mast

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 8, 2024

*Accompanists:* AM Sue Arendsen  
PM Sue Lucas, Derek Bostrom  
*Rover/Radio:* AM Scott Hoek Mark DuBois Zach VandenHeuvel  
PM Ron Oskam Allyn Arendsen Zach VandenHeuvel  
*Ushers:* AM & PM Tyler Bostrom (East), Scott Dekkinga (Center), Derek Bostrom (West)  
*Nursery:* AM Sydney Viel, Nakisha DeJong, Naomi VanDussen, Alli Peerbolt  
PM Briana Unema, Erica Oskam, Elizabeth Venema, Mazy Sterk  
*Sound/Projection/Camera Operators:* AM James Viel, Alden Lucas, Mitch Boerman  
PM James Viel, Larry Redder, Matt VanderPloeg  
*Children's Worship:* Not meeting - Sunday School Christmas Program

Bulletin Announcements should be submitted by noon on Thursdays.

You may submit announcements by e-mail ([bulletin@northstreetcrc.org](mailto:bulletin@northstreetcrc.org)), by calling Carol (616.772.1557), or write them out and place them in the Bulletin Editor's mailbox in the Narthex.

*North Street Christian Reformed Church*  
December 1, 2024  
Pastor Dirk Koetje

<b>THIS WEEK</b>
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**Sunday - December 1**

***First Sunday in Advent - "HOPE"***

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service - Communion  
10:50 AM Sunday School/Catechism meets  
Program Practice in Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Guatemala Mission Trip Mtg.-Council Room  
4:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - *'The Grove'*  
5:30 PM Evening Worship Service  
Children's Worship meets - Rm.#1  
Story: *"The Shepherds Show The Way To Bethlehem"*  
7:00 PM High School Youth Group - *'The Cellar'*  
Meal provided by Ryan & Sara Boerman Family

**Tuesday - December 3**

6:30 AM Elder Prayer Time  
3:45 PM Worship Planning Meeting  
7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting  
7:00 PM IRBC Class - *'Fireside Room'*

**Wednesday - December 4**

6:30 PM GEMS Meeting  
(Girls - 2nd - 8th grades)  
6:30 PM Jr.Cadets/Cadets/Sr.Cadets  
(Boys - 2nd - 8th grades)  
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - *'The Grove'*

**Thursday - December 5**

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - *'Fireside Room'*

**Saturday - December 7**

Sunday School Christmas Program Practice  
9:30 - 11:30 AM 6th - 8th graders  
10:00 - 11:30 AM 3's - 5th graders

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>
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Dec. 8 S.S. Christmas Program Practice - Sanctuary  
Dec. 8 Women's Bible Study - *'Council Room'*  
Dec. 8 Church Christmas Potluck - 12 noon  
Dec. 8 Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Dec. 8 S.S. Christmas Program - PM Service  
Dec. 8 High School Youth Group meets  
Meal provided by Brent & Val Leegwater  
Dec. 9 Congregational Meeting - 7:00 PM  
Dec. 9 Council Meeting

## PRAYER CORNER



The 24 Hour Prayer Line Numbers:  
Local: 879.0057 & Toll Free: 1.800.401.6640

**Gert Driesenga** remains hospitalized following a car accident and emergency surgery to address internal bleeding. We give thanks that the doctors were able to stop the bleeding and that she is expected to make a complete recovery. We praise the Lord for sparing her life, in light of all that has happened. We also pray for her husband **Rog** as he cares for his wife.

**Mary Geerlings** underwent surgery this past Wednesday to remove a kidney stone. We are thankful that she is doing well and pray for her to make a complete recovery.

**Ida Kamphuis** will begin receiving kidney dialysis treatments. We pray that these treatments will help her to feel better. We also pray for her husband **Bob** as he continues to care for his wife.

**Betty Kroll** continues to recover at home following radiation treatments at the Cleveland Clinic. We pray that this radiation is effective at killing the cancer cells so she does not need to undergo surgery.

**Anna Meppelink** was able to return home a week ago Saturday following her rehab stays. We pray that she will continue to gain strength at home.

**Trevor Miedema (13-year-old son of Mitch & Sarah)** underwent an MRI Scan of his brain on Saturday, November 23. We give thanks that initial indications show there is NO tumor re-growth! We continue to pray that the official results will confirm this.

**Jennie VanderWoude** has been placed under the care of Hospice. We pray that the Lord would give her and her family peace during this time.

**Ken VerBeek** was able to move to Royal Atrium Inn this past Monday. We pray that Ken will adjust well to his new home. His address is:

**Ken VerBeek** Royal Atrium Inn  
400 Parkside Drive, #109 Zeeland, MI 49464

Council Member of Focus:  
*Deacon Jon DeZwaan*

## FOCUS ON MISSIONS

**David & Emily Romero** serve at *Jubilee Centers International*, which provides a high quality, transformative Christian Education to vulnerable children and youth in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in the at-risk neighborhood of La Era. Currently, they have nearly 300 K-9th students with the hope to add all high school grades in the next few years. More information is available at [www.jubileecentershn.org](http://www.jubileecentershn.org).

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Offering Schedule:

**December 1:** AM Reformed Youth Services  
PM Compassionate Heart Ministries

**December 8:** AM North Street CAP  
PM Doors of Hope

**The 2025 Proposed Budget** is in your church mailbox. A Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, at 7:00 PM, to discuss and vote on the proposed budget. If you have any questions or concerns beforehand, feel free to contact **Nick Venema** or **Nick Fortosis**.

**The Elders** approved the request of **Kristen (Mulder) VanKoevering** for her membership to be released to affiliate with the *Foundry Church*. May the Lord bless her & Tyce in their new church home.

**The Deacons** would like you to consider **Parkview Adult Foster Care Home** in your year-end giving. They have experienced a deficit this past year due to increased costs and reduced contributions. For additional information, please contact your church representative, **Terry Boerman**, or contact **Jennifer Letcher**, Parkview Administrator ([admin@parkviewafchome.org](mailto:admin@parkviewafchome.org)). Thank You!

## LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Borculo Christian School PreSchool:** At Borculo Christian School, we believe in laying a solid foundation for a lifetime of learning, faith, and growth. Our Christ-centered preschool program nurtures young hearts and minds, helping them explore God's world in a safe, loving environment.

We invite you to experience the BCS difference at our Early Childhood Open House on **Thursday, January 9**, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Tour our classrooms, meet our dedicated teachers, and see how we integrate God's Word into joyful learning experiences tailored for preschool-age children.

Early enrollment for alumni and current BCS families opens on **Monday, December 2**, offering priority access to this special opportunity.

If you are unable to attend the Open House or would like to schedule a private tour of BCS, don't hesitate to contact the school office. We'd be delighted to show you around and answer any questions about Borculo Christian and how a Christ-centered education can bless your child's faith formation.

Whether you're a parent of a future preschooler, an alumnus, or a community supporter, help us spread the word! Together, we can ensure the next generation begins their educational journey rooted in Christ.

To learn more, visit our website or call the school office. We can't wait to welcome your little one to the BCS family!

**The King's Choraliars** invite you to celebrate the birth of our Savior by joining them at their annual Christmas concert *Jesus, Brightest and Best* on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 PM at LaGrave Avenue CRC in Grand Rapids. Their guest vocal group will be the Unity Christian High School Choral Ensemble. Additional guest instrumentalists will also be featured as well as a carol sing. A Free will offering will be received.



## AT HOME MEMBERS

**Geneva Nagelkirk** lives in her condo in Zeeland.  
(230 S. State Street, Apt.#147, Zeeland, MI 49464)

**Carolyn (Carrie) Redder** lives at Resthaven Care Center in Holland.  
(280 W. 40th Street, Room #305, Holland, MI 49423)

Happy Birthday



**Ida Kamphuis**  
84 on December 3

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Carol & Larry Redder** would like to say "Thank You to our church family for all of your prayers, cards, meals, and other expression of concern & support as we journeyed through cancer surgery and radiation treatments. We are thankful that the doctors are optimistic about the outcome. We are also thankful that Carol was able to tolerate the treatments with minimal side effects. Thanks also for all of your prayers and concern with *Carol's sister Betty's* health scare, hospitalization, and surgeries. We are thankful that she has made a complete recovery and is back to work. The Lord is good!"



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Shoeboxes:** North Street was able to fill 77 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse this year! Thank you for making an impact in the lives of the children that will receive these shoeboxes globally. We appreciate your contribution!

**Devotional Book Exchange:** Do you have any devotional books that you or your family have already read and no longer need? Or perhaps you are looking for a new devotional to start, with the new year soon upon us. If so, consider donating your devotional books by bringing them to the specified table set up outside of the church office. (Please make sure there is no handwriting in the books). The donated books can be for readers of any age. If you don't have any books to donate but would like a new one, please help yourself to any of the books on the table for you or your family. The idea is simple; donate a book OR take a book OR both! The table will be set up only for the month of December. Enjoy! If you have any questions, feel free to contact ***Kathy Busscher***.

**A Christmas Potluck** will be held in 'The Grove' on Sunday, December 8, at 12:00 noon. Families with 3 or more are asked to bring a Hot **AND** Cold dish; Families with 2 or less are asked to bring a Hot **OR** Cold dish. Cold dish may be a dessert. Table Service and drinks will be provided.

**Attention North Street Campers:** Plans are being made to camp at ***Dutch Treat Campground*** the week of July 11-19, 2025. There is a sheet at 'The Sign-up Station' in the Narthex so we can determine how many sites to reserve. **The last day to sign up is December 8.** If you wish more information, contact ***Earl Mokma*** (616.635.9582).

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATION



**Piano/Music Students:** Are you interested in and willing to play during the Prelude at the up-coming Sunday School Christmas Service (December 8 Evening Service)? Please contact ***Val Leegwater*** (valleegwater@gmail.com or 616.875.2777) with the name of the student, name of the song, and the approximate time it will take to play the selection.

**Little Lambs Choir** (threes-1st grade) will practice in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 1, and Sunday, December 8.

**Children's Choir** (2nd-5th grades) will practice in the Sanctuary the entire Sunday School time (10:50-11:45 AM) on Sunday, December 1, and Sunday, December 8.

**Middle School Students** will also practice in the Sanctuary the entire Sunday School time (10:50-11:45 AM) on Sunday, December 1, and Sunday, December 8.

**Parents:** There will be a Saturday morning practice this year on **Saturday, December 7:**

**6th - 8th graders** will practice from **9:30 - 11:30 AM.**

**3's - 5th grades** will practice from **10:00 - 11:30 AM.**

**The Sunday School Christmas Program, 'The Shepherds And The Savior'** will be a part of our Evening Worship Service on Sunday, December 8. The Middle Schoolers, Children's Choir, and the Little Lambs will meet in 'The Grove' at 5:10 PM that evening. We look forward to sharing this program with the Congregation, Family, and Friends!

