

Opportunities for Service	Dec. 17	Dec. 24
Greeter AM	Ryan & Teresa Vander Veen Scott, Karen & Corey Viss	Jim & Viv Schuller Darrell & Barbara Dalton
Usher	Tim Fernandes - AM Lloyd Van Dyken - AM Rich Vanden Akker - PM	Tim Fernandes Lloyd Van Dyken
Security PM	Jerry Segaar	
Coffee Server	Florence Moret-Butterman Joyce Van de Pol	Florence Moret-Butterman Joyce Van de Pol
Nursery	Julie Groen Saylor De Abreu Lukas Groen Joyce Kok - PM Sandy Hekman - PM	Judy Kamper Becky Orozco Samantha Anema Avery McMurray Madelyn Yonker
Children in Worship	Cindy Vander Molen Olivia Orozco Ruth Visser	
Sound	Corey Viss	Dave Hollander
Video	Jack Schoolland	Lukas Groen
Projection	Jody Eskes	Dawn Eskes
Worship Team	Brittany Bloemhof Connie Bloemhof Tim Bloemhof*	Gianna Smith Julia Visser Kelsi Schuller Tim Fernandes* Hannah Visser
Musician	Joyce Kok Jamie Eskes Geri Hekman* Bill Butterman Tim Fernandes Ethan McMurray	Janean Heyboer Jamie Eskes Cliff Schoolland* Saylor De Abreu Rod Mora Matthijs Moret
Evening Accompanist	Susan Visser	
Deacons Offering	Dale De Bie Scott Rhoda Daniel Dykxhoorn Henry Van de Pol	
Elder-Door	Randy Eskes Ron Vander Molen Ric Winters	Randy Eskes Ron Vander Molen Ric Winters
Communion	Randy den Dulk* Ric Winters John Van Zwaluwenburg Randy Eskes Dave Hollander (N)	

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening of Worship

Come, You People of the Promise (Screen)

Come you people of the promise
Sing for joy the time is near
God the covenant fulfilling
Soon among us will appear
As proclaimed in prophet's story
Christ will come in humble glory
God with us Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel

Long in darkness we have waited
Through the shadows made our way
Gloom and sorrow our companions
As we longed for signs of day
Great our need for hope and healing
Some great light our God revealing
God with us Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (Screen)

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of Light
Angels lifting praise before You
Sing thro'out this holy night
In a manger lies a baby
Child of Mary Son of God
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love

All your works declare Your glory
all creation joins to sing
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ the King
Shepherds kneel before the Infant
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted
Joined in wonder, love, praise

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Advent (Joy): Sierra Sorenson, Cecelia Orozco, Haley Brown

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (#329:1,2,4 PH)

Children in Worship is dismissed for their age appropriate time of worship downstairs in the Youth Center

Offering: Resonate Global Missions: Gho's (Next Week: General Fund)

Musical Offertory Tanya Andriese & Samantha Anema on flute

Congregational Prayer

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Screen)

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

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Hearing God's Word

Text: Luke 1:26-38 (p. 1588)

Unexpected Advent: A Teenage Mother

Communion

Jesus Messiah (Screen)

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus) Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine

Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

(Bridge) All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Lord of all

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Meekness & Majesty (Screen)

Meekness and majesty Manhood and deity
In perfect harmony The Man who is God
Lord of eternity Dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility And washes our feet

(Chorus) O what a mystery Meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship For this is your God

Father's pure radiance Perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience To death on a cross
Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify Prays 'Father forgive'

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible
Love indestructible In frailty appears
Lord of infinity Stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity To the heights of His throne

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Closing of Worship

Glory Be to the Father (#635 PH)

Today

Today Rev. Mark VanDyke will continue the “Unexpected Advent” sermon series with *A Teenage Mother*, Luke 1.

Communion: It is our joy and privilege to celebrate the Lord’s Supper in our morning service today. All who confess and love Jesus as Lord and Savior and are members of His church are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Pray that the Spirit will prepare your hearts to come in faith and in the sure hope of His coming again.

Our Children in Worship program is during the morning service in the youth center downstairs. All children, ages 3 years old to 2nd grade, are welcome to join! Today’s story will be *Advent IV: The Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem*.

This evening bring your church families to Bethlehem this year!

You’ll experience the true meaning of Christmas as you wander through the Bible times! Experience engaging, hands-on activities and games. Share the wonder of Jesus’ birth and build the faith of the whole family. Join us December 17 at 4:30pm in the fellowship hall and continue in worship at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Refreshments following.

Announcements

Upcoming Services: Dec. 24 we will have morning worship only and on Christmas Day our service will begin at 10:00am.

Prayer requests that are normally shared on Sunday evenings should be emailed or called to Barb Hollander by 6PM today.

Christmas Greeting from the Van Schepen’s is posted on the bulletin board. Please take some time to read their informational letter.

Angel Tree: All gifts are due back today. Thank you.

We have a box in the social hall for contribution to **Stockton Gospel Center Rescue Mission’s Christmas clothing drive**. As usual during this time of year, the need is for new or gently used cold-weather clothing such as jackets, sweatshirts, socks, gloves, and any other cold-weather gear. Richard Brown can answer any additional questions you might have in regard to this.

Save the Date: Elder/College Age Breakfast - Dec. 30th, 8:30am, Denny’s, Ripon.

Church Family

The Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Jo Terpsma.

Our Condolences to Bob & Marilyn Hoekstra and Dusty & Ericka Hoekstra and their families in the passing of Bob’s sister-in-law, Carolyn Hoekstra.

Birthdays this week: 12/17 Art Van Ginkel 12/19 Vanessa Orozco 12/20 Dylan Koolhaas

Anniversaries this week: 12/19 Jack & Sharon Melcher 12/20 Brent & Sandy Hekman 12/21 Gary & Debbie Smith

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday 17	Morning Worship – 9:30am - Communion Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Youth Education Classes (K-12) – 10:45am A Night in Bethlehem – 4:30pm Evening Worship – 6pm
Monday 18	Let’s Go Out for Breakfast – 8:30am – Perko’s, Salida – All ages are welcome GEMS – 6:30pm – Christmas Party: eat before you come.
Tuesday 19	Impact – 7pm – Christmas party: bring a white elephant gift not to exceed \$5. Men’s Bible Study – 7pm – Psalm 150. We will begin a new study on Ephesians in January.
Wednesday 20	AV Youth Group – 7pm – Movie Night
Thursday 21	Worship Team Practice – 7pm
Friday 22	
Saturday 23	
Sunday 24	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Youth Education Classes (K-12) – 10:45am

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages December 17, 2017

GENERAL

Immanuel CRC hosts award-winning *January Series*: On weekdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Jan. 3 through Jan. 23, 2018, Immanuel CRC (517 Orange Ave, Ripon, in the Multipurpose room) will broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series. A few of the featured presenters include Katherine Boo, a staff writer for *The New Yorker* whose work has been honored with a Pulitzer Prize; Jeremy McCarter, co-author of *Hamilton: The Revolution* who witnessed the Broadway show's journey from concept to cultural phenomenon; and Kevin Olusola, who is best known as the beatboxing member of the Grammy-winning vocal quintet Pentatonix. Experts will offer informed perspectives on a wide range of today's most relevant topics, including race in America, technology and national security, bio-waste and global poverty, among many others. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit www.calvin.edu/january-series/speakers.

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