

Opportunities for Service	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 31
Greeter AM	Jim & Viv Schuller Darrell & Barbara Dalton	Bob & Marilyn Hoekstra Jerry & Pam Segaar	Darryl & Tammie Buckhanna Bruce & Renae Goslinga
Usher	Tim Fernandes Lloyd Van Dyken	Tim Fernandes Lloyd Van Dyken	AM Tim Fernandes Lloyd Van Dyken PM Rich Vanden Akker
Security PM			Jamie Eskes
Coffee Server	Florence Moret-Butterman Joyce Van de Pol	Margie Winters Jean Vander Schuur	Nancy Vander Veen Bev Maliepaard
Nursery	Judy Kamper Becky Orozco Samantha Anema Avery McMurray Madelyn Yonker	Kim Mulder Jessica Orozco Hannah Visser Sydney McMurray Gianna Smith	AM Stacy Yonker Kerri Mora Sierra Sorensen PM Shauna den Dulk Pam VanDyke
Children in Worship			Amanda Schoolland Jack Schoolland David Vanden Akker Julia Visser
Sound	Dave Hollander	Dave Hollander	Ray Bulthuis
Video	Lukas Groen	Nicholas Visser	Samantha Anema
Projection	Dawn Eskes	Heather Visser	Jody Eskes
Worship Team	Gianna Smith Julia Visser Kelsi Schuller Tim Fernandes*	Jennifer Carrasquel Olivia Orozco Madelyn Yonker Cindy Vander Molen*	Renae Goslinga Pam VanDyke Rachel Goslinga Greg Schoolland*
Musician	Janean Heyboer Jamie Eskes Cliff Schoolland* Saylor De Abreu Rod Mora Matthijs Moret	Judy Groen* Geri Hekman*	Becky Rhoda Jack Andriese* Bill Butterman* Rod Mora* Greg Schoolland Jack Schoolland
Evening Accompanist			Geri Hekman
Deacons Offering	Scott Rhoda Daniel Dykxhoorn Henry Van de Pol Sherwin Heyboer		Daniel Dykxhoorn Henry Van de pol Sherwin Heyboer Dusty Hoekstra
Elder-Door	Randy Eskes Ron Vander Molen Ric Winters	Randy den Dulk Ric Winters Ron Vander Molen	Randy Eskes Ron Vander Molen Ric Winters

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening of Worship

Come and Behold Him (Screen)

Come and behold Him Come see His glory
Come with an honest heart To see all He is
We will discover All of His beauty
His light will burn away All the darkness we've known

(Chorus) Come and behold Him Come and behold Him

Come with an honest heart To see all He is
Come and behold Him Wait now before Him
Come with an honest heart To see all He is

Come and behold Him Come see His mercy
Come find His tenderness Reaching to you
Just as a mirror Shows a reflection

His Word and Spirit come Now reflecting His love

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Angels We have Heard on High (#347:1,2 PH)

Angels from the Realms of Glory (#354:1,2,5 PH)

Forever Reign (Screen)

You are good You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love You are love
On display for all to see
You are light You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope You are hope
You have covered all my sin

You are peace You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life
In You death has lost its sting

(Chorus) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms

The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more You are more

Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

My heart will sing no other Name
Jesus Jesus

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Advent (Love): Saylor De Abreu, Gianna Smith

Musical Offertory: Light of the World – Cindy Vander Molen

Offering: General Fund (Next Week: Sierra Salem)

Congregational Prayer

O Great God (Screen)

O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me

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Text: Luke 2:8-20 (p. 1591)

Unexpected Advent: Glory Shown to Shepherds

Closing of Worship

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (Screen)

Hearing God's Word

Today

Today Rev. Mark VanDyke will continue the “Unexpected Advent” sermon series *Glory Shown to Shepherds*, Luke 2.

Our Children in Worship will not be meeting today or tomorrow during our worship services. The 3 & 4 yr. olds are invited to attend the nursery if needed.

This evening we will not be having our regular worship service. If you would like to worship this evening, First CRC is having a 6pm Lessons and Carols service.

Announcements

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the “A Night in Bethlehem” an amazing time. Over 130 participants signed the census and collectively donated a whole box of food to give to Interfaith Ministries. The smiles on the kid’s faces will not be forgotten. Merry Christmas!

All “A Night in Bethlehem” costumes need to be returned to the church library by January 1st. If you will not be able to return the costume please contact Shauna den Dulk at 566-5021.

Signups for next month’s (Jan. 5) First Friday Night Babysitting are hanging on the bulletin board. Please prayerfully consider serving the young families of our church and community through this ministry. You will be needed from 4:45-8pm. If you have any questions please ask Pam VanDyke or Tiffany Kamper.

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

Church Family

The congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony of Anne Hekman to Jacob Foster at 11am on December 30th.

Hello from Hans, Susan, Jens, Anton and Abby! We want to thank Almond Valley for your generous Thanksgiving offering for our family and ministry in South Africa. We are so grateful and encouraged! As you celebrate Jesus this Christmas season, we pray that you experience true hope and joy. Merry Christmas from the Oines family!

Birthdays this week: 12/25 Heather Tavares 12/26 Ric Winters 12/27 Addison Tenente 12/29 Kim Mulder, Madelyn Yonker

Anniversaries this week: 12/31 Jordan & Rachel Goslinga, Hans & Susan Oines

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday 24	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am NO Youth Education Classes (K-12)
Monday 25	Christmas Day Worship – 10am
Tuesday 26	
Wednesday 27	NO AV Youth Group
Thursday 28	Worship Team Practice – 7pm
Friday 29	
Saturday 30	College age/Elder Breakfast – 8:30am – Denny’s, Ripon
Sunday 31	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am NO Youth Education Classes (K-12) Evening Worship – 6pm

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:
The office will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 26th.
Regular hours will resume Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Almond Valley Mailbox Messages December 24, 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.

The Liberty Quartet, a traditional Southern Gospel quartet, will be in concert at Immanuel CRC on Friday, Jan 12 at 7pm.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for standing in the gap with World Renew this Advent season: - Today & tomorrow we give gifts to each other, remembering Jesus Christ who stands in the gap for us and reminds us to share His gifts with others, especially those in need. If you'd like to know more about what World Renew is doing to make a difference in the lives of those who live in poverty, find ways to volunteer, or otherwise get involved, please visit worldrenew.net. Thank you.