

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present and future. Welcome to worship!

Today at First

Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. This morning, we have the privilege of witnessing the sacrament of Holy Baptism, as it is administered to **Peyton Leigh Hengeveld**, daughter of **Jason & Staci Hengeveld**. May we be reminded of the gracious covenant promises God has made to us and to our children. We thank the

Sunday School children for sharing in our worship service. We will also have Preparatory, as we anticipate celebrating the Lord's Supper next week.

Care Group #2 hosts the coffee fellowship after church.

Next week, Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services. C. G. #2 hosts coffee time. The Christmas Program will be held during the evening service beginning at 5 p.m.

Our Church Family

Tim Nieuwendorp, son of **Kent & Patty**, has recently moved to: 2815 Avenue A, Council Bluffs, IA 51501. Please note the change when sending Christmas cards.

Nursery Today Dallas & Jamie G., Boden K.

Dec. 8 Brian & Kristin H., Alivia M.

Valet Parking Today Jevon Klyn

Dec. 8 Jon Nieuwendorp

Sound Today Cory/Jackson/Ben

Dec. 8 Bolkema/Jon/Anthony

Security Today Jon Nieuwendorp

Dec. 8 Arlo Heynen

Praise Team Today Ashley, Laura, Shane, Alivia

Dec. 8 Rachel, Angela, Jevon, Gus

Cookies 12-8 Kathy V., Helen V.D., Jill V.E.

12-15 Avery VH, Linda VM, Maria VV

Offerings only for: Gen. Fund, Christian Ed., Above Quota Missions & Classical Min. Shares. Put in offering box, Treasurer's box, or mail to church (901 9th Street).

First CRC Announcements:

- **Hengeveld Diaper Table** – Let's shower them with diapers and wipes!
- **Sunday Morning Cookie List** – a new cookie list will be printed before Dec. 22. If you would like to be added/deleted, please call/email secretary. Thanks!

Activities This Week

Sun.	10:45 AM	High School Catechism
	10:50 AM	Pre K – 8th Grade – Full run through w/costumes
	11:00 AM	Choir Practice in council room
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Wed.	6:00 PM	Congregational Meeting & Smoked Meat Supper
Fri.	10-4 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive in fellowship hall. Walk-ins welcome.

First CRC Announcements Continued...

- **Please complete the purple Keypad Usage Sheet** & put in Ryan Kats mailbox.
- **Norma Geels** has dark & med. roast coffee for sale. If you would like to buy some, call/text Norma Geels (712) 348-0297. Coffee is \$20 for a 17.6 oz. bag.
- **College Student Care Pkges** – remember the college students in congregation. Jacob C., Amelya D., Maci K., Dylan & Jady P., J.D. P., Alexa Klyn T., Ty V. E. Brayden V. M. Carson V. M., Julia V. B. Complete care packages by **Wed., 12-4.**

Holiday Services News:

- On Sun., Dec. 22 there will **only** be a morning worship service.
- There will be **no Catechism or Sunday School Classes on Dec. 22 & 29**, Catechism and Sunday School Classes will resume on Sun., Jan. 5.
- Wed., Dec. 25, 9:30 am – **Our Annual Christmas Day Service**, no coffee time
- Sun., Dec. 29 – **regular Sunday am & pm worship services.**
- Wed., Jan. 1, 2025 – **no New Year's Day service.**

Will you prayerfully consider ***Celebrating Western*** with a year-end gift? Info. has been placed in church mailboxes, and on our website: www.westernchristianhs.com. Funds raised will support the General Fund & be allocated for capital improvements. You can contribute to Western through various means; checks, gifts of grain, stocks/bonds, or minimum distribution from IRA. Thank you to all who have already given! Together, we are partnering to train the next generation to build His Kingdom!

Community Announcements:

- **Christmas Bake Sale** for Conquering Cancer 4 O'Brien Cnty Sat., Dec. 7, 9 am at Sheldon Hy-Vee. Donations of baked goods are welcome. Freewill donation.

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Morning Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

9:30 AM

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Evening Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

5:00 PM

Opening Service

Call to Worship – Psalm 25:1-10

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“Lord, I Gladly Trust” vs. 1, 3-4**

*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: **“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

Advent Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Luke 21:25-26 Gus & Kassy Dunn

Song of Praise: **“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”**

Service of Reconciliation

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Baptism of Peyton Leigh Hengeveld

Sunday School Kids Singing – “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

“He Knows My Name”

Service of the Word

Song of Preparation: **“How Great Thou Art”**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 9:1-7**

Sermon Title: **“The Coming Redemption”**

Prayer for Application

*Song of Praise: **“Imagine”**

Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Preparatory

*Benediction

*Doxology: **“On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist’s Cry” vs. 1 & 5**

**Please stand, if able.*

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship – Isaiah 11:1-5

Silent Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

*God’s Greeting

Responsive Affirmation of Faith: **Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 14**

*Song of Praise: **“What Child Is This?”**

Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Hymn of Preparation: **“Speak, O Lord”**

Scripture Passage: **2 Timothy 1:3-7**

Sermon Title: **“Fan the Flame”**

Prayer of Application

We Respond in Faith

*Song of Dedication: **“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” vs. 1-3**

*Benediction/Blessing

*Doxology: **Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” vs. 4-5**

**Please stand, if able.*