# Granum Christian Reformed Church

**Rev. Pastor Henry Veldboom** 

Sunday, December 24, 2023

## December 24, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent

## **Entering God's Presence**

## **Celebrating God's Love in Advent**

Advent Readings
Lighting the Advent Candle
Song ~ "Once in Royal David's City" L87
Children's Blessing

## **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading ~ Romans 3:9-31 Sermon ~ "Are You in Christ?" Prayer of Application

## Responding to God's Word

\*Song ~ "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" L56
Congregational Prayer
Song during Offering ~ "O Little Town of Bethlehem" L88
Offering ~ Seafarers Ministry
\*Offertory Prayer

#### Receiving God's Blessing

\*Benediction \*Song ~ "Silent Night, Holy Night" L85:1-3

\*Please stand if able

## **CHURCH FAMILY**

Congratulations to Peter and Nadia and their families on the birth of their daughter Sylvie Amelia who was born on Thursday, December 21. Praise the Lord for the gift of life!

Please remember our members who need ongoing prayer, including: Henrietta, Ralph, Aleda, Alex, Tom & Effie.

#### **MUSICIAN**

Today- Jennie Christmas Day- Worship Team Next Sunday- Amy & Keira

#### A/V TEAM

Today- Adam & Mary Christmas Day- Adam, Esther & Aidan Next Sunday- Marianne & Bryn

#### NURSERY

Today- Lynae, Sandra & Mary Next Sunday- Rebecka, Kaylee & Adalynn

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today- No Sunday School Next Sunday- No Sunday School

#### **OFFERING:**

Today- Seafarers Ministry Christmas Day- World Renew Next Sunday- General Fund

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

December 25- Gary G. December 26- Ed - Lillian



Congratulations to everyone celebrating Birthdays this week!

#### **TODAY:**

**Nursery** is available prior to start of service. No **Sunday School** today.

#### THIS WEEK:

Monday- 10:00 am Christmas Day Service

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

December 31- 7:00 pm Old Year Day Service January 1- 10:00 am New Year Day Service at at Nobleford CRC

## **OUR CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Golden Hour Bible Circle plans to hold its first meeting of the new year on January 12th, 2024 at 10:00 am at the church. We will continue our study "Imprisoned, Faith in all Circumstances" with Derek W. Thomas (Ligonier Ministries). Lesson # 8, God's Boldness to Peter and John. All ladies are welcome to join us for this study.

## **OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

**Maranatha Friendship Group** invites anyone who is interested to join us for singing, prayer, and bible study. We will start up in the new year on January 4<sup>th</sup> and continue to meet every other Thursday at 7pm. For more information, please contact Tracy Leenstra @ 403-308-0987.

## **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY & AROUND THE WORLD**

Jesus is The Reason - As we give and receive gifts at Christmas, we celebrate Jesus, God's gift to us! Will you add someone who lives in poverty to your Christmas giving? Change a life with an item like a goat, a bicycle, or a handwashing station from World Renew's Gift Catalogue. Give online at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-975-3769 to give.

Kids Corner: Christmas Love for God's Global Family - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Just like the wise men, we can choose to follow Jesus. By accepting the gift of his love, we give him a big gift: our hearts. God's family is together by the love of Jesus, which was shown on the first Christmas. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible story podcast "The Wise Men."

**Groundwork: Jesus: Our Prince of Peace** - As we celebrate Christmas, join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 137, Isaiah 49:6, Isaiah 53:4-12, Ephesians 2:14-19, and Luke 2:1-21 to discover the deep and meaningful shalom Jesus brought to us in his birth, that he promises to establish permanently when he returns, and how we can be his agents of peace in our world here and now. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Recorded videos of services can be found on our Granum CRC YouTube channel.

Go to YouTube and in search box enter "GranumCRC AV" and click on that search result option.

Then click on the video you want to watch.

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Previous bulletins with order of worship can e found on our website.
https://www.granumcrc.com/news-1

Website: <a href="www.granumcrc.com">www.granumcrc.com</a> Announcements: <a href="mailto:info@granumcrc.com">info@granumcrc.com</a> Submission deadline is <a href="mailto:Thursday 12:00 pm">Thursday 12:00 pm</a>.

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