

WELCOMES TO AVERY STREET CHURCH! We greet those who are visiting with us today in the name of our Lord and Savior. Please join us for coffee after the service. Our Pastor and the greeting Elder are available to answer any questions you may have. For more information about the Christian Reformed Church visit our website at www.ascrc.org

THIS SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: John 1:1-9, 12:37-50
Message: Seeing the Light



NEXT SUNDAY – Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Luke 1:37
Message: Light Through the Fog

MINISTRIES FOR AVERY STREET CHURCH HOSPITALITY

Praying Elder
Steve Zielinski

North Door Elder
David Van Deusen

Offertory Deacon
John Hibma

Coffee Servers: **This Week:** Peter and Joy Ferwerda
Next Week: Brendan and Betsy Flynn



Children’s Worship: Michelle Hoyt and Sharon Satalino

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12/8/19
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Michelle Hoyt
Brooke Nelson
(Ariana Lewis on call
infants)

12/15/19
10:30 AM
Worship Service
Daniela Gore
Emily Gore
Kyra Fopma
(Melanie Fopma on call
infants)

A nursery is available during the worship service. The nursery is located in the north hall of this building. Electronic pagers are available and will vibrate if it should become necessary for a parent to come to the nursery. For parents with small children, we also offer a “cry room” in which you can see and hear worship and feel more comfortable should your child become fussy during worship. It is located near the corner with the sound and visual equipment.

*** * * A U D I O E Q U I P M E N T * * ***

A voice copy of the sermon is available on the church website at ascrc.org. CD copies are available as well. See Rich O’Neill or email him at roneill28@cox.net. Please specify sermon or service. Copies are ready the following week but can also be expedited if necessary. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT: Today is the second Sunday of the **Advent** season. Traditionally Advent has been a time for Christians to focus on preparation for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' first coming as well as to remember and renew their desire for Jesus' second coming. This year's Advent sermons will focus on the theme of light, remembering that Jesus is the Light of the world and of our lives. This morning we also celebrate the **Lord's Supper** together as part of our worship.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: After the worship service this morning, a congregational meeting will be held to elect new elders and deacons and to approve the 2020 operating budget for the church. Nominees for the two open Deacon positions are Sandy James and Eric Rentz; the nominee for the open Elder position is Joy Ferwerda. Absentee ballots, should you still need them, are available on the credenza in the narthex; a copy of the proposed budget was provided in each member mailbox.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: Our newest Bible study will begin meeting on Monday, January 13. The study will be called "Prime Time" and will meet (weather permitting) in Room A on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The theme for spring and fall of 2020 is *Favorite Psalms* and will be led by Pastor Dave. Everyone is welcome to come, though this study is being provided for those who would prefer not to be out at night or who cannot make one of our already-existing studies. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dave.

VALET SERVICE: Several members of the church have been asked to consider helping to provide valet service during the winter months. If you received one of those requests, would you please put your reply in Gloria Ranney's mail slot as soon as possible? With the winter season here, there are a number of folks who really need this service, and it's also a great way to welcome and show hospitality to members and guests. Thank you!

POINSETTIA PLANTS: Many poinsettia plants are needed for decorating the church for our Advent services and Paul Baloche concert. If possible, please consider bringing a plant to the church by 12/15/19. You can even put your name on the bottom and take it home again after the Christmas Eve Service.

ADVANCED NOTICE: Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held this year on Tuesday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: Yankee Swap Dinner on Saturday, January 11. Details will follow.

VERY ADVANCE NOTICE: Vacation Bible School at Avery Street Church will be held August 3 to August 7 this coming summer. In addition, please note the Congregational picnic will be held August 2.

From Calvin University

ESSAY CONTEST - The H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies proudly announces our 28th annual High School Senior Scholarship Essay Contest. This year's topic is Calvin and the Biblical Patriarchs. Deadline for submission is February 3, 2020. Winners will be awarded scholarships to one of several Reformed colleges and universities, as listed on our website. Details: calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/fellowships-scholarships/high-school-seniors/

December 8, 2019
 Session 13-What Do I Live
 for Now?

Why moving forward is a necessity
 Why it's a process
 Why peace and pain will always coexist



This Week's Calendar

Sunday 12/8/19	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	GriefShare (FH)
	(6:00 PM)	(N/A)(Room A)
	(7:30 PM)	(N/A)(FH)
Monday	6:30 PM	Coffee Break Dinner (FH)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elders & Deacons (Admin)
	(5:00-10:00 PM)	(MRPF)(Church)
Wednesday	8:00 AM	Men's Life (Emeralds)
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	6:45 AM	Man-to-Man (FH)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break Brunch
	4:30 PM	GEMS (Room A)
Friday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (Admin)
	6:30-10:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Saturday		Sanctuary and Classrooms
		Rehearsal for Pageant

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday 12/15/19	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Sunday School Christmas Pageant
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