

## Worship Volunteers for Today

**Worship Leader:** Joe Adams      **Children's Worship:** Ed Verbrugge  
**Sound:** Marisa Hendricks      **Library:** Pat Williams  
**Camera:** Mike Randall  
**Computer:** Donna Randall      **Welcome Center:** Ron & Becky Schultz  
**Scripture Reader:** Becky Schultz      **Nursery:** Melissa B. & Tami M.  
**Prayer Room:** John Laninga      **Greeter:** The Amandous  
**Congregational Prayer:** Ken VanderLaan

## Worship Volunteers for Next Week

**Worship Leader:** Maureen Sweet      **Children's Worship:** Deb Laninga  
**Sound:** Marisa Hendricks      **Library:** Donna Randall  
**Camera:** Mike Randall  
**Computer:** Donna Randall      **Welcome Center:** Ron & Becky Schultz  
**Scripture Reader:** Becky Schultz      **Nursery:** Deb L. & Deanna V.  
**Prayer Room:** Todd Hendricks      **Greeter:** Judy Barszcz  
**Congregational Prayer:** John Laninga

## Our Leadership

### Staff:

Rev. Wayne Otten  
Drew Zuverink  
Danielle Gummere  
Melissa Behrenbrinker  
Tom Nieboer

### Elders:

Dave Alverson  
Tom Beckwith  
Todd Hendricks  
John Lobbes  
Ron Schultz  
Joe Williams

### Deacons:

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life in Christ



**December 8, 2024**



# Welcome to Worship!



# Upcoming Events...

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer & Call to Worship

*Angels We Have Heard On High*  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
*Emmanuel*

Congregational Prayer & Offering

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: Advent Through the Eyes of... The Shepherds  
Reverend Wayne Otten

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Benediction

*Lord I Lift Your Name On High*

## **Senior Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ 10a.

## **Prayer Group**

Wednesdays @ 6:30p.

## **Men's Bible Study**

Thursdays @ 8:00a.

## **Youth Group**

December 8 @ 4:30-6:30p.

## **Prayer Service**

January 5 @ 5:00p.

## **Elders & Consistory Meetings**

December 9 @ 5:45p. & 6:45p.

## **Lit'n Lattes**

December 9 @ 5:30p.

## **Candlelight Service & Christmas Dinner**

December 22

### **Welcome to Unity Reformed Church!**

We are glad you're here worshiping with us! If you are visiting and would like to learn more about Unity, please fill out an information card at our Welcome Center. Kid's Worship Too is a special service for children ages 3 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade downstairs (in room #102) during the morning service. Kids are dismissed during the service.



## Remember in Prayer...

## Sermon Notes

### Our Mission Partners

Gateway Mission  
Talking Bibles International  
The Servant Center - Grand Rapids  
Boss & Missy Petit - LiftKids Haiti

Jeong & Misook Gho - Japan  
Pregnancy Resource Center  
W. Michigan Teen/Adult Challenge  
Cody Kerstin - Wycliffe Bible - Mexico

### Our Family

#### Ongoing Health Concerns

Art Visser  
Ron Rysdyk  
Thom Adams  
Wilma Pursifull  
Dorene Beckwith  
Jackie Russell  
Carolyn Jager

#### Our Home-bound Members

Ruth Topp - Storybook East  
Joyce Hoffman - Mission Point  
Carolyn Geers - Rivertown Ridge  
Char DeMaagd - Edison Manor  
Marilyn Nance - Metron  
Carolyn Jager - Home  
Art Visser - Greentree  
Connie Vanlier - Beacon Hill  
Judy Verstrate - Greentree

Tammy - John & Carolyn Lobbes's daughter  
Grant Shriver - intestinal issues  
Carolyn Jager - recently diagnosed with breast cancer  
Mary Adams - healing from a fall/broken ribs  
Marilyn Bush - brother recently passed away

## Announcements...

### **Christmas Cards For Homebound Members**

We are excited to announce that we will be collecting Christmas cards for our homebound members once again this year! This is a wonderful opportunity to show our love and appreciation for those who may not be able to join us in person for worship. Please take a moment to share some festive spirit by signing cards that will be placed in bags for each member. You will find the bags set up on the table next to the mailboxes. Your thoughtful messages will remind them that they are loved and not forgotten. These will be collected until December 15.

### **Community Pantry**

We are excited to announce that the Community Pantry will be holding a drive throughout the month of December to gather much-needed food and monetary donations. In the lobby you'll find our beautifully decorated Christmas tree adorned with paper ornaments. Each ornament lists essential items, cash amounts, and gift card amounts that our pantry is currently in need of. We encourage you to grab one or two, shop for the items, and return them to the pantry. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please feel free to give it to the deacons along with a note specifying that it's for the pantry. As many of you know, this ministry is experiencing exponential growth, and we've recently rolled out a new mobile pantry service for our low-income senior neighbors at Bailey's Grove. This rapid expansion means that our need for stocked supplies and financial support is more critical than ever. We greatly appreciate all the support you have shown for this vital community ministry, and we look forward to making a positive impact together this holiday season!

### **Lit n' Lattes**

Lit n' Lattes will be meeting at 5:30 pm on December 9th at Judy Bergsma's. We will be discussing the book, "Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley.

### **Love INC**

As we mentioned before, Love INC has outgrown their current offices, and has been looking for a partner church with room to house their new offices. Our consistory unanimously approved their request to have them use our building. They'll be occupying the two rooms at the far end of the old upstairs wing. Since their office hours are during the week, you might not see them much, but we wanted to keep you informed. We're thrilled to have them with us! Please keep Danielle Bult and the rest of the team in your prayers as they make their transition, and if you happen to see them, be sure to give them a friendly welcome!

*Happy Birthday to You*

Tuesday: Wilma Pursifull

## Get Involved...

We have many opportunities to get involved in the life of our church. Below are some areas we would love extra hands.

### **CommUNITY Pantry**

This ministry serves our neighbors and community by offering grocery basics as well as household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene supplies. There are two ways you can help out: food donations and volunteering for a shift to work in our pantry. If you'd like more information, please see Jackie Russell.

### **Sound Booth**

Whether you consider yourself a technology pro or a technology newbie, you can help out with this vital piece of our morning worship. There are three main positions you can help with: running the computer, the camera, or the sound board. Training is provided so no need to feel intimidated! Please see Marisa Hendricks if you'd like to help out.

### **Children's Church**

Our Children's Church is well underway and we would love your help! The curriculum has been recently changed, creating a more streamlined experience for the leaders and the children. If you'd like to sign up, even a week helps! The sign-up sheet is located on the Youth & Family Ministries table.

