

## Worship Volunteers for Today

**Worship Leader:** Dan Gillett      **Children's Worship:** Brittany & Nicole  
**Sound:** Marisa Hendricks      **Library:** Marilyn Bush  
**Camera:** Mike Randall  
**Computer:** Donna Randall      **Welcome Center:** Ron & Becky Schultz  
**Scripture Reader:** Becky Schultz      **Nursery:** Heaven A. & Alyssa Z.  
**Prayer Room:** Joel Hendricks      **Greeter:** The Beckwiths  
**Congregational Prayer:** Pastor Wayne

## Worship Volunteers for Next Week

**Worship Leader:** Todd Hendricks      **Children's Worship:** Judy B. & Joe W.  
**Sound:** Marisa Hendricks      **Library:** Linda Alverson  
**Camera:** Mike Randall  
**Computer:** Donna Randall      **Welcome Center:** Ron & Becky Schultz  
**Scripture Reader:** Becky Schultz      **Nursery:** Debbie V. & Jamie L.  
**Prayer Room:** Malik & Heaven A.      **Greeter:** Dan Beers  
**Congregational Prayer:** Dave Dykstra

## Our Leadership

### Staff:

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

### Elders:

Dave Alverson  
Tom Beckwith  
Todd Hendricks  
John Lobbes  
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life in Christ



**December 22, 2024**

**ADVENT**  
**THROUGH THE EYES OF**  
**US**

**LUKE 2:1-7**

# Welcome to Worship!



# Upcoming Events...

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer & Call to Worship

*Christmas Medley*

Congregational Prayer & Offering

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Sermon: Advent Through the Eyes of Us  
Reverend Wayne Otten

*Song of Response*

Benediction

*Closing Song*

## **Senior Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ 10a.  
(No Bible Study 12/24 & 12/31)

## **Prayer Group**

Wednesdays @ 6:30p.

## **Men's Bible Study**

Thursdays @ 8:00a.

## **Prayer Service**

January 5 @ 5:00p.

## **Youth Group**

January 5 @ 4:30p.

## **Lit'n Lattes**

January 7 @ 5:30p.

## **Fundraiser for Simon**

January 8 @ 6p.

## **Elders & Consistory Meetings**

January 13 @ 5:45p. & 6:45p.

### **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 - recent surgery was successful, recovering at home  
Carolyn Jager - successful surgery  
Mary Adams - healing from a fall/broken ribs  
Marilyn Bush - brother recently passed away

## Announcements...

### 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!

### Love INC SKC News

Merry Christmas! We thank God for all He has done in the last year - thank you for your partnership. And, we are SO grateful to be moving into the Unity building - thank you and we look forward to seeing what God will do in the coming year. Also, looking forward to 2025, we are excited to kick off several programs in early January:

- Poverty Redeemed, our equipping class starts January 7, 6:30pm.
- IMPACT programming (Faith & Finance, Affirming Potential or Boundaries classes), starts January 13 in Wyoming and January 15 in Kentwood.
- Volunteers are needed - join the team as allies, discussion group leaders, English conversation club team or prayer warriors.

Call Love INC at 616-816-5683 for more information and to join us!

### Lit'n Lattes

Lit n' Lattes will be meeting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 7th at Judy Bergsma's. We will be discussing the book, "The Dutch House", by Ann Patchett.

### From Bob Rose

God has been good to me. From year to year I am more aware that my body is aging, through things God has allowed into my life, like a broken rib, I was reminded that God was always with me. God gave me Psalm 31:14-15 "I trusted in You Lord... my steps are in Your hands". My healing is all for His glory. Thank you for your prayers, visits, and cards. - Bob

### Sunday School Start Time

Please note, beginning in January, Sunday School will start at 10:45a.m.

*Happy Birthday to You*

Thursday: Amy Walma  
Friday: Art Visser

## 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.

