



First Reformed
Church of Portage

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Ministry Servers

Sanctuary Greeters

Today: Peter & Peggy Cook
Next Week: Jean Smith, Phyllis Smith

Prayer

Today: Allan Terpstra, John Medema
Next Week: Terri Veldman, Chris VandenOever

Nursery (Ages 0-3 Years)

Today: Steve Newhouse, Brooke Roller
Next Week: Julie Pasma, Julie Newhouse

Projector & Sound Techs

Today: Dan Kalleward, Rick Reeves
Next Week: Rick Reeves, Jim Thompson

Coffee Servers

Today: Mike Lewis, John Mein
Next Week: Jeff & Pam Everts

Children In Worship

Today: (L) Pam Everts (H) Diane Byholt, Joan Eshuis
Next Week: (L) Terri Veldman (H) Peyton & Caleb Schuring

Sunday Morning Transport

Today: Allan Terpstra
Next Week: Jeff Everts

Children's Sunday School

Starts at 11:00

(3-5 YEAR OLDS)

Lesson: "Jesus is God's Gift": (T) Jen Reel (H) Steve Pasma

6 YEAR OLDS-5TH GRADE

Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 9, 2018



WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #145
"Born In Bethlehem"
"Rejoice"

Greeting

Children's Message
(Children ages 3-3rd grade dismissed for
Children in Worship)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

"Emmanuel" #134

Prayer

Offering

Matthew 1:18-25

Ministry of Music

"God With Us Brings Love"

Prayer

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"
#131

Blessing



Hearing device
available in the
Sound Booth.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/9

8:15 AM ~ Praise Choir Rehearsal
8:45 AM ~ Christmas Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM ~ Worship Service ~ In the
Sanctuary ~ Coffee Fellowship ~ Following
Service in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM ~ Sunday School for All Ages
12:15 PM ~ Bethlehem Journey Wrap Up
Party

Monday 12/10

12:00-6:00 PM ~ Red Cross Blood Drive
12:30-3:00 PM ~ Robie Carnes Chapel

Tuesday 12/11

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday Morning Bible Study
6:30 PM ~ GAB
6:30 pm ~ Elders Meeting
7:00 PM ~ Deacons Meeting
7:30 PM ~ Consistory Meeting

Wednesday 12/12

9:30 AM ~ After School Packs

Thursday 12/13

9:00-3:00 PM ~ Classical Conversations

Friday 12/14

7:00 AM ~ Friday Morning Prayer

Saturday 12/15

3:30-8:00 PM ~ VandenOever Fellowship
Hall

Sunday 12/16

8:15 AM ~ Praise Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM ~ Worship Service ~ In the
Sanctuary ~ Coffee Fellowship ~
following service in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM ~ Sunday School for All Ages
6:00 PM ~ Hymn Sing Followed by Desserts and
a Christmas Movie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

Clayton Smith

269-312-0724

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Pastor of Visitation

Kathy Hoeksema

269-370-3677

Care Teams

Elder & Deacon

A-D

(E) Allan Terpstra &

(D) T.J. Pool Jr.

E-J

(E) John Smith &

(D) Ken Larson

K-M

(E) Peter Cook &

(D) John Mein

N-R

(E) Chris VandenOever &

(D) Brad Dayton

S-U

(E) Amos Newhouse &

(D) Dave Newhouse

V-Z

(E) John Byholt &

(D) Mike Lewis

Team Ministry

(Team Leaders)

Church Life

Joan Eshuis

Education

Deb Polderman

Finance

Tim Kirby

Mission & Outreach

Pam Reeves

Prayer

Jeff Everts

Property

Don Terpstra

Technology

Dan Kalleward

Worship

Ryan Hoeksema



BETHLEHEM JOURNEY WRAP UP PARTY TODAY AT

12:15 PM, please join us in the Fellowship Hall. This party is for **EVERYONE** involved, join us for food, fun and fellowship.



PLEASE JOIN US at 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 16th for a hymn sing of all your favorite Christmas carols, followed by a dessert pot luck and Christmas movie!



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

BLOOD DRIVE We will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive tomorrow, December 10th, from noon - 6:00 PM. If you are able to help with the set-up, please come to the church that morning at 10:00 AM. Thank you.



OFFERING ENVELOPES 2019 offering envelopes have been placed in your church mailbox. This is the system FRCP has in place to keep track of your tithing for year end giving statements. If you did not receive a set but would like one, please fill out a request form (located in the back of the sanctuary) and put it in the Finance Team mailbox in the workroom.

FRCP FAMILY Thank you very much for all the treats and goodies as I prepare for finals! I will definitely be needing them as these last two weeks finish up. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers as I tackle this Fall semester, every bit of your love and support is greatly appreciated.
Love, Kylie Kalleward

JOIN US for an 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REVIEW Congratulations to Jeff Everts and Deb Polderman, and Sue Bos and Steve Newhouse, affirmed in their calling to serve 3 year terms as Elders and Deacons! We praised God for our best worship attendance in a decade, and for blessing us with giving that exceeded our expenses. With our healthy financial picture, we passed a 2019 budget that approved an increase in spending for mission.

Sermon Notes

1. God is _____.
2. God _____ love.
3. God's love _____
_____ US.

