

For I am
not ashamed
of the gospel,
because it is the
power of God
that brings
salvation
to everyone who
believes.

ROMANS 1:16, NIV

Christian Reformed Church of Pease

December 31, 2023 - 9:30 A.M

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Pastor Dallas Smith

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We Enter God's Presence

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

God's Greeting and Our Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: *"My Life is in You Lord"*

"Here I Am, Lord"

Confession and Assurance

Song of Assurance: *"Blessed Assurance"*

Intercessory Prayer: John Goslinga

Our Gifts: 1) General Fund

2) 125 Campaign

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message: Beth Sumner

Song: *"This Little Light of Mine"*

Various Passages of Scripture

Message: **"Clear Seasoned Speaking"**

Prayer of Application

Song of Application: *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing

Closing Song: *"Build Your Kingdom Here"*



Blessed
shall you be when
you come in,
and Blessed
shall you be when
you go out.

Deuteronomy 28:6

Sermon Notes

Main Points:

Notes:

Key Words:

Key Verses:

Key People:

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed,
for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22-23

We come to worship our great God on this last Sunday of the Year 2023. As we look back to these last few days on another year lived before the Lord, we do so in order to look ahead to a New Year. As we look back and remember, we can consider these words from Lamentations.

Welcome to God’s Family of Believers!

This morning we welcome **Pastor Dallas Smith** to lead us in worship with his message “Clear Seasoned Speaking”.

Next Sunday, **Mr. Dick Ahlberg** will join us as he looks to Genesis 16:1-14 to base his message, “Three Questions for the New Year”.

Please note that this morning only **Little Lambs** and **Worship Center** will meet during our worship service. The 2nd-5th grade classes will not meet until January 7.



On this final Sunday of 2023, please take some time to reflect on God’s work in your life in the past year. Where have you seen him at work in your life as you look back? As a church, we reflect together on all the ways the Lord has indeed been good to his people with a look back at the baptisms, weddings, professions of faith, and funerals that took place in our congregation this year. *“The Lord is our Shepherd...”*

Our Church Family

We wish a very happy birthday to:

>**Rosie Van Driel**, who celebrates 97 years tomorrow, January 1!

>**Joyce Kiel**, who celebrates 95 years on Thursday, January 4!

Please continue to be in prayer for **Brenda Hanenburg** following her hospitalization last week. Her family is hopeful that she will be able to return home soon.

"I would like to say thank you for all the lovely cards, goodies, flowers, and visits I received during this Christmas season. I feel very blessed and thankful for my wonderful church family and pray that each one of you feel the love of our precious Savior now and through the entire year." ~Adeline Nobel


It's been great to have our college kids home for the holidays! If you get a chance, be sure to greet them and keep them in your prayers as they head back to school over the next few weeks.

Coffee will be served in the Fireside Room this Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and spend time visiting.

You will find updated **Shepherding/Administrative leadership information** on the back page of this bulletin. Some group leadership has remained the same, while others now have 1-2 new members. Please be in prayer for our elders, deacons, and facilitators as they prepare for a new year of ministering well to our congregation.



The January/February 2024 **TODAY Devotionals** are on the tables in the foyer, as well as the January 2024 **Prayer Guides**.

 **Thrive** **Thrive Faith Formation Tip:** Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight." Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

New Year's Eve: At the end of 2023, please give thanks for God's faithful work among our churches as they share God's love in their local communities and through global connections. Pray that in 2024 the Holy Spirit will raise up pastors, chaplains, elders, deacons, and missionaries to shepherd God's people and encourage them in works of service and evangelism.

The second offerings received in January are:

January 1– Community Christian School

January 14– REC Snack Packing

January 21– Rum River Life Choices Center

January 28– 125 Campaign



Calendar for the Week

Sunday, December 31

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

Wednesday, January 3

9:30 a.m.

Coffee in the Fireside Room

6:30 p.m.

REC Jr.

7:45 p.m.

REC

Thursday, January 4

7:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

Upcoming Events

- >Mission Society: Monday, January 8
- >Administrative Team Meeting: Monday January 8
- >Coffee Break: Wednesday, January 10
- >Sunday Night Live: Sunday, January 14
- >Shepherding Team Meeting: Monday, January 15

Community Announcements

Grieving a loss? Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Join the members of Grief Share, a weekly grief support group that meets on Mondays at the Milaca Free Church on Mondays from 6:00-7:00, beginning January 8 and going through April 1. Contact Susan with questions at 320.362.0878.

Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, December 31: Tom Patten

Next Sunday, January 7: Jeff Hanenburg

Media Today, December 31: Linda Droogsma

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Livestream Today, December 31: Bob Sumner

Next Sunday, January 7: Bob Sumner

Greeters Today, December 31

East Door: Keith & Keri Cook

West Door: Brenda Santema

Next Sunday, January 7:

East Door: Alan & Ruth Ann Kragt

West Door: Harly & Pauline Pap

Ushers Today, December 31:

East: Mike Larsen

Center: Greg Brink

West: Laura Broberg

Next Sunday, January 7:

East: Jim Santema

Center: Ron & Bonnie Homstad

West: Dewey Droogsma

Nursery Today, December 31:

Leaders: Tammie Peterson, Jim Santema

Helpers: Keslyn Hoyez, Annika Kiel

Next Sunday, January 7:

Leaders: Nicole Hoffman, Haley Hemmerich

Helpers: Ty Patnode, Kendell Ash

Children's Church Today, December 31:

Little Lambs: *"Waiting, Waiting, Waiting!"*

Leader: Haley Hemmerich

Helper: Lauryn Droogsma

Worship Center: *"The Boy Jesus in the Temple"*

Leader: Michelle Schluender

Helper: Amelia Schluender

The 2-3's/4-5's: *Lesson No Class- New Year's Eve*

Children's Church Next Sunday, January 7:

Little Lambs: *"Jesus is Born!"*

Leader: Deb Vedders

Helper: Mallery Vander Plaats

Worship Center: *"Jesus is Baptized"*

Leader: Sara Swanson

Helper: Kinsley Hoyez

The 2-3's: *Lesson 13*

Leader: Julee Moorlag

The 4-5's: *Lesson 13*

Leader: Bonnie Ash

2024 Administrative Team

Elders: Jeff Hanenburg—President
Tom Kiel—Vice President
Doug Brink—Clerk

Deacons: Bernie Boldt—President
Ryan Manke—Vice President
Joelle Hjort—Secretary

2024 Shepherdng Teams

Red: Duane Droogsma, Jayne Kiel, Hope Vermeer
Yellow: Phil Vedders, Beth Sumner, Cindy Hemmerich
Purple: Dick Ritzema, Char De Kraker, Char Burklund
Orange: Tom Patten, Sam Fradette, Sharry Kragt
Blue: Byron Byker, John Teeler, Shirley Geurkink
Green: Julee Moorlag, Dylan Ash, Kris Kiel



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