



SECOND SUNDAY OF
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Christian Reformed Church of Pease
December 7, 2025 - 9:30 A.M
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We Enter God's Presence

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Silent Night"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Song of Praise: *"Holy Forever (Christmas)"*

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Moorlag Family

Song of Response: *"O Come All Ye Faithful/His Name Shall Be"*

Intercessory Prayer: Pastor Brad

Offering received for: 1) General Fund

2) Benevolent Fund

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message: Shelly Ash

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Message: **Hidden Characters of Christmas: "Joseph"**

Prayer of Application

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Ministry of Music: *"Mary, Did You Know?"*

We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing

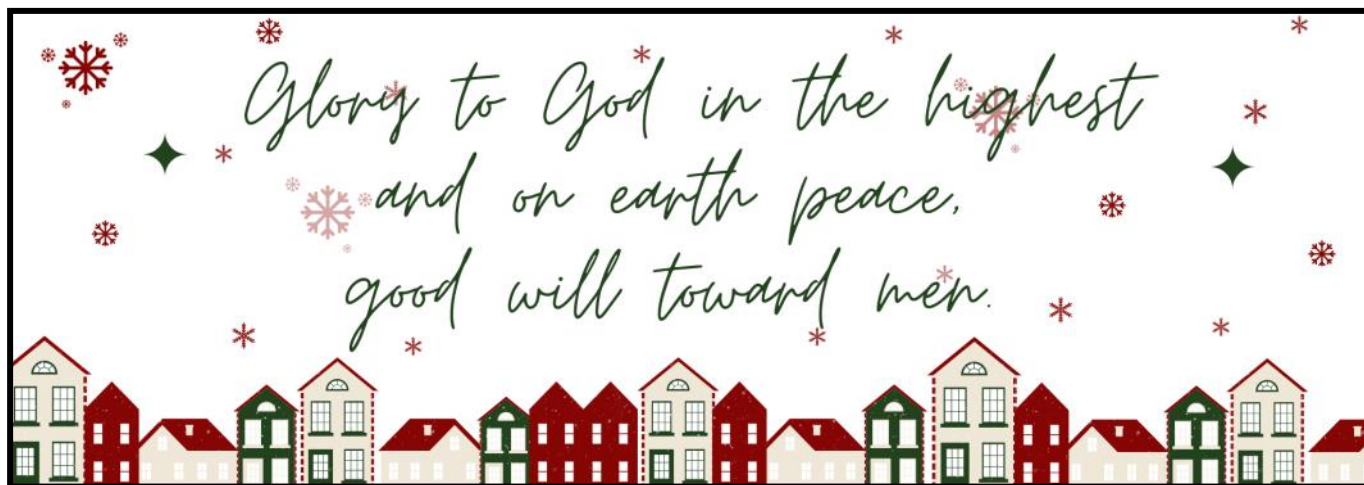
Parting Song: *"The Blessing"*



Sermon Notes

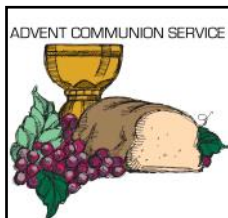
Thank you for worshiping with us today!

- ♦ If you're a visitor with us, we welcome you in the name of Christ and invite you to fill out the card in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We would love to reach out to you and get to know you better!
- ♦ Nursery care for infants through age two is available during our service.
- ♦ Children in Worship is available for children ages 3-Kindergarten. Kids will be invited up front for a children's message, and will then be excused.
- ♦ Activity bags for small children are available near the office.
- ♦ Hearing enhancers are available in the Sound Booth.
- ♦ As a courtesy, please switch your cell phones off or to silent mode.



As we gather for worship on this second Sunday of Advent, let us worship Him-the Prince of Peace-who is the only one worthy of our praise and adoration. O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Today Pastor Brad continues our Advent series, "The Hidden Characters of Christmas" with Joseph, looking to Matthew 1:18-25. Next Sunday morning the kids are looking forward to sharing the story of Christmas with you all at their **Sunday School Christmas Program**. Children should arrive between 9:00 and 9:15 to get into costume and prepare to share the greatest story ever told!



This morning we gather around the table of the Lord to participate in the **Lord's Supper**. During Advent, in particular, we are struck by the stark contrast of Jesus in the manger and Jesus on the cross. Today we are reminded of the tragically beautiful reason for his coming and what it meant for him-and for us. If you acknowledge yourself as a sinner, and if you confess Jesus Christ as your only Lord and Savior, and if you desire to love and serve Him as his disciple, we welcome your participation with us today.

This morning is our **Christmas Program dress rehearsal**. Preschool will practice their program first and will be free to leave when they are done. Older students may have to stay just a bit later than usual, to be sure we are ready for our performance next Sunday. Thank you for your patience!



Our Church Family

Please be in prayer for **Sheila Hanenburg**, who took a fall at work resulting in multiple compression fractures in her back. We pray for pain management and swift healing.

*"Dear Pease Church family, Thank you to many of you who attended the celebration of life we had for our Mom, Hermina Kiel. Thank you for the cards and donations given in her honor. She was a wonderful Mom and Grandma to us all. She will surely be missed. May God bless your future ministry in the Pease community. Sincerely, **the family of Hermina**"*

Thank you to the **Decorating Team** for making our church looks festive!



Volunteer Opportunities- We are in search of *adult* nursery workers and more ushers to welcome and seat people on Sunday mornings! If you would like more information, please talk to Carrie soon!

Last Sunday morning a visitor's jacket was mistakenly taken after worship. If you have a black 'Farmer's Equipment' jacket with the name "Luke" embroidered on it, please return it to the office. Thank you!



With a rich and diverse background, also a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, John Anderson now chairs the Elk River school board, a journey similar to Nehemiah's. You'll want to hear his story at **Men's Timeout** this Saturday, December 13. Breakfast is at 8, Mr. Anderson at 8:30, and they're finished around 9. Bring your son and/or a friend!

Mittens are still available on the **Mitten Tree** in the Narthex! Please return your (unwrapped) gifts under the mitten tree with the tag attached by next Sunday, December 14.



SNL is next Sunday, with GEMS, Cadets, and Kid's Club meeting at 3:00 (NO adult class). The **GEMS/Prayer Partner Tea** will begin at 3:15. If you can make it, please RSVP to Carrie today!

Cadets will only meet once in December on the 14th. We begin promptly at 3:00. It's great if you have your son there early. Thank you!



The **Salvation Army** works to bring relief to the homeless and those in need in Mille Lacs county. Can you help them by ringing bells for a couple of hours? Sign up at: registertoring.com. More info can be found on the bulletin boards.

Help us spread the joy of Christmas! Please bring your Christmas cards to church by next Sunday, December 14. A box will be placed outside the office to place your cards. Have names clearly marked on the front of each envelope: Jean Droogsma, Marlin & Ann Ege, Brenda Hanenburg, Lois Hanenburg, Joyce Kiel, John Kok, Anna Mae Miedema, Sharon Minks, Barb Sanford, Louise Spoelstra, Joanne Vedders, Lorraine Veurink, & Ron Van't Hof.



Join us here at church at 3:00 on Sunday, Dec. 21 for a traditional **Christmas Hymn Sing!**

Community Announcements

The next Country Gospel singalong with **This Side of Heaven** will be today at 3:00 p.m. at the Milaca E Free Church. Everyone is welcome. This is our Christmas singalong; there will be cookies and beverages following.



Community Christian School in Pease invites you to join them for their annual Christmas Program Friday, December 12. This year they will have a matinee performance at 1 PM and then again that evening at 7 PM at the Christian Reformed Church in Pease.

Students will be presenting the program ***A Quizzical Christmas***. Please join them for this uplifting program which will inspire and give us the true meaning of Christmas-the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. For those unable to attend, the Friday evening program will be live-streamed with this link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/iFhU10wJaZc>

The second offerings through December will be taken as follows:

December 14- Community Christian School

December 21- Milaca Area Food Pantry

December 25- Guatemala Action Project

December 28- 125 Campaign



Calendar for the Week

Sunday, December 7

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

Monday, December 8

9:00 a.m. CCS Christmas Program Practice
1:30 p.m. Mission Society

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 a.m. Women's Crafting Group
9:00 a.m. CCS Christmas Program Practice
5:00 p.m. Staff/Council Christmas Party Social Hour
5:30 p.m. Staff/Council Christmas Party Dinner
4:00 p.m. Worship Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

9:00 a.m. CCS Christmas Program Practice
10:30 a.m. Senior Bible Study
6:30 p.m. REC Jr.
7:45 p.m. REC

Thursday, December 11

9:00 a.m. CCS Christmas Program Practice
7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Friday, December 12

1:00 p.m. CCS Christmas Program Matinee Performance
7:00 p.m. CCS Christmas Program

Saturday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Men's Timeout

Advance Notice

Sunday School Program- December 14
GEMS/Prayer Partner Christmas Tea- December 14
New Officebearer Orientation- December 16
Christmas Tea- December 18
Christmas Hymn Sing- December 21
Christmas Morning Worship- December 25



Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, December 7: Bernie Boldt

Next Sunday, December 14: Ryan Swanson

Media Today, December 7: Anita Hubers

Next Sunday, December 14: Linda Droogsma

Livestream Today, December 7: Bob Sumner

Next Sunday, December 14: Carrie Rosenberg



Greeters Today, December 7:

East Door: John & Carol Teeler

West Door: Dick & Lois Ritzema

Next Sunday, December 14:

East Door: Dianne Christensen

West Door: Harly & Pauline Pap

Ushers Today, December 7:

East: Mike Larsen

Center: Ron & Bonnie Homstad

West: Bill Ruis

Next Sunday, December 14:

East: Morris Droogsma

Center: Greg Brink

West: Den Kiel

Nursery Today, December 7:

Leaders: Sara Swanson, Kristin Bierma

Helpers: Elava Hoffman, Keslyn Hoyez

Next Sunday, December 14: *No Nursery~ Christmas Program*

Children's Church Today, December 7:

Little Lambs: "Good News!"

Leader: Peggy Timmer

Greeter: Mallery V., Max P.

Worship Center: "The Shepherds & The Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem"

Leader: Haley Hemmerich

Greeter: Amelia Schluender

Sunday School: *No Class~ Lord's Supper*

Children's Church Next Sunday, December 14:

Little Lambs: *No Class- Christmas Program*

Worship Center: *No Class- Christmas Program*

Sunday School: *No Class~ Christmas Program*