



**Christian Reformed Church of Pease**

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**December 27, 2020 ~ 9:30 A.M.**

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## **We Enter God's Presence**

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"The First Noel"*

Welcome and God's Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

Song of Praise: *"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

Confession and Assurance

Song: *"Meekness and Majesty"*

Announcements and Intercessory Prayer

## **We Hear God's Word**

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 –Ella Totzke

Message: **"Christmas Revisited"**

Prayer of Application

Song of Application: *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

## **We Depart With God's Blessing**

Parting Blessing

Parting Song: *"We Receive Your Blessing"*

# *Sermon Notes*

# FOR MY EYES HAVE SEEN

YOUR SALVATION, WHICH YOU HAVE  
PREPARED IN THE SIGHT OF ALL NATIONS..

LUKE 2:30-31



These are the words of Simeon when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple. As we leave Christmas and 2020 and enter into a new year, may we not forget what we have just seen—God’s salvation. May he bless you richly as you worship him this morning.

This morning Pastor Michael will conclude our Advent and Christmas series with the story of the Magi in Matthew 2:1-12, read for us this morning by Ella Totzke. Next week, Pastor Dale Clifton will be with us as Pastor Michael will be away for a few days.

As we leave 2020 and enter into 2021, you are encouraged to take some time and reflect on the highs and lows of the past year. It is our hope that as you do that, you will see evidence of God’s provision and care throughout it all. Have a blessed new year!

This is the last week to do any year-end giving that you haven’t been able to do yet. We are grateful for all the financial support we have received this year and, if you are able, would appreciate you including us. There are several ways to give, either electronically, through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) or via US Mail, or by dropping off your donation at church. Thank you!

Plans are moving along for the renovation and remodel of the upstairs fellowship hall space and we have received several financial contributions for that already. If you would like to make a contribution, you may do so through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) or you may drop your donation off at church designating it for the “Upstairs Remodel Project”. We hope to begin work on this shortly after the first of the year.



The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following receipts from December 20:  
General Fund- \$5,765.00 and Youth Group-\$491.00.

The second offering schedule for the remainder of December is as follows:

12/25- Guatemala Action Project (GAP)

12/27- The 125 Campaign

## *Our Church Family*

We wish a very happy birthday to:

- ♦ **Clara De Vries**, who observes her 89th birthday on Tuesday, December 29.
- ♦ **Rosie Van Driel**, who observes her 94th birthday on Friday, January 1.

We wish a very happy anniversary to:

- ♦ **Jim and Joanne Vedders**, celebrating 54 years on Monday, December 28
- ♦ **Ray and Wanda Rensenbrink**, celebrating 50 years on Tuesday, December 29.

Please continue to keep **Carol Kragt** and her family in your prayers as Jim's funeral was held this past Monday.

Prayers are requested for **Roger Greene** who is currently in the hospital in Roseau. His condition is improving, but it is likely he may have to transition into an assisted living facility.

We continue to keep **Bob Van De Riet** in our prayers as he remains in the U of M hospital for cancer treatment and physical therapy. We are especially praying that the sores in his mouth would heal.

Please keep **Joanne Ruis** and her family in your prayers. Joanne is in a care facility in Grand Rapids, MI and it seems that her time on earth is drawing to a close. Prayers for comfort and a peaceful transition from this life to the next are appreciated.

**At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Hospitality** Kathleen Norris wrote, "True hospitality is marked by an open response to the dignity of each and every person." As you go through your week, focus on approaching every person you meet with this kind of open response. At the end of the week, look back at how this approach changed your attitudes and actions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit: [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

“Christ’s example shapes who we are and how we live our lives each day. Our generous, just, and renewing Savior calls us to be actively open-handed, passionately merciful, and enthusiastically restoring the earth. May Christ’s love be reflected in us all year long, and may we all know his perfect peace in uncertain times.” (Taken from [crcna.org/pray](http://crcna.org/pray))

## *Calendar for the Week*

**Sunday, December 27**

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship



**FAITH At Home Together** will be taking a brief break for a couple of weeks in the beginning of January. All previous activities may be found on our website under the ‘Ministries’ tab. Please contact the office with any questions.

Our Virtual Christmas Program, **2020: A Very COVID Christmas!** premiered after our worship service last Sunday. It is now available on our YouTube channel and can be accessed at any time. Feel free to share with family and friends!

**REC and REC Jr.** will not be meeting through the end of this year. We will see you in 2021!

## *Opportunities To Serve*

**Sound Board Today, December 27:** Tom Patten

**Next Sunday, January 3:** Ryan Swanson

**Media Today, December 27:** Anita Hubers

**Next Sunday, January 3:** Linda Droogsma

**Livestream Today, December 27:** Dylan Moorlag

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**Greeters Today, December 27:**

**East Entrance:** Keith Cook

**West Entrance:** Keri Cook

**Next Sunday, January 3:**

**East Entrance:** Morris Droogsma

**West Entrance:** Shirley Guerkink

**Ushers Today, December 27:**

**East:** Laura Broberg

**West:** John Teeler

**Center:** Morris Droogsma

**Next Sunday, January 3:**

**East:** Diana Krueger

**West:** Pam Ruis

**Center:** Bill Ruis



## **Guidelines for Pease CRC's Resumption of Corporate Worship**

*As we welcome you back to in-person worship, and in an effort to love our neighbor, your adherence to the following guidelines is appreciated!*

*We are happy to have you back!*

- ◆ Social distancing of at least 6 feet between people or families not of the same household is required.
- ◆ Mask wearing is required.
- ◆ Do not touch or open hymn books or Bibles. Everything you need to worship will be on the screen, or you may bring your own.
- ◆ Greeters will be opening the entrance doors for you.
- ◆ Hand sanitizer will be available at both entrances, and you are encouraged to use it.
- ◆ You must allow ushers to seat and dismiss you in the sanctuary. PLEASE DO NOT SEAT YOURSELF.
- ◆ You must proceed immediately to the sanctuary to be seated when you enter the building, and proceed outdoors immediately after you are dismissed.
- ◆ Offering plates will be available on tables in the back of church for you to place your offerings.
- ◆ Families with children 2nd grade and younger will be allowed to gather in the Fellowship Hall, where you may still participate in the service. Activities will be provided for your kids, or you can bring your own.
- ◆ Nursery, Little Lambs, and Worship Center are currently unavailable.

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