



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

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Give Thanks"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Song of Praise: *"King of Kings"*

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Swanson Family

Song of Response: *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

Intercessory Prayer: Sam Pearson

Offering received for: 1) General Fund

2) 125 Campaign

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message: Beth Sumner

Scripture: Luke 1:23-35; 39-45; 57-66

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

Prayer of Application

Song of Application: *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing

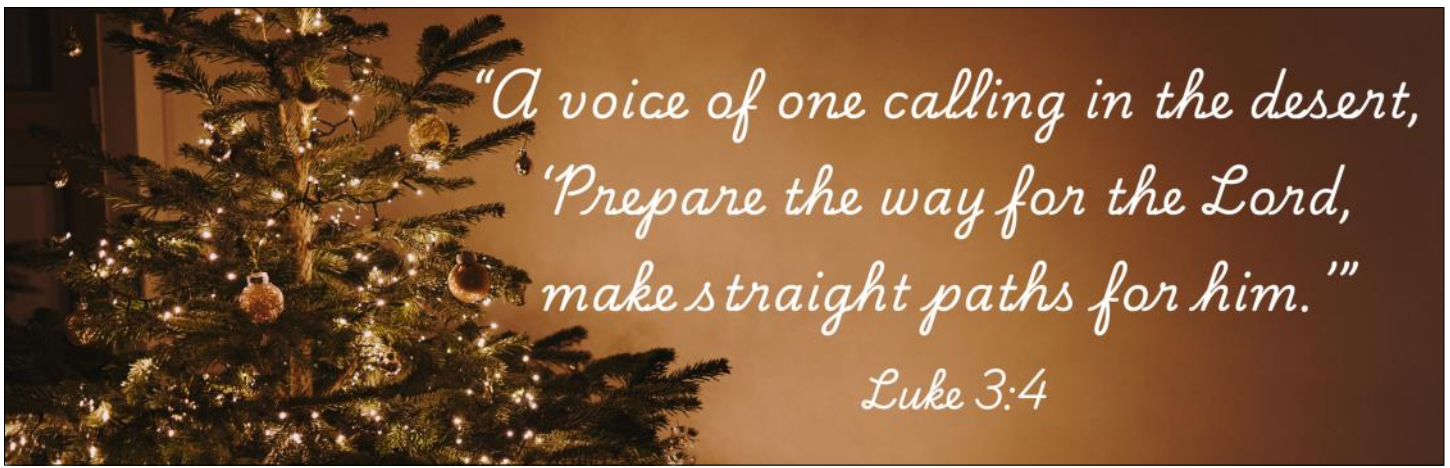
Parting Song: *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*



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 and Sunday School are available for children ages 3-5th grade. 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 begin to reflect on Advent, may this time of worship be a time of preparing the way for the Lord in your own heart and life.
Welcome to worship!

Today Pastor Brad begins our Advent series, "The Hidden Characters of Christmas" with Elizabeth, looking at various passages in the book of Luke. Next week we will dig deeper into Joseph's role in the Christmas story as recorded in Matthew 1.



Next Sunday we also have the opportunity to participate in the Lord's Supper. In preparation for that, you are encouraged to take some time with the Lord this week, asking him to prepare your heart and mind, removing any sin that might prevent you from fully accepting and receiving his grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

There is NO 2nd-5th gr. Sunday School or Christmas Program practice today.

Mittens are now available on the **Mitten Tree** in the Narthex. Please grab a mitten (or two!), and purchase a few of the items indicated on the tag. Place your (unwrapped) gifts under the mitten tree with the tag attached by Sunday, December 14. Donations of wrapping paper and gift bags are also appreciated. Thank you for helping local families in need have a special Christmas!



An assortment of greeting cards are available, with all proceeds benefitting the Mission Society. Christmas, get well, birthday, sympathy, and all-occasion cards can be purchased near the office!

Our Church Family

We wish a happy anniversary to **Ed and Dorothy Hanenburg**, who celebrate 65 years of marriage on Wednesday, December 3.

As we look toward a busy Christmastime, please remember those who begin this holiday season with sadness in their heart. For those who are grieving, Christmas can be a painful time of year. Please keep them in your prayers.



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 to be a part of either of these ministries (or want more information), please talk to Carrie soon!

Thank you to everyone who has provided dishes for our recent events and Fellowship Meals! If you have a pan or bowl in the kitchen, please take your items home with you.

The **Salvation Army's** Red Kettle Campaign is in full swing! Sign up to ring bells today at one of their three Milaca locations by visiting: registertoring.com. More info can be found on the bulletin boards.



Lets dust off the hymnals! Join us at 3:00 on Sunday, December 21 for a traditional Christmas Hymn Sing!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Congregational Meeting this past Tuesday! As part of that meeting, we approved the 2026 budget as presented and the following were chosen as new officebearers: Deacons- Ian Thompson, Darick Kvien, and Jennifer Elton; Elders- Kevin Santema, George Hemmerich, and Barb Goslinga.



Thrive Faith Formation Tip Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

There are many different ways we can get ready for Christmas - such as listening to music, reading Christmas stories, and lighting Advent candles. How will you practice getting your heart ready? Check out the Advent page of Thrive's Family Faith Formation toolkit for some ideas: crcna.org/advent-tools. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

The second offerings through December will be taken as follows:

December 7- Benevolent Fund
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, November 30

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

Tuesday, December 2

11:00 a.m.

Christmas Decorating

4:00 p.m.

Worship Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, December 3

9:00 a.m.

Coffee in the Fireside Room

6:00 p.m.

Coffee Break

6:30 p.m.

REC Jr.

7:45 p.m.

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Thursday, December 4

7:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

Advance Notice

Council & Staff Christmas Party- December 9

CCS Christmas Programs- December 12

Men's Timeout- December 13

Sunday School Program- December 14

GEMS/Prayer Partner Christmas Tea- December 14

New Officebearer Orientation- December 16

Christmas Hymn Sing- December 21

Christmas Morning Worship- December 25

Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, November 30: Tom Patten

Next Sunday, December 7: Bernie Boldt

Media Today, November 30: Anita Hubers

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Livestream Today, November 30: Damian Patnode

Next Sunday, December 7: Bob Sumner

Greeters Today, November 30:

East Door: Jay & Greta Rensenbrink

West Door: Terry & Sharry Kragt

Next Sunday, December 7:

East Door: John & Carol Teeler

West Door: Dick & Lois Ritzema

Ushers Today, November 30:

East: Jim Santema

Center: Diana Krueger

West: Steve Hubers

Next Sunday, December 7:

East: Mike Larsen

Center: Ron & Bonnie Homstad

West: Bill Ruis

Nursery Today, November 30:

Leaders: Sharon Hanenburg, Morgan Kvien

Helpers: Jayanna Boldt, Lauryn Droogsma

Next Sunday, December 7:

Leaders: Sara Swanson, Kristin Bierma

Helpers: Elava Hoffman, Keslyn Hoyez

Children's Church Today, November 30:

Little Lambs: *"An Amazing Star"*

Leader: Barb Goslinga

Greeter: Max & Ava Patnode

Worship Center: *"The Prophets; Mary & Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem"*

Leader: Sara Swanson

Greeter: Addie Bierma

Sunday School: *No Class~ Thanksgiving Break*

Children's Church Next Sunday, December 7:

Little Lambs: *"Good News!"*

Leader: Mary Koppendrayner

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*

Help us spread the joy of Christmas!

Please bring your Christmas cards to church by Sunday, December 14. Have their names clearly marked on the front of each envelope. A box will be placed outside the office to place your cards.

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

