

**Sunday,
Dec 8th
2024**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, December 8th, 2024

Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Pianist: Christy Van Heerde
Praise Team

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting - **PEACE**
Masey Top

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 4:1 & 8
Silent Prayer of Preparation
Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - Birthday of a King (Screen)**

*God's Greeting
*We Greet Each Other

Communion Prep

Song - How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Screen)

Congregational Prayer
Offering: Option 1 & Budget
Children's Message

***Song - The Greatest Gift by Vonda Bjorklund**

Scripture Lesson: **Luke 1:26-38**
Text: **Luke 1:26-38**
Message: **Prince of Peace**

Prayer
***Song - PH 346 Once in Royal David's City**
*Apostles' Creed
*God's Blessing

***Doxology: My Friends May You Grow in Grace (Screen)**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

Welcome! On this second Sunday of Advent, we eagerly welcome all who have joined with us in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our faith in Him provides a peace that is indescribable. May this time of worship be encouraging and inspirational to all. Please stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

Ushers for December: Gerald Feikema, Zach Post; Alternate: Jerry Runia
Elevator Attendant for December: Henrietta Molengraaf

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
Wed: 7:00 PM Council Meetings
Thurs: 3:45 PM Gem's Christmas Party
Fri: 7:00 PM VCS Christmas Program @ First Reformed

This week is preparatory with a view to celebrating the Lord's supper together next Sunday.

Prayer Concerns:

Please keep **Ezekiel** in prayer as in a couple of weeks, he will be undergoing some scans in preparation for, Lord willing, having cochlear implant surgery in the New Year. He will need to be sedated for the scans, so please be especially praying that things will go smoothly with that process.

Announcements:

1. **High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
2. **Junior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
3. **Sunday School** classes will be practicing their Christmas songs upstairs after worship **today**. There will be a full program practice following the service on Sunday, December 15th in preparation for the program that evening.
4. Volga **GEMS Christmas party** will be this Thursday, **Dec, 12, 3:45-6:00**. Note extended time.

Looking Ahead:

1. **VCS** invites you to their annual **Christmas program**. It is Friday, **December 13th at 7:00 PM**. It will take place at **First Reformed Church**: 601 E. 1st St in Volga.
2. **Church Christmas Program** - On **Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 PM**, we will have our church Christmas program, followed by a candlelight service and a time of refreshments and fellowship.
3. **Christmas Day Service** - On **Wednesday, December 25th at 9:30 AM**, we will gather together to worship our Great God, reflecting on and celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who came in order to forgive, redeem, and reconcile us, the greatest gift we could ever receive!

4. The deadline for information to be included in the January issue of our church newsletter will be **December 18th, 12 PM**. Please submit information to Marge Kleinjan, Brenda Volkers, or Pastor Josh.

Advanced Notice:

- In charge: Samantha Algood & Vonda Bjorklund (musician)
- To visit: Gene & Brenda Volkers, Dahl's, Tim & Verdella Gross

Our Offerings:

- December 8th: Option 1 & Budget
- December 15th: Hope Haven & Budget
- December 22nd: Rehoboth Christian School & Budget
- December 25th Christmas Day (Brookings Food Pantry)

Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

- Elders: Ron Gross, Ashton Fey, Doug Post, Dale Algood
- Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Keith Tofte
- **e-mail address for council:** volgacrcouncil@gmail.com

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - "Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel." This refrain from the beloved Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" calls us to rejoice—not because of our immediate circumstances but because of the promises we have in Jesus Christ. Ponder a few things that cause you to rejoice. Offer them up to God in gratitude.

December 8, 2024 | Prince of Peace | Luke 1:26-38

Theme: _____ God for Jesus, our _____ of _____.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: What are ways that you can see over the course of your life where God has provided you with peace? May we take the time to thank the Lord for the peace that He gives us!