

The Lord’s Day, December 14, 2025

Morning Service 9:30 A.M.

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-5
Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation
*Song of Praise #117:1-3,5 *Before Thee, Lord, A People Waits*

Reading of God’s Law and Summary
Song of Repentance #51C:1-5 (T) *God, Be Merciful to Me*

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 86:3-5
Congregational Prayer
Offerings: General Fund/Christian Education Chapter
Offertory Prayer
*Hymn of Preparation #332:1-5 *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord*

Prayer of Illumination
Sermon Title: **Magnify the Lord!**
Scripture Reading and Text: Luke 1:39-56
Theme: Magnify the Lord of Great Reversals
 I. Blessing the Lesser
 II. Raising the Lowly
 III. Humbling the Lofty
Applicatory Prayer
*Hymn of Application #336:1-3 *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*

*Benediction
*Doxology #493 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Moment of Silence
Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Opportunities to Serve Today
December Ushers: Hank B./Jacob P./Brian S.
Nursery AM: Jessica L./Jenna DK/Emma H.
Nursery PM: Meagan M./Lily H.
Greeters AM: Zach & Julia M.
Greeters PM: Jon & Rhonda M.
Library: Marcia VO
Christmas Song Service (4:45 pm): Larry VO

Evening Service 5:00 P.M.

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship: Psalm 47:1-6
Silent Prayer
*Votum and Salutation
*Song of Praise #87:1-5 *All Nations, Clap Your Hands*
*Confession of Faith: Apostle’s Creed (p. 3 blue)
Response to the Confession: *Gloria Patri* #492 (blue)
Wisdom Reading: Proverbs 28:15-28
Song of Response #459:1-4 (T) *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Congregational Prayer
Offerings: Building Fund/Heidelberg Seminary
Offertory Prayer
*Song of Preparation #265:1-4 (T) *In Christ Alone*
Prayer for Illumination
Sermon Title: **Christ and Christians**
Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:15-29
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Theme: Exercise Your Shared Anointing as a Member of Christ
 I. Anointed to Office
 II. Christ's Office
 III. Christians' Office
Applicatory Prayer
*Hymn of Application #221:1-3 *The Lord unto His Christ Has Said*

*Benediction
*Doxology #487:1,2 *May the Grace of Christ our Savior*
*Moment of Silence
*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Opportunities to Serve Next Week
December Ushers: Hank B./Jacob P./Brian S.
Nursery AM: Stacey L./Kerrigan VB/Sadie H.
Nursery PM: Kathleen S./Jaeden K./Maya L.
Greeters AM: Jacob & Janae P.
Greeters PM: Larry & Marcia VO
Library: Rachel VB
Offerings AM: General Fund/Word & Deed
Offerings PM: MERF/the Banquet

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. We are glad to have you join us in praise of our Lord and Savior. Songs marked with a (T) are from the red Trinity Psalter hymnal which can be found in racks under your pews. All other songs can be found in your blue Psalter hymnals in the racks in front of you. Please join us for fellowship, coffee, and lemonade after our morning worship service. Our Christmas Carol Song Service will begin at 4:45 pm prior to the start of our evening worship service.

Church Activities

Today: Catechism will meet for 7th-12th grades. Preschool-6th grades will have Christmas program practice in the sanctuary after the morning worship service.
4:45 pm: Christmas Carol Song Service (note earlier time)
Monday, December 15, 7:00 pm: Council Meeting with Deacons’ Meeting prior. (rescheduled from last week)
Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 pm: Keepers of the Faith Christmas Party
7:00 pm: Cadet Snow Derby Practice at the Cadet Workshop
Thursday, December 18, 2:00 pm: Ladies Afternoon Bible Study. Lesson:18. Lunch: Everyone brings Christmas Goodies
Sunday, December 21, 2:00 pm: Afternoon Church Service followed by the Christmas program.
Thursday, December 25, 9:30 am: Christmas Day Service. Offering: Divine Hope Seminary Ushers: Hank B./Jacob P./Brian S. Nursery: Amy S./Avery S./Joseph H. Greeters: Tyler & Krista VDB
Thursday, January 1, 2026, 9:30 am: New Year’s Day Service Ushers: Jeremy VB/Scott VB/Tyler VDB Nursery: Tami VB/Lydia H./Ethan S. Greeters: Jorden & Kathleen S.

Church Family & Prayer Requests

- We thank the Lord for a successful cardiac procedure for Jeremy Van Dyke. He was able to return home on Wednesday evening and is recovering well. Please keep him and his family in prayer as he heals and regains his strength.
- United in Christ: Up-to-Date Prayer Requests from our Missionaries: Rev. J. Brandon Burks is a church planter in Bellevue, KY. God has been so kind in growing the church plant, bringing in new families, and helping us build. Pray that we could continue on that trajectory by His grace, both spiritually and numerically. There are several in our church in officer training. Pray that God would use these men to bless our congregation for His glory and the building up of His church. God has been so gracious in giving us a church building wherein to gather to sing Him praise. However, there is asbestos tiling that needs to be removed. Be in prayer for those needed renovations. In God's ever-kind providence, we've had many baptisms. Pray that these young ones will be faithfully catechized and will grow to make public professions of faith.

Church Announcements

- A report from this past Monday’s Classis meeting is in your church mailboxes.
- Poinsettias in honor of a loved one may be placed on the pulpit area steps from now until Christmas Day. Please place something under your poinsettia so it does not leak on the flooring. If you would like the name of your loved one(s) in the Christmas Day bulletin, please let Rachel VB know by 11:00 am this Thursday.
- A Wednesday evening Bible study for women will begin in January and will meet at 6:30 pm twice a month on the same night as Keepers of the Faith. We will be studying "Women of the Word" by Jen Wilkin. Please sign up on the sheet at the back table by December 21 if you're interested! Contact Leah Hofland with any questions.
- Next week is the last week to donate items for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace’s bedding drive. Please bring your donations of new pillows and new twin size bedding to the table in the overflow room. Checks (made out to Sleep in Heavenly Peace) or cash can be put in Adam & Katie Van Engen’s mailbox.
- Jim & Nina Koedam’s address (until the end of March) is: 3811 E University Dr., Lot 175, Mesa, AZ 85205
- Reformed Mission Services: (1). RMS is planning a ministry development trip to Costa Rica from March 2–10, 2026. For more information, please visit rms.org/trips. If you have specific questions about this trip, you may contact steve@rms.org. (2). RMS is currently raising funds for several ongoing projects. If you are considering year-end donations, your support would be greatly appreciated. View current projects at rms.org/projects.