

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

*We have come to glorify God and to be guided in the direction our lives need to take. We rejoice in your presence and welcome you sincerely.*

*Join us downstairs after worship for refreshments and so we can know each other better.*

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

Time of Praise

Ministry of Music

Wireman Children

Congregational and Offering Prayer

Presenting our Gifts

The offering is for our members and regular attendees. If you are a visitor or a guest, please do not feel obligated to give. Our special offering today is for Reformed Church World Services.

Children, age three through third grade, may leave for Kids' Own Worship held downstairs in the east wing.

Please fill out the Fellowship Pads at this time, and pass them down the row. When the pads get to the last person, please tear out the page and put in pad holder so page is visible.

Message "Living with God's Delays"  
I Samuel 1:4-20 page 262  
Hebrews 10:11-25 page 1190

Closing

Benediction

Postlude

*A "Toddler and Me Room" is available at the back of the sanctuary for parents and their children.*

*A staffed nursery is located downstairs for newborns to three-year-olds.*

Personal sound systems are available for those who have a difficult time hearing. Ask an usher for details.

Song sheets are available at the Information Station or from the ushers, if you are unable to see the monitors. Enlarged Song Sheets and Bulletins are located at the Information Station for those who would like to use them.

### Assisting Today

Greeters: John & Pat Price, Jay & Deb Price, Timm & Debbie Prairie  
Ushers: Mark Kuiken, Mark Van Der Molen, Brock Peterson, Mark Hamstra  
Nursery: Mark & Kelly Kuiken, Andrew Kuiken, Sawyer Allen  
Kids' Own Worship: Emma Allen, Micah Schaefer, Robert Sittema, Tammy DeVries, Faith Hoffman, Wyatt DeKock, Alex Hoffman, Jessica Hoffman, Lorin Scheeringa, Luke Dexter, Chris Schaefer, Matthew Dancho

Coffee Table: Alvin & Eleanor Hoffman; Cookie Helper: Candace DeYoung  
Prayer Room: Paul Hoffman, Denny Kortum, Kevin Oezer

### This Week at the Church

#### Today

##### Youth Opportunities

3:30 – Ashley, Starla, and Twila's junior high girls' Small Group meets at Twila's house until 5:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

4:00 – Marvin Toppen's junior high boys' Small Group meets at Marv's until 5:30 p.m.

5:00 – Denny Fase, Dan Lagestee, and Kevin Oezer's teen boys' Small Group meets at Denny's for Life on Loan until 7:00 p.m.

6:00 – Post high young women's Small Group meets at Sonia Oezer's house. We are using Max Lucado's book Fearless.

6:00 – Cheryl and Darlene's Small Group meets at Cheryl's.

6:00 – Rhonda and Darla's Small Group meets at Rhonda's.

7:15 – Chris' Small Group meets at his home.

#### Monday

7:00 – Caring Elders meet in the Consistory room.

7:00 – Caring Deacons meet in the Lounge.

#### Tuesday

9:00-3:00 – GED class in the Lounge.

6:00 – Foster Parent Training meets downstairs until 8:00 p.m.

6:30 – Property Ministry Team meets in the basement.

7:00 – Administrative Team meets in the Consistory room.

7:00 – Discovery Group meets at the home of Dave & Connie Fieldhouse.

#### Wednesday

9:00 – Gro-N-Glo Circle meets in the Lounge. Joyce Nannenga is responsible for devotions and snacks. Reminder for Gro-N-Glo members: please bring your breads to church on November 22 for the Love Boxes.

6:45 – Faithweaver Friends for children age three through third grade.

Meet downstairs. Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and a snack!

6:45 – S.O.S. (Sink or Swim) for young people in fourth and fifth grades.

Meet in Youth Building. Leaders this week: Dennis & Edie DeHaan, Jim Shouse, and Val Fase.

6:45 – Celebration (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru high school) meets in Youth Building on the Safe Harbor side.

6:45 – Living Fire Year 2 meets in the Consistory room.

#### Thursday

6:00 – Foster Parent Training meets downstairs until 8:00 p.m.

7:00 – Adult Connect Team meets in the Consistory room.

#### Sunday (November 22)

7:30-9:30 a.m. – Living Fire Year 2 meets in the Consistory room. Rich Heemstra leader.

9:00 – Sunday School! **White Christmas** special offering will begin next Sunday. Please see information sheet in your church mailbox!

- Little Lights (age 3 thru Kindergarten) meet in the west wing green room downstairs with the piano in it.
- Beacons (grades 1-5) meet in the east wing downstairs.
- Junior High and High School meet in the Youth Building.
- **Adult Opportunities:** Join the Adult Develop Team as we discuss the new Adult Sunday School format as well as other opportunities. **Meet us in the Lounge on Sunday, November 22**, for a presentation as well as a Q & A time. The agenda is in your mailbox, so pick it up and plan to attend.

### News & Notes

**Todd DeVries will be leading the Adult Sunday School** time on November 29, and December 6, 13 and 20 with a four-week journey exploring religions of the world. Learn about different religions and how they compare and contrast with Christianity.

**Do you** ever hurt for someone going through some terrible, challenging situation? Maybe you hurt for others often but you just don't know what to say or do to help in this situation. Or maybe you normally identify a few action steps for getting on with life, and a challenging situation doesn't usually tug on your heart strings. However you may view challenges and whatever your care-giving skills may be, pray about sharpening your care-giving skills by taking the Stephen Ministry training. It can not only help you to be a greater blessing to others but can also improve you marriage, family, work, and business relationships; in addition, it can make life richer for you. We invite you to seek the Lord's leading regarding this ministry opportunity. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Rog, Char Huitink, Deb Price or Shauna Thomas.

**Roger Parks, Ph.D.**, a Christian, Clinical Psychologist, in cooperation with Chicago Christian Counseling Center, maintains an office in First Reformed Church of DeMotte. For information, appointments and fees: call 800-361-6880, [www.chicagochristiancounseling.org](http://www.chicagochristiancounseling.org)

**The Consistory** has decided to discontinue the evening worship service beginning on December 27, 2009 due to low attendance. In April, the Consistory will consider restarting the service after discussion with those members who have returned from Florida.

**Faithweaver Friends** is taking part in a service project for needy schools. On November 18, the children will put together school kits. While most families have no problem buying school supplies, some families struggle. There are boxes near the bulletin board downstairs if you wish to donate any of the items listed on the sheet posted nearby.

**The New Church Building Team** will be holding a congregational informational meeting on the new building plans immediately following the morning service next Sunday, November 22. The meeting will be in the sanctuary.

**The deadline** for the March issue of the Messenger is Wednesday, November 18. Please submit articles to [rfieldhouse@netnitco.net](mailto:rfieldhouse@netnitco.net) (preferred) or the Messenger mailbox in the narthex.

**Church will be decorated for Christmas** the week of November 30, in the afternoon and evenings. Many hands are needed. No experience necessary! Please fill in the **Response Card** below to let us know you will help for a while.

### **Response Card**

\_\_\_\_ I/We have a Love Box Name.

\_\_\_\_ I/We will help decorate church. Mon.\_\_\_\_ Tues.\_\_\_\_ Wed.\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Number in family:

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Teens \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

**November 15, 2009**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Prelude  
Song Request Time  
Opening Hymn  
# 505 "Love Lifted Me"  
Pastoral Prayer  
Scripture Hosea 12 page 897  
Message "Go Big D"  
Closing Hymn  
# 493 "It Is Well with My Soul"  
Benediction  
Postlude

**Ministry Dollars** (Giving for week 10 as of November 8, 2009)

General Fund (for operating fund)	\$ 14,847.26
Average budgeted per Sunday	\$ 11,729.00
Year-to-date weekly average	\$ 11,759.27
Percent on Budget	100%
Other offerings	\$ 250.00
Harvest Drive	\$ 44,350.00

We praise God and thank you for your generosity. If you were missed or not home on Monday evening, your Harvest Drive gifts may be placed in the offering.

**Coming Dates:**

Nov. 22 Community Thanksgiving Service at the First Christian Reformed Church of DeMotte beginning at 6:00 p.m.  
Dec. 2 The ladies of Gro-N-Glo Bible Study will host the Annual Widows' Luncheon at 11 a.m. in the church.  
Dec. 20 Sunday School Christmas Program

**Love Boxes**

Morrell Circle and the Caring Deacons will again sponsor the Thanksgiving Love boxes. You are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the narthex by next Sunday, November 22. The Love Boxes will be packed and delivered to individuals or families the Monday before Thanksgiving. Names are needed of individuals or families who may benefit from this gift. If you know of someone who is unemployed, cannot work, or just has a need, please place their name and address on the ♥Response Card♥ area of the bulletin and place in the offering or send to the church office.

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Develop a Christ-like Character  
Build the Kingdom

**Remember in your daily prayers**

**Joy:**

Josh and Jennifer Rewerts rejoice in the birth of a son, Caleb James, born on Tuesday, November 10.

**Our Church Family:**

Heather Parker thanks you very much for your prayers. She had her kidney stones blasted on Monday after which she was in a lot of pain. She is doing some better but still having discomfort.

Pastor John went into the hospital with pain on Thursday morning. Following tests it was determined he had blood clots in his lungs. Please continue to pray for him and Diane.

Be in prayer for Bess Bult, Christine Goetz, Arlene Hamstra, Lorretta Hamstra, Millie Hamstra, Mandy Koster, Roy Schlarp, Alvin Seegers, and others who have health concerns.

**Thank You:**

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support during this difficult time! It's so nice to have such a loving church family.  
Mandy Koster & Family

Pastor John and Diane sincerely thank all who sent cards and emails, or who have called and visited. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are very much appreciated. They continue to covet your prayers.

**For those unable to be with us:**

Oak Grove  
Judy Hamstra Marie Hamstra  
Millie Hamstra  
Bethshan  
Becky Przybylski Joey Swart  
Corpus Christi Group Home  
Abigail Mullins



**To Make a Prayer Chain Request:**

If you have a prayer request, Monday thru Friday, call the Church Office at 987-5156, or email at [frcod@netnitco.net](mailto:frcod@netnitco.net). After 4:30 p.m. or on weekends, contact Sally Hamstra at 987-2297, email [bashfarm@midwaynet.net](mailto:bashfarm@midwaynet.net), or Carol Eenigenburg at 987-3311, email [eburg@netnitco.net](mailto:eburg@netnitco.net).

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