

Order of Worship
December 25, 2022
Christmas Day

Prelude	Rob Braun, Worship Leader
Welcome & Greetings	Pastor Mark Brouwer
Songs of Worship	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i> <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
Advent Reading	Ken & Terri Krahnke
Song	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>
Congregational Prayer	Kim Erickson
Offertory Prayer	Linda Zgaynor, Deacon
Offering	Ongoing Ministries of Bethel
Message	“How Jesus Defies Expectations” Luke 2:1-20 Pastor Mark
Song of Response	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>
Parting Blessing	Pastor Mark Brouwer
Parting Song	<i>Jesus, Name Above all Names</i>

Come Let Us Pray Together!

We recognize the importance of praying for each other whether it be for a personal concern or joy that you wish to share. Please feel free to come to the front of the Worship Center after the service and someone with a “Prayer Servant” name tag will pray with you for whatever you would like to hold up to our great God.



Next Sunday, January 1, 2023 we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. We invite you to join in a time of joyful, life-changing reflection in preparation for participating in communion. We remember that celebrating the Lord's Supper is a time to reflect on God's grace and a time to ask how we can live in response to God's grace. We invite you to consider the words of Psalm 139: 23, 24 as you prepare, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting."

INSTALLATION OF TWO ELDERS AND ONE DEACON will take place next week on January 1, 2023. The elders are Karen Sartell and Tom Kittok; the deacon is Ken Krahnke.

THANK YOU to our retiring Council members, Terri Tadych, Gary Rosenberg, and Dan Workman, for your faithful service!



COFFEE BREAK HANGOUT begins on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and meets every Tuesday until February 28, 2023. Come and have a “Fantastic Fun Time of Fellowship” from 9:30am—11:30am. Bring a craft to work on, play games, just sit and visit... (Bring your own beverage!)

THE “TODAY DEVOTIONAL” for January and February 2023 is on the Information Table in the Gathering Place. Please feel free to take one with you!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM was a joy to watch. It was filled with scripture and Christmas carols. There were ukuleles strumming, violins, a cello, a clarinet, a saxophone, a piano, and an accordion playing, a trumpet blaring, and children singing! Thank you, Kristy Storbakken, for organizing the program and thank you to all those responsible to helping her!! Jesus was truly praised.

COMMUNICATION CARD

Thank you for coming to worship
with us this morning.
Please stay after the service for refreshments
and visit with one another.
If you are visiting, please allow us to send you a
“Thank You” and let us to get to know you by
filling out the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Other information: _____

**Please drop this slip in the
Offering Basket**

____ I would like a call from the Pastor

____ I would Like my E-mail added to the
prayer chain at Bethel CRC

____ Please update my contact information;
it has changed

____ I am a visitor and would like more
information about Bethel Christian
Reformed Church



PRAYER REQUEST

If there is anything we can pray about on your behalf, please fill out this card and put it in the offering plate or in the Secretary's mailbox

Name: _____

Prayer Request: _____

_____ Friday Morning Prayer Group

_____ Pastor only

_____ Put on Prayer Chain (e-mail)

_____ Put in Prayer Corner (bulletin)

"THRIVING ESSENTIALS" WORKSHOP - Saturday, January 21. We at Bethel have been in a time of discernment, prayer, and planning, to clarify our vision for the ministry of Bethel in the next few years. We have a unique opportunity to build on the work we've been doing on this. Pease CRC and Bethel CRC have jointly decided to bring the "Thriving Essentials" workshop to Pease CRC on Saturday, January 21, from 8:30am to 1:30pm. It will be led by Rev. Elaine May, our denominational Thriving Congregations Curriculum Developer. Its focus will be on helping everyone in the church -- certainly council members, but others as well -- ensure that we have a shared understanding of our mission and context, and also these key concepts: Mission, Discipleship, Discernment, and Leadership. The workshop is free of charge. We will need to have your RSVP in the Bethel office by Sunday, January 15. You may email the office or fill out the Communication Card attached to the bulletin.



Sunday, December 25 Happy Birthday, Jesus!	9:30am	Worship Service—Pastor Mark Brouwer NO Sunday School
Friday, December 23	7:00am	Prayer Group
Sunday, January 1 God Bless this New Year!	9:30am	Worship Service—Pastor Mark Brouwer NO Sunday School

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Sunday, December 25, 2022

Pastor Mark Brouwer

The Questions of Advent

What Should I Pay Attention To?
How Do I Deal with Disillusionment?
What's the Hope in Christmas?



HOW JESUS DEFIES EXPECTATIONS



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Bethel Church is to glorify God in worship and our daily living, to evangelize His world, and to connect people to God so that they become part of a Christian community. We will accomplish this through prayer, joyful worship, Biblical training, use of spiritual gifts, Christian fellowship, and outreach in our community.