

**MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM**

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*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

PRELUDE

ADVENT VIDEO: "Love"

SONG: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" *PsH #354:1-5*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsive)*

\*GOD'S GREETING

\*MUTUAL GREETING

**{Children 4 years old – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to join the  
Worship Center leaders in the back of church, and Sunday School  
children are invited to the front of church during the mutual greeting}**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Trying to Define Love"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CHILDRENS CHOIR:

"Virgin Mary Had a Little Boy"

"Jesus Loves Me"

**{Children may be seated with their families  
after they sing their last song}**

READING OF GOD'S LAW: *(responsive)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG: "How Blest Are They Whose Trespass" *PsH #32:1,3,5*

DEACON'S PRAYER

OFFERING: *Kids Hope*

OFFERTORY:....."Angels We Have Heard on High"  
*Pat Menninga-flute, Sharon VanderWoude-cello, and Lori Hofstra-piano*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: .....John 3:16 (pg. 1650); Romans 5:6-11 (pg. 1753)

MESSAGE:.....**LOVE**

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

\*SONG: "Father, Long before Creation" *PsH #464:1-4*

\*PARTING BLESSING

\*CLOSING SONG: "To God Be the Glory" *PsH #473:1*

\*POSTLUDE

*Pastor Tim Toeset, Worship Leader; Lori Hofstra, Organist  
PsH=Psalter Hymnal (grey); TCH=The Celebration Hymnal (red)  
\*If you are able, please stand*

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**WELCOME** to New Life Christian Reformed Church! We are glad you are here today! If you are a guest, please enjoy some coffee and fellowship after the morning service. We pray you will be blessed as you worship with us.

**ADVENT CHILDREN'S MESSAGES:** This year during Advent, the Worship Center children and Sunday School children will be invited to the front of church for a Children's Message and an Advent Candle lighting.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY**

**GREETERS:** Bill Fulton/Rod Otte/Tim Piatek

**NURSERY:** Abby Jacobs/Tamie Kuiper

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR:** Lilly Armendariz

**SOUND OPERATOR:** Craig Menninga

**ROVING ELDER:** Fred Leep

**DEACON'S PRAYER:** Dale Ketelaar

**COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS:** Rich & Karen Hartmann

**NURSERY CARE** is available during our morning worship service for newborns - 3 years of age. The nursery is located on the main floor in the east wing of the church at the end of the hallway.

**Worship Center will not be meeting on December 22,  
December 29, and January 5.**

**Youth Education Classes will not be meeting on  
December 29.**

## **EDUCATION HOUR: 10:45 - 11:45 AM**

- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASS** (2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) meets on the main floor in **Room 4**.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS** (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the basement in **Room 11**.
- **HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM CLASS** (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) meets in the **old nursery** in the basement.
- **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** meets in the **Fireside Room**. **Today is the last class in this series.**

**The nursery will be staffed and open during the Sunday School hour for newborns - 1<sup>st</sup> grade.**

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK**

Bill Fulton–12/22

Dale Ketelaar–12/23

Amanda Van Til–12/27

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