

THE WEEKLY

First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit

December 10, 2017

WORSHIP SERVICES

December 10

Series: Hope in Hidden Places

Text: Joel 2:21-32

Title: *Hope for a Broken World*

Offering: Community Assistance Program

Choir

December 17

Children's Christmas Pageant

Offering: Mission to Bolivia

December 24

Series: Hope in Hidden Places

Text: Hosea 11:1-4

Title: *The Child of Hope*

Offering: Detroit Rescue Mission

December 31

Series: Hope in Hidden Places

Text: Malachi 4:1-6

Title: *The Sun of Righteousness*

Offering: Benevolence

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, December 10, at 9:00am
Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17, at 10:00am
Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 24, at 6:00pm
Christmas Eve Worship

Choir
Child care provided for ages 0-3

Have something for The Weekly? Please submit it to connect@firstcrcdetroit.org no later than **5:00pm Wednesday**.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Parents: Please have your children at church by 8:45am this Sunday, December 10, for the Christmas pageant rehearsal so we can get them all in costume. Please have your children report to church at 9:45am next Sunday, December 17, for the pageant.

Winter Clothing Drive: The Deacons have organized a Winter Clothing Drive to benefit Community Assistance Program. Please consider donating new and gently used winter gear in kids' sizes, adult sizes, and anywhere in between. Donations can be placed in the wooden bin in the gathering area between now and the end of January. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

Thank You to Keith B., Gayla B., Rosemary G., Mary K., Paul & Nancy M., and Bev N. for volunteering at the DSO Chamber Recital. Your help was greatly appreciated!

MINISTRIES AT FIRST

Today's Special Offering is for Community Assistance Program: CAP is located at Nardin Park Community Church in Detroit and was established in 1978. The program is run by Josephine Collins and her son, Michael. Approximately 5,000 people receive assistance each year with food and clothing. They distribute fresh fruit to those in need and 300 meals are given out during the Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays.

Current Sermon Series: For the season of Advent we will study selections from "the Latter Prophets" - those obscure books at the end of the Old Testament. These books, full of warning and judgment, also contain

startling words of hope that hint at God's salvation. In this series, entitled "Hope in Hidden Places", we will be reminded of God's faithfulness - and our reason for hope - in all circumstances.

Community Assistance Program: CAP is collecting soup and crackers in December. Please put the items in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support!

Study Materials for 2017: This year we are studying the Heidelberg Catechism. Study materials are available at church and electronically upon request. These include print versions of the Catechism and an accompanying Bible reading plan. This series is designed for personal devotional reading. The material is also in use by all weekly study groups. Please consider joining a group - newcomers are always welcome! Here are this year's study times and locations:

- Monday, 7:00am, Panera Bread in the Village
- Tuesday, 7:30pm, Pastor's Study

If you have questions or would like to join a study please contact Pastor Ben.

Support for People in Job Transition: First Church is a member of "Eastside Take Control", a local organization devoted to equipping and supporting those recovering from job loss and looking for work. If you are looking for support during your job transition process, or want to know more about ETC, please contact Pastor Ben (313-443-5446; ben.vanarragon@gmail.com).

Inquiries about Facility Use: Any individual or committee that would like to use the church building for a one-time event can send a request to the church email account (connect@firstcrcdetroit.org). Place "Building Use" in the subject line, and include in the body of the email the following details: event purpose and participants; event date; and facilities needed.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Josh and Kerrie N. request our prayers. Last week they discovered a mass on Matthew's thigh. This week he underwent an MRI. Please pray for the best possible prognosis.

Nancy M.'s mother, Ruth O., passed away peacefully on Wednesday evening. The family is thankful for her testimony to God's grace and goodness throughout her life.

Please keep the K. family in prayer. Last week Jennifer K. underwent her second round in a sequence of chemotherapy treatments for cancer. Her course of chemotherapy will be followed by surgery, then radiation. Early indications are that the chemotherapy is taking good effect. Please continue to offer prayer and encouragement.

Please remember those in our congregation who cannot worship with us regularly because of health concerns. We especially want to remember Marge F. and Doris M.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	<i>December 10</i>	<i>December 17</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	Octavio and Oyuntsetseg G.	Marcia F.
<i>Ushers</i>	Jennifer K.	Katherine K.
<i>Nursery</i>	Jen P., Dan B., Maddie N.	George S., Susan S., Nick N.
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Susan S.	Pageant Readers
<i>Offertory Prayer</i>	Eric N.	Bruce V.
<i>PowerPoint</i>	Eric K.	Heather D.
<i>Refreshments</i>	Josh and Kerrie N.	Bob and Susan O.
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Jen M., Zoe B., Drew M. 19: The Shepherds Show the Way...	No Children's Worship

CALENDAR

Week of December 10 – December 16:

Sunday

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9:00am
Choir Rehearsal 9:00am
Worship Service 10:00am
Youth Group 7:00pm

Monday

Bible Study 7:00am
Elders/Deacons 6:30pm
Council Meeting 7:45pm

Tuesday

Coffee Break Bible Study 10:00am
Bible Study 7:30pm

Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm

Week of December 17 – December 23:

Sunday

Children's Christmas Pageant 10:00am

Monday

Bible Study 7:00am
Choir Party and Rehearsal 6:30pm

Tuesday

Coffee Break Bible Study 10:00am
Bible Study 7:30pm

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