

Order of Worship

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Announcements:

Arlene Dickey

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Opening Songs:

"O What a Glorious Night"

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #132

"Give Me Jesus"

Prayer

Offertory:

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

Scripture Reading: Mathew 1:18-25

Gregg Wiersema

Message: "Christmas According to Buddy in Elf"

Pastor J.T. Bean

The Lord's Supper

*Closing Song:

"Wonderful Merciful Savior"

*Benediction

Postlude

*stand as you are able

Song Leaders: Craig & Kathi Sipes, Praise Team

Pianist: Deane Patten

AV/Tech Team: William & Jenny Patton

Welcome

Welcome to Ebenezer Church! If you have any questions about our church life, fill out our communication card and the Pastor will be in contact with you. If you have any **prayer concerns** that you would like to put on the prayer chain, email Pastor J.T. Bean at pastorJT@ercmorrison.com. You may also fill out the Ebenezer Communication Card on the bulletin and drop it into the offering box. Sue Bond's email is office@ercmorrison.com. Please send bulletin announcements to this email no later than the Thursday before service. If you would like to become a church member, contact Pastor J.T. for more info.

The church is open Monday-Friday 9am-1pm and Saturdays 7:30am-12pm.

This Week at ERC

- Mid-High Class - Today in the Upper Room at 10:45 am
- Consistory & Staff Dinner – Monday, December 8 at 6:00 pm
- O.M.E. Task Force - Tuesday, December 9 at 3:30 pm
- Aftershock - Wednesday, December 10 at 5:00 pm
- Men's Bible Study - Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 am
- Saturday Movie Matinee - Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm

Happy Birthday This Week To:

12/7 Deane Patten 12/11 LeAnn Schaefer

12/12 Jovie Patton 12/12 Kohen Blasdell

Nursery:

Today – Beth Milnes & Kinlee Prins

12/14 – Shawn & Kevin Soenksen

Greeters:

Today – Barb Domdey & Karen Price

12/14 –Youth & Bailey M / Harvey Z

Welcome Center Hosts:

Today – Michael & Marcia Blean

12/14 – Jon & Martha Kophamer

Offering Last Sunday:

General Fund: \$3,190

Assistance: \$50

Thanksgiving: \$269

Bell Ringer:

Today – Doug Vanderlaan

12/14 – Kim Schaefer

Prayer Room:

Today – Ken Jansma

12/14 – Martha Kophamer

Fellowship Hall Hosts:

Today – Pat Zuidema & Pat Fuller

12/14– Pat Zuidema & Pat Fuller

December Counting Team:

Dave Weber

Pat Pessman

Scott Meurs

Reasons to Rejoice and Prayer Concerns

- Those who need restored health through recovery and healing:** Marguerite Clark, Neva Baar, Elmer Huizenga, Jeg Weets, Ron & Louise Wiersema, Jennifer Schultz, and all those with special needs or unspoken prayer requests.
- Those in nursing/assisted living homes:** Wally & Joanne Peterson, Sandi Gorzney, Barb Geerts, Loretta Temple, Don VanDerLeest, Joyce Wilkins, Darlene Vos, Delores Stuart, Allen Buikema, Coretta Vankooten, & Ruth Rosenow, (at Resthave); Marv Tichler (La Bella), Bob & Irma Brands (at Homestead of Morrison); Marge Gorzny (at Allure in Prophetstown); Also: Pam Gorzny.
- Those serving our country:** Gregory Bush (Air Force), Brevin Prais (Navy), Tyler Haan (Air Force), Elijah Bean (Air Force).

Ebenezer Communication Card

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

[] I am a visitor today/new to community

[] I would like to join Ebenezer

[] I have a change of address/email/phone

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

9:30 a.m.

ERC is a congregation called to intentionally share the gospel in word and deed, as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ. God is calling us to be a vibrant body of believers helping people experience God's love in Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Christmas Concert TODAY at 4:00 pm. Advent-themed music from vocal and instrumental musicians. We will have Greeters at the elevator entrance as well as greeters at both Sanctuary entrances. Please help us welcome the Community to our annual program.

The Thanksgiving offering will go to the Morrison Food Pantry. Donations may be made through today.

Aftershock Wednesday, December 10: Supper at 5:00 – all are invited. Program is also open to all families of the students and the congregation at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

A Christmas Movie Matinee will be held each Saturday of Advent in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm. The movie for Saturday, December 14 is “A Christmas Story.”

Christmas cards for our Shut-ins and Nursing Home residents and Military personnel are due in the red bins **by Sunday, December 14**. We will take care of addressing AND mailing them for you.

Helping Hands gifts are due by **Sunday, December 14**. (No Later) They may be dropped off at the Office Monday – Friday or brought to church on Sunday.

Friendly reminder: Ladies Aid is on Wednesday, **December 17, not the 10th**.

“Thank you, Ebenezer family and friends, for remembering my birthday with cards and well wishes.” Don VanDerLeest

Monthly Memory Verse

John 1:14 NIV

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer Request Slip

Fill out this short slip for anyone who needs our prayers this week.

Name and Praying for: _____

[] I will have an upcoming surgery at _____, on this date _____ and would like a visit _____ or call _____ from the Pastor.

Comments: _____