

Order of Worship

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Announcements:

Jennie Gowan

Lighting of the Advent Candle

James Daniel Family

*Opening Songs: "Hope For Everyone"

"O Thou Joyful O Thou Wonderous" #119

"O What a Glorious Night"

Prayer

Offertory: "The Light of the World is Jesus"

Shadow Play "Christmas Hallelujah"

Kids Bell Choir

Scripture Reading: Mathew 2:13 – 18

Claire Weets

Message: "Christmas According to The Grinch"

Pastor J.T. Bean

*Closing Song: "King of Kings"

*Benediction

Postlude

*stand as you are able

Song Leaders: **Craig & Kathi Sipes, Praise Team**

Organist: **Deb VanZuiden**

AV/Tech Team: **Gregg Wiersema, Todd Kullerstrand**

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.

This Week at ERC

- Office closed – December 24 and December 25
- Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday, December 24 at 6:00 pm
- Men's Bible Study – Will NOT meet on December 27

Happy Birthday This Week To:

12/21 Cassidy VanZuiden **12/21** Ken Jansma

12/22 John Dickey **12/23** Susan Bland

Nursery:

Today – Jackie & Alicen Wiersema

12/28 – Beth Milnes & Kinlee Prins

Bell Ringer:

Today – Adam Schaefer

12/28 – Kevin Hook

Greeters:

Today – Pat Pessman & Doris Bull

12/28 – Deb Adolph & Jenny Patton

Prayer Room:

Today – Barney Habben

12/28 – Jan Renkes

Welcome Center Hosts:

Today – David & Darlene Schipper

12/28 – Keith & Joyce Hamstra

Fellowship Hall Hosts:

Today – Pat Z, Pat F, & Karen L

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Offering Last Sunday:

General Fund: \$4,972

Aftershock: \$151

Thanksgiving: \$100

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 Huizinga, Jeg Weets, Ron & Louise Wiersema, Jennifer Schultz, and all those with special needs or unspoken prayer requests.
- **Those in nursing/assisted living homes:** Ron Wiersema, 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 Pruis (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

Announcements

Our Christmas offering is for Resthave Rehab Department, and you can place your gifts in the offering plate on any Sunday through the month, or you can drop off or mail checks to the Office or give online through December 30.

If you are in the hospital and cannot call or do not have family to call us, you can ask your Aide or Nurse for assistance. An additional resource is the hospital Chaplain. We would love to know if you would like to be on the Prayer Line and/or have a visit from Pastor J.T. or your Elder.

At any time, please call the Office with any updates or corrections to Birthdate, Address, Phone, or Email information for the Directory/Membership List. If at any time you would like a printed copy of the Directory, just phone or email the Office. It is available on your computer at www.instantchurchdirectory.com OR there is a free app for your phone by the same name. Please submit your family picture to the office or upload your own.

Also, if at any time you decide that you would like to serve in any of our volunteer roles (other than Consistory), please call the Office. We always welcome joyful service.

Please help yourself to the Christmas-themed pamphlets at both entrances.

The church office is open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The doors by the elevator are open as needed. If you have a non-calendared event and need the back doors open, please call the Office.

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.

Comments: _____

Name and Praying for: _____

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

Prayer Request Slip

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 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.