

Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome
Lighting of the Advent Wreath **Jason & Domini Buikema Family**
Announcements **Bob Vandermyde**
Invocation
*Opening Hymns: #132 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
#131 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
#157 "Away in a Manger"
Youth Shadow Play: "Nativity Hallelujah"
Responsive Reading
Prayer
Children's Message **Pastor J.T. Bean**
Kids' Bell Choir
Offertory Song: "My Savior's Love"
Scripture: **Romans 5:1-9** **Pat Pessman**
Message: **"The Greatest Gift of Love"** **Pastor J.T. Bean**
*Hymn: #170 "One Day"
*Benediction
Postlude
*stand as you are able

Song Leader: **Worship Team** Pianist: **Deane Patten**
AV/Tech Team: **Jovie Patton & Scott Meurs**

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

- Christmas Eve: Mingle Jingle from 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Welcome Center
- Christmas Eve: Worship at 6:00 pm
- Men's Bible Study will meet Saturday, Dec. 28 at 7:30 am

Happy Birthday This Week To:

12/22 John Dickey 12/23 Susan Bland 12/27 Isabelle Allen

Nursery:

Today – Jackie Wiersema & Alicen Wiersema
12/29 – Shawn & Kevin Soenksen

Greeters:

Today – Pat Pessman
12/29 – Michelle Hook

Prayer Room:

Today – Barney Habben
12/29 – Jan Renkes

Welcome Center Hosts:

Today – Keith & Joyce Hamstra
12/29 – Jack & Susan Bland

Fellowship Hall Hosts:

Today – Karen L, Pat Z & Pat F
12/29 – Karen L, Pat Z & Pat F

Offering Last Sunday:

General Fund: \$2,924
Aftershock \$ 210
Christmas \$ 310
Medema Mem. \$ 155

December Counting Team:

Dawn Meurs
Pat Pessman
Dave Weber

Reasons to Rejoice and Prayer Concerns

- **Those who need restored health through recovery and healing:** Kathy Vanderlaan, Diane Boelkins, Neva Baar, Keith Morine, Jonelle Hook, Elmer Huizenga, Jeg Weets, Ron & Louise Wiersema, Jennifer Shultz, Freeman family, Mercurio family, Narup family, Hugg Family, Baker Family, Perry family, and all those with special needs or unspoken prayer requests.
- **Those in nursing/assisted living homes:** Velma Dean, Barb Geerts, Loretta Temple, Don VanDerLeest, Joyce Wilkins, Mary Jane Connelly, Darlene Vos, Delores Stuart, Allen Buikema, Coretta Vankooten, & Ruth Rosenow, (at Resthabe); & Marv Tichler (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

Ebenezer Reformed Church

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December 22, 2024

Our Purpose:

*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

The Christmas offering (which can be given any Sunday in December) is dedicated to new equipment for the Therapy Gym at Resthave. We will not pass the plates on Christmas Eve; however, the box at the front of the church is always available for offerings.

Christmas Eve Service is 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 24, preceded by refreshments (Mingle Jingle) at 5:00 pm in the Welcome Center, hosted by the Worship & Music Committee.

During this season of giving, please take a few moments to complete the *Time & Talent Survey*. These can be returned to the Office by email, USPS, delivery, or drop box by the sanctuary. You do not need to be a “confessional” member to serve others.

The family of Arlyn Zuidema thanks everyone for their support during this difficult time. Your hugs, phone calls, prayers, and words of comfort help us get through our days. He was loved and will be missed. Arlyn was husband, father, grandpa, and “Pops.”

Please let us know if you would like to be added to Pastor J.T.’s email distribution list. This list is used for the Wednesday message, prayer requests, and other important announcements between bulletins. You can email or call the office to be added.

Monthly Memory Verse

Isaiah 9:6 NIV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

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: _____