

SUNDAY PAPER

SOME-OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS HANDPICKED FOR YOU.

December 13, 2020

welcome
we're glad you're here!

Thank you for joining us in Sunday morning worship! Everyone is asked to please sign the Friendship Pad. For your convenience, Friendship Pads are located at both ends of the pews. We would love to know you joined us for worship today!

Trinity Reformed Church has decided to continue our in-house worship services at 10am every Sunday.

We do this to allow those who would like or need in person worship to have that opportunity. We are practicing social distancing, masks to be worn upon entering and leaving the building, masks are available, if needed. If you prefer not to attend in person, we are also offering live-streaming services on our website - <https://www.trc-gh.org/> if you would like to connect with your church family that way.

We realize some of you have stayed away during these difficult times and want you to know we are praying for you and miss you! If you need anything, please feel free to contact any of our Consistory members.

Also - If anyone is in need of food, please contact Kim Carl (231.578.5258) or the church office (616.842.9480) during office hours, food is available through Kim's Kupboard.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

Today in Worship



Night Before Christmas

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light" - Isaiah 9:2

Before Jesus was born, the world could be a dark place. For many people, especially the Jews, oppression, poverty, and violence were common. For 700 years the people "walking in darkness" looked forward to seeing a "great light." When the light of the world came to them, most people couldn't see it.

Even though Jesus came in the familiar forms of Prophet, Priest, and King, his own people didn't recognize him. However, for those who did have eyes to see, the world and their understanding of it was enlightened forever. Do we have eyes to see the light?

We Gather in God's Presence

Advent Candle

Invitation to Worship

Songs of Praise: Hymn No. **144** (vs. 1&2), **145** (vs. 1&2), **148** (vs. 1-3)

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Song of Praise

God Revealed in Word and Sacrament

Scripture

Message: **Night Before Christmas: Prophet**

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God

Announcement

Closing Hymn: Doxology

Benediction

(Offering collection box at the back of the Sanctuary)

Message Notes

TODAY: Night Before Christmas: Prophet

Introduction

I. Role of Prophet

Deuteronomy. 18:9-22

A. Presence of God

B. Word of God

II. Word

Exodus 20

III. Jesus is the Word

A. Jesus speaks God's Word

John 12:44-50

B. Jesus is God's Word

John 1

IV. Word and Light in Us

John 16:12-15; Matt 5:14

TODAY: Night Before Christmas: *Prophet*

Deuteronomy 8:9-22; Isaiah 7:10-15; 8:13-15

No true prophet had spoken for 400 years. It's as if God's voice had gone silent. Prior to that human voices gave sound to God's very words. Life and death hung in the balance when these words from the Lord were spoken. These words guided the way to security and prosperity. Ignoring prophetic messages led to suffering and death. How are the people to find their way now? How do we find our way today? Do we have ears to hear the prophetic words of Jesus now?

Join us for our Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on Thursday, December 24 at 6:00pm. On this literal night before Christmas we'll celebrate Christ the light of the world with carols, scripture. As always, the evening closes with candlelight and Silent Night.

weekly announcement highlights

Advent: November 29 The Power of Prophecy

December 6 What an Adventure

December 13 Peace on Earth

December 20 Into the World

Taken from Turning Point, December 2020, Dr. David Jeremiah

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: The Congregational meeting will follow the morning worship service on **Today**. All members are encouraged to attend. The adoption of the 2021 Budget will be considered. A quorum (38 people) is needed to vote to adopt the budget for 2021. If we do not get a quorum, the Consistory will need to adopt the budget. The following have been nominated for office: Elders – Karl Smith. Deacons – Paul Bierman, Kim Carl.



Library News: The Christmas Books Have Arrived! Did you know Trinity has one of the biggest church libraries in Western Michigan? You do not need a librarian to check out a book. We have many new Christmas books!



Kim's Kupboard: During the advent season, we are looking for donations each week to add to Kim's Kupboard. Each week, we are asking for specific items to be donated. Watch the Sunday Paper for items each week! Complete list of requested items for each week are in the December Trumpeter.

This week starting TODAY (December 13) - Dinner time (noodles, spaghetti sauce, pasta/rice sides, hamburger helper, instant potatoes)

Next week Sunday, December 20 - Snack time (juice, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks, Peanut butter/jelly)

Please note that you are always welcome to drop off items needed, please remember to think of "Kid Friendly" items. Thank you to everyone who continues to support Kim's Kupboard, without you it would not be a success.

Do you have unwanted Christmas sale ads & newspapers? Remember the PaperGator will take them, just drop them off. This not only helps you get rid of the papers but helps make a little profit for the church. 😊

happening this week @ trinity

Sunday

10:00am Worship Service

Wednesday

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ BHHS Clyde Hendrick office

stay in touch – 2020 consistory leaders

elders: Rev. Randy Bremmer, Jim Tate, Wally De La Fuente, Mary Garbrecht, Jan Hendrick, Lee Trowbridge

deacons: Mike Stroud, Ron Streng, Brian Phillips, Mary Musgrave, Ted Breimayer



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