

SUNDAY PAPER

SOME-OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS HANDPICKED FOR YOU.

December 27, 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 continued with our in-house worship services at 10am every Sunday.

We are allowing those who would like/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 but would like to connect with your church family, we also offer live-streaming services on our website (<https://www.trc-gh.org/>). CD copies of the service are available upon request.

We realize some of you have stayed away during these uncertain 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.

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

Invitation to Worship (*Please sign Friendship Pad in pew*)

Songs of Praise: Hymn No. **234** (vs. 1-3), **229** (vs. 1&2), **228** (vs. 1&2)

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

God Revealed in Word and Sacrament

Scripture: Zechariah 3:14-20; Isaiah 40:1-11

Message: **Night Before Christmas: King**

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: King

Introduction

I. Kings of Israel

1 Samuel 8:1-9

II. Prophecies

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 40:1-11

III. Christ as King

John 18:28-40

IV. Kingdom Today

TODAY: Night Before Christmas: King Zechariah 3:14-20; Isaiah 40-1-11

Centuries after we've abolished monarchy, we still want a King! All the chaos, suffering and disorder in the world causes people all through history to clamor for a great person who will make life better. The Jews cherished their ancient Messiah prophecies. Then, a thoroughly unlikely candidate emerged on the scene. Is he the Divine King who will finally realize the hope of nations?

weekly announcement highlights

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: At the Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 13, Karl Smith was confirmed as Elder & Paul Bierman & Kim Carl were confirmed as Deacons. A 2021 Budget was proposed and approved. Special thanks to Mike Stroud, Ron Streng & Ted Breimayer for their faithfulness serving on Consistory.

Operation Christmas Child: Please pray that many will come to know Jesus as Savior through the shoeboxes that Trinity Church sent to children around the world.

 **Kim's Kupboard:** Please note that you are always welcome to drop off items needed, please remember to think of "Kid Friendly" items. We have donated some items to Resilience in Holland; and are partnering with them to aid in giving food assistance to those in the Tri-Cities area who may need a little help. We look forward to working with them throughout the coming year and developing relationships with those in our community. Thank you everyone who continues to support Kim's Kupboard. Without you it would not be a success. If you have any questions or know of someone who could use some help, please let me know (Ks.carl99@gmail.com) we look forward to helping them out. Thank you, Kim

Book Club - Book Club will be meeting on **Monday, January 18** at 6:00pm with our potluck. If you wish to come only for the discussion, join us at 7:00pm. We will be discussing *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Plan now to attend!

Holiday Hours: *The Church office will be closed on Thursday (12/31/2020) & Friday, (1/1/2021) and re-open on Monday (1/4/2021).*

Do you have unwanted Christmas sale ads, newspapers, cereal boxes or Hamburger Helper boxes?

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

Thursday

New Year's Eve

Friday

New Year's Day

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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