

Morning Order of Worship – December 21, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Gathered

- *Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:1, 6-7
- *Prayer of Invocation (concluded with the Lord's Prayer)
- *Votum:
People of God, in whose name is your help?
Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- *God's Greeting
- *Hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come" GPH #336 (1,2,3,7)
- Lighting of the Advent Candle
- *Hymn "Joy Has Dawned" (Led by Choir) Sing #762 (1-4)

Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Genesis 3:1-15 (page 3)
Sermon: **"The Seed of the Woman"**

Response

- Prayer of Application
- *Hymn "Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem" GPH #404 (1-4)
- Congregational Prayer
- Offerings for the Benevolent Fund and Christian Education

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- *Hymn "Praise the Savior Now and Ever" GPH #400 (1-4)
- *Benediction
- *Doxology "Glory to God (Ere Zig God)" GPH #214
- *Postlude
*if able, please stand

Minister of the Word: Rev. Stephen Terpstra
Organist: Dawn Beukelman; Pianist: Ema McBrayer
Advent Readers: Ross, Krista and Deacon Oolman

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

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- *Carol "Once in Royal David's City" GPH #346 (1,2,3,5)
- *Call to Worship
- *Prayer of Invocation

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15

Choir "In the Bleak Midwinter"

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18

- *Carol "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" GPH #329 (1-4)

Verse 1 – All
Verse 2 - Men
Verse 3 - Women and children
Verse 4 - All

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Choir "In the Fullness of Time"

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9

- Carol "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" GPH #328 (1,4,6)

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

Choir "For to Us a Child is Born"

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

*Carol "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

GPH #344 (1,2,3)

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-20

Carol "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

LUYH #81 (1,2,5)

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

Carol "Away in a Manger"

GPH #348 (1-3)

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

*Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

GPH #340 (1,2,3)

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 1:1-4 (page 1053)

Meditation: "The Only Life"

Response & Sending

Prayer

Offering for Atlas

*Benediction

*Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

GPH #345 (1-3)

*Postlude

*If able, please stand

Minister: Rev. Stephen Terpstra

Organist: Maria Byker; Pianist: Anita Nykamp

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Welcome to worship today! We are glad you have chosen to worship God with us!

Nursery is available on the lower level of the church for child care. Refreshments are served after the morning worship service. Please stay and visit.

This Week

Today

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Worship Service - Service of Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 22

6:00 p.m. Open House Baby Shower for Brice & Lanae Kroeze

Thursday, December 25

9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Worship!

Offering: Bethesda Christian Counseling

Nursery: Janice Hamming, Allison Timmermans,
Adelynn Bolkema

Media: Carson Noteboom, Grant De Groot,
Jon Hellinga, Ryan Noteboom

Saturday, December 27

9:30 a.m. Cadet Snow Derby Practice at Calvary

Sunday, December 28

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Offerings: Genesis House and Christian Education

6:00 p.m. Worship Service – Rev. Steve Breen

Offering: New Roots

General Announcements

From the Shower Committee: There will be a baby shower for Brice and Lanae Kroeze tomorrow evening, December 22! It will be an open house from 6-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Feel free to come and go as it works for you.

From the Congregational Life Committee: Come join us for a night of Pizza, Pop and Puzzles on Wednesday, January 7 in the fellowship hall. Please sign up for teams, you can sign up in pairs or as a single and the committee will make teams of four. Object of the night: teams will eat a large pizza, drink a 2 liter of pop and complete a puzzle. If you are not interested in the team event, sign up to enjoy the fellowship. Pizza and pop will be provided.

Please Note:

If you are interested in making profession of your faith, please contact Pastor Stephen.

Are you are considering becoming a member of First CRC or do you have questions about membership? Please reach out to Pastor Stephen or one of the Elders.

Serving in Ministry

	Today (12/21)	Next Sunday (12/28)
AM Refreshments	Doug & Audrey Schuller Kevin & Janna Van Donge	Carter & Lucy Van Hulzen Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen
AM Nursery	Anita Jeltema Leianna Hellinga Connor Schuller	Shari Visser Shawndra Kuiken Carter Schuller
Children and Worship	<i>Off for Christmas</i>	<i>Off for Christmas</i>
PM Nursery	Jill Jacobsma Autumn Kroeze	Marcia Scholten Garrett De Groot
Greeters	SE-Carter & Lucy Van Hulzen FHW-Ken & Patty Timmermans	SE-Matt & Karen Van Schouwen FHW-Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg
Media	Shannon Schuller Tyce Van Donge Jon Hellinga	Phil Kuiken Nicholas Noteboom Ryan Raines Jon Hellinga
Intentional Greeter	AM-Ross Bolkema PM-Bert Reinders	AM-Ross Oolman PM-Jeremy Mills