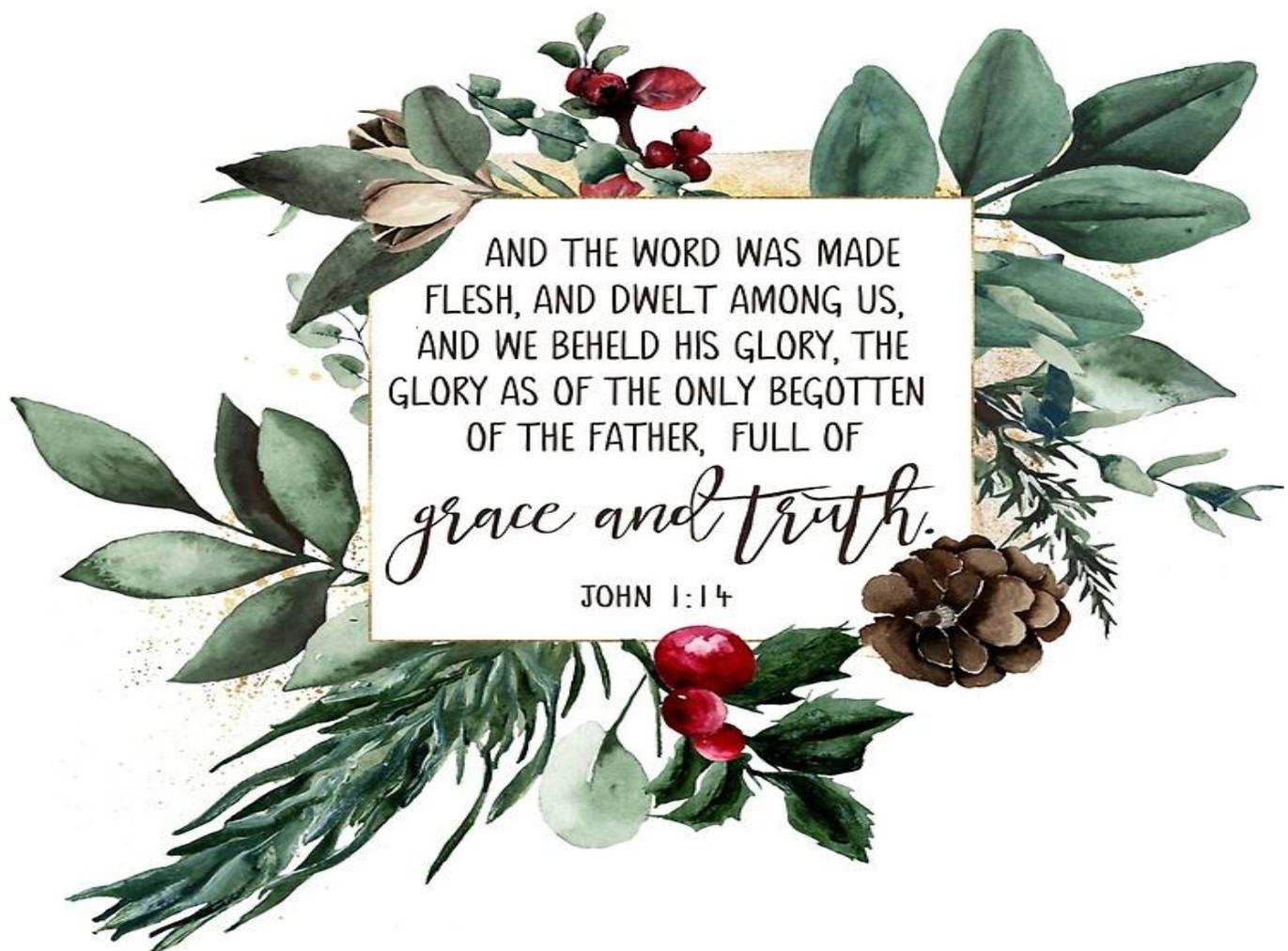


# REFLECTIONS

First Christian Reformed Church  
Orange City, Iowa

December 2025



## Reflections

Please forgive any errors or omissions. We'd be grateful if you would call them to our attention. Thank you for submitting news articles-without your help, there would be no newsletter! Thank you to the volunteers who help each month.

## Members in care facilities:

### **Prairie Ridge Care Center**

Helen Anderson, Arlys Feenstra,  
Gladys Hoekstra, Geri Kiel,  
Arie & MaryLou Noteboom,  
Leona Noteboom, Irene Pennings

### **Landsmeer Assisted Living**

Henrietta Jeltema,  
Joan Spronk, Everly Visser

### **Royale Meadows**

Joan Den Hartog

### **Whispering Heights (Rock Valley)**

Jake Van Den Hul

## Transportation

If you need a ride to a church service or another activity in church, please contact Bob De Jong (712-230-2230).

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## *Hospitality*

If you are in need of assistance, or know of someone who is, please contact your care unit deacon.

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## Upcoming Events

December 14 – Sunday School Christmas Program

December 17 – All Church Caroling

December 21 – Lessons and Carols

December 25 – Christmas Day Worship



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## Media

December 7 – Phil Kuiken, Nicholas Noteboom, LeRoy De Jager, Mike Byker  
December 14 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Tyce Van Donge, Greg De Groot, Matt Van Schepen  
December 21 – Shannon Schuller, Drew Noteboom, Jon Hellinga  
December 25 – Carson Noteboom, Grant De Groot, Jon Hellinga, Ryan Noteboom  
December 28 – Phil Kuiken, Nicholas Noteboom, Ryan Raines, Jon Hellinga  
January 1 – Ryan Van Schouwen, Tyce Van Donge, Ryan Raines, Jon Hellinga

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### Sunday Evening Greeters

December 7 – SE-Ryan & Shanelle Raines, FHW-Darrell & Cindy Schuller  
December 14 – SE-Ryan & Jennifer Mulder, FHW-Shane & Denise Schuller  
December 21 – SE-Carter & Lucy Van Hulzen, FHW-Ken & Patty Timmermans  
December 28 – SE-Matt & Karen Van Schouwen, FHW-Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg  
January 4 – SE-Pete & Laura Zomermaand, FHW-Nate & Christina Zuiderveen

### Sunday Morning Refreshments

December 7 – Shane & Denise Schuller, Shannon & Bethany Schuller  
December 14 – Don & Bev Snieder, Ken & Patty Timmermans  
December 21 – Doug & Audrey Schuller, Kevin & Janna Van Donge  
December 28 – Carter & Lucy Van Hulzen, Matt & Lindsey Van Schepen  
January 4 – John & Judy Van Kalsbeek, Matt & Karen Van Schouwen  
January 11 – Harlan & Linda Ver Steeg, Shari & Becky Visser  
January 18 – Tunis & Kathy Vollink, Nate & Christina Zuiderveen  
January 25 – Pete & Laura Zomermaand, Mark & Gina Zylstra

### Ushers

**December:** SW-Warren Dekkers  
SE-Kaleb Hamming

Center-Loren Dykstra, Trevor Mulder

**January:** SW-Wyatt Nykamp  
SE-Shane Schuller

Center-Tyler Kroeze, Mark Zylstra

### Bulletin Delivery

December 7 – Gary & Anita Jeltema  
December 14 – Ed & Ethel Kruid  
December 21 – Brian Kroeze  
December 28 – Doug Hamming  
January 4 – Gordon & Pat Bruxvoort

### Valet Parking

December – John Van Kalsbeek  
January – Ken Timmermans

## NURSERY WORKERS

DECEMBER 7 AM-PATTY TIMMERMANS, JENNIFER NOTEBOOM, KYLIE DE GROOT  
PM-CONNIE LEFEVER, LILIA VAN SCHEPEN

DECEMBER 14 AM-BECKY VISSER, ANGELA DE GROOT, SAWYER MILLS  
PM-JODY DE JONG, AYVA VAN SCHOUWEN

DECEMBER 21 AM-SHARI VISSER, LEIANNA HELLINGA, JANELLE ZUIDERVEEN  
PM-JILL JACOBSMA, AUTUMN KROEZE

DECEMBER 25 AM-JANICE HAMMING, ALLISON TIMMERMANS,  
ADELYNN BOLKEMA

DECEMBER 28 AM-ANITA JELTEMA, SHAWNDR A KUIKEN, CARTER SCHULLER  
PM-MARCIA SCHOLTEN, GARRETT DE GROOT

JANUARY 1 AM-KRISTI REINDERS, JENN MILLS, AUDREY ZUIDERVEEN

JANUARY 4 AM-BETHANY SCHULLER, MARI A NOTEBOOM, MEGAN DE GROOT  
PM-SARAH PLUIM, JOEL HAMMING

JANUARY 11 AM-CHRISTINE TERPSTRA, KRISTA OOLMAN, CONNOR SCHULLER  
PM-LINDSEY VAN SCHEPEN, KARLI NOTEBOOM

JANUARY 18 AM-DENISE SCHULLER, AUDREY SCHULLER, MAGDALENA HELMING  
PM-CHRISTINA ZUIDERVEEN, DAVID BOLKEMA

JANUARY 25 AM-HEIDI DE GROOT, MELISSA DYKSTRA, TRISTAN DE GROOT  
PM-JENNIFER MULDER, MADISON SCHULLER

## THANK YOU

Mom loved Jesus and she also loved his church and his people. This same love that she had, was shown to us and our family with her recent passing. We want to thank everyone that gave us words of encouragement and comfort and sent cards and gifts. We want to thank everyone who came and visited, Pastor Stephen, the elders, and especially Pastor Jordan. Pastor Jordan by the grace of God was at our side when she passed and his words of comfort and blessing were a special gift in that moment and will be remembered. Many times in scripture the word "hope" is mentioned, and we take great comfort that Mom, Grandma, and Great Grandma, does not hope any more, but that she is resting in the glorious promise of life everlasting.

-The Schuller Family

Thank you to the congregation for participating in our congregational life events this past year. It makes planning these events a joy when we have many of the congregation participating.

-The Congregational Life Committee

Thank you to those who donated the pumpkin pies and whipped topping! They were delicious and appreciated so much! Thank you!  
--First CRC

A sincere, heartfelt thank you to my church family for all the ways you have helped and encouraged me. Cards, visits, meals, prayers, organists and pianists jumping in to cover for me, all are so appreciated. A special thank you to the Sunday School classes that remembered me. Those cards are so precious! Good job, teachers. The sling will continue through December and then hopefully life back to normal!

--Kate Noteboom

First CRC,  
We are delighted to share that we donated 54 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child. The Helmings were privileged to drop the boxes off at the collection site, and prayed over our boxes with the staff. We are so grateful for your willingness to be generous and bless children around the world. Thank you!

-The Outreach Committee

Your concern for me and your kindness to me have encouraged me to regain strength in my legs and feet that I may walk again without pain and to be able to drive safely. Your demonstration of love has reminded me to evaluate the commitment of my heart; "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Galatians 2:25 Thank you.

- Marlyn Visser

