February 2, 2025

Carmel's mission is to further Christ's Kingdom through loving God and loving others.

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: Jamie Van Voorst

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Song: *"Battle Belongs" "King of Kings"*

Invocation

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#460** "*Be Thou My Vision*" (Offerings for the General Fund & Rocky Mountain High) (Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Message: "How Things Really Are"

Closing Song: "Holy Forever"

*Benediction

Postlude: Jamie Van Voorst

(*please stand if you are able)

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: Jamie Van Voorst Welcome Call to Worship *Worship Hymns: **#79** "The Wonder Of It All" **#86** "The Love Of God" Invocation Responsive Reading: **#1266 Selection #61** "Hearing and Doing the Word" Congregational Prayer *Hymn: **#395** "Love Lifted Me" Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-12 Message: **"Crazy Love"** Closing Song: "The Power Of Your Love" *Benediction Postlude: Jamie Van Voorst

(*please stand if you are able)

Traditionally, the church on this day remembers the presentation of Jesus by his parents in the temple. We too present ourselves to God: our praise, petitions, sorrows and joys. Welcome. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Justin Bailey as he leads our morning service and Pastor Cliff Hoekstra as he leads our evening service.

Guest Register: During the offering this morning, please sign and pass the "Guest" Register down the row. Once it reaches the end and members and guests have signed, please pass it back to the center.

TODAY

10:45 a.m.—Sunday School

Preschool-1st grade meet in the music room. 2nd-6th grade meet in the sanctuary. Lesson: "*The Tower of Babel*"

Sunday School Guide Class meet in the library.

4:15 p.m.—**Sr RCYF**

6:30 p.m.— Jr RCYF

<u>Nursery Attendants</u>: Danica D., Lynna, D.W., Kylee S., Josie B. <u>Door Attendant</u>: Willard. <u>Ushers</u>: Josh (M), Brad (NE), Riley (SW). <u>Audio</u>: Warren. <u>Video</u>: Dale. <u>Power Point</u>: Tonia. <u>After</u> <u>Service Greeters</u>: Leon & Dan F. (M), Hans (NE), Shawn (SW).

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 3 7:00 p.m.—GEMS & Cadets GEMS please bring your bag, Bible, and pencil

<u>Wednesday, February 5</u> 7:00 p.m.—Adult Bible Study Wednesday Night Activities Lesson: "God Provides in the Wilderness"

NEXT SUNDAY, February 9

<u>Nursery Attendants</u>: Morgan Hoekstra, Nikki Hulstein, Jennie Boogerd, Heidi Boogerd. <u>Door Attendant</u>: John Leusink. <u>Ush-</u> <u>ers</u>: Eric Van Meeteren (M); Owen Sandbulte (NE); Adam Nibbelink (SW). <u>Refreshments</u>: Becky Ochsendorf, Chad Robertson. <u>Cookies</u>: Sherri Wolfswinkel, Amy McAlpine, Donna Renes, Mimi Sandbulte, Rachel Van Roekel. <u>Special Music</u>: Kyler Bomgaars. <u>Special Offering</u>: Mission Projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Henrietta Farmer is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack.
Marlin Dibbet will be having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, February 4.
Denny & Lin De Jong are going on a mission trip with JFA to Jackson, MS February 7-14.
Jo Te Grotenhuis is recovering from Covid.
Kyle Van Ginkel serving in the army.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God's blessing for the Centerpoint Congregation and Pastors Chris Godfredsen & Jamie Dykstra.

Please help us to help you: When you have an illness, accident, upcoming surgery, birth or death in the family, or other needs, please notify one of the elders or the church office.

We extend our sympathy to the family of *Dallas De Jong*, who passed away Friday, January 24. May God grant peace and comfort to *Lloyd & Lois De Jong*, and family.

We extend our sympathy to the family of *Lauren Sandbulte*, who passed away Monday, January 27. May God grant peace and comfort to his *children Seaton*, *Trey & Pandora*, *Bailie*, *and family*; *Shawn (brother) & Jami and family*, *Glenn & Vicki (sister) Vander Lugt and family*.

Happy anniversary to *Harold & LaVonne Van Essen* who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, February 4.

Happy anniversary to *Pete & Ev De Jong* who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Friday, February 7.

"Thank you for the cards, visits, and prayers during this difficult time of losing a family member. We are so grateful to be part of this caring church family.

-Bob & Suzanne Den Herder

"We want to thank the congregation for joining us this past Wednesday evening at the Chili Bash. Your generous donations and kind words in support of the junior youth are greatly appreciated. We hope to allocate funds raised towards Middle School Retreat this April and Power Connection/Work Camp this July. Thank you!"

-JR RCYF youth and sponsors

Attention Treasurers: Your books will be audited on Monday evening, February 3. Please have your check register, record book, receipts and bank statements from October 2023 to December 2024 in the Consistory Room by NOON on Monday, February 3.

Women's Bible Study will not be meeting on Monday, February 3. We will meet again on Monday, February 10.

There is left over soup (Church Chili, Spicy Chili, and White Chicken Chili) available from the Chili Bash located in the Moses Room refrigerator. Free will donations accepted for the JR RCYF and may be given to Danica DeMeester.

RVL Discipleship: The Study. Pastor Ron will be leading a Wednesday Night Bible Study using a newly released class by Ray Vander Laan. In **RVL Discipleship: The Study**, we will examine what it means to be a modern day disciple of Jesus as we look through the cultural, historical, and otherwise contextual lens of Scripture. The study is a four season video Bible study for small groups and individuals to consider the question: what did it mean to be one of the original disciples of Jesus, and what does that mean for us today? We encourage everyone to attend.

We have the opportunity to serve with World Renew doing flood reconstruction in Rock Valley. We are looking for Jr. High-Adult participants Thursday-Saturday, January 23-25 and Monday -Wednesday, February 17-19 to serve along members from Hull First Reformed Church. However, since this opportunity is close to home, it is flexible to your schedule. If anyone would like to organize a group or go as an individual any other time, contact Nate Van Ginkel (712-470-5790).



It's not too early to start thinking about Summer Camp at Inspiration Hills. Registration is open and some camps fill up fast. Visit their website: <u>www.inspirationhills.org</u> and check out all the different camps. Remember Carmel Church pays for 1/2 of the registration fee for one camp, per student, per year.



Van Project-Fundraising

