

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

MORNING WORSHIP (9:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Christian Greeting

*Worship Hymns: #163 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
#157 "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

*Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Ministry in Music: *Addison Terpstra*

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: #371 "Heaven Came Down"
(Offerings for the General Fund & Cemetery Fund)
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Romans 4:18-25; Romans 5:1-5

Message: "Hope? Or Hope!"

*Closing Hymn: #442 "Blessed Assurance"

*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Worship Hymns: #175 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
#149 "His Name is Wonderful"

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *The Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #29*

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn: #44 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-14

Message: "Gratitude in Suffering"

*Hymn: #547 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(*please stand if you are able)*

This last Sunday in November is also the first Sunday of Advent. We are delighted that you have come to worship. Let us now begin to spiritually prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Please join us for refreshments after the morning worship service.

A warm welcome to Stacy Jasper as he leads our morning worship service and to Pastor Ross Van Kley as he leads our evening worship service.

Thank you to *Addison Terpstra* for her ministry in music.

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

Nursery Attendants: Nikki H., Morgan H., Gaby P., Slayden S.

Door Attendant: Kevin. **Ushers:** Jerry W. (M), Brad B. (NE), Keith B. (SW). **Refreshments:** Jared T., Gene S. **Audio:** Riley. **Video:** Enrique. **Power Point:** Janice. **After Service Greeters:** Hans & Shawn (M), Dennis (NE), Leon (SW).

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, December 2

6:00 p.m. -**Diamonds Ministry**

Wednesday, December 3

5:45-8:00 p.m. – **GEMS**

We will meet at Carmel Church and Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Things to remember: Wear something festive, Offering, and GEMS bag!

7:00 p.m. - **Cadets**

Thursday, December 4

6:30 p.m. -**CWM Piece & Peace Christmas Puzzle Night**

At the Carmel Store. Bring a Christmas treat to share!

6:30 p.m.-**Elders’ Meeting.** Anyone desiring to make profession of their faith may meet with the elders at 7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.-**Consistory Meeting.**

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Nursery Attendants: Amy McAlpine, Jo Moget, Karlee Leusink, Brody Van Voorst. **Door Attendant:** Jack Soodsma. **Ushers:** Luke Haan (M), Seth Huizenga (NE), Todd Kooi (SW). **Refreshments:** Chad Robertson, Mike Haverhals. **Cookies:** Gene Sandbulte, Hazel Haverhals, Lorna Vander Vliet, Jami Sandbulte, Donna Renes. **Special Music:** Darwin Post. **Special Offering:** Hope Haven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Uphold in Prayer

Brian & Donna Renes will be with the translation teams in India from December 3-13.

Russ Vande Vegte is recovering from surgery.

David Vander Zwaag has an infection in his incision from surgery.

Beth Te Grotenhuis is receiving chemotherapy.

Ashley Vande Vegte is having some complications. Chemo has been paused until improvements are made.

Sue Noteboom continues to see progress in her strength and mobility.

Kyle Van Ginkel has completed his enlistment in the army.

Pastor Ron & Karen as they go through this time of change and uncertainty.

Middleburg Free Grace Church as they continue to look for a Pastor.

Praying for our local congregations: This week please be in prayer for God’s blessing for the Christ Community Congregation and Pastor Jesse Henkle.

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.

Happy birthday to *Marcella Langstraat* who will celebrate her 93rd birthday on Wednesday, December 3.

Happy birthday to *Darwin Post* who will celebrate his 83rd birthday on Saturday, December 6.

Happy birthday to *Lloyd De Jong* who will celebrate his 84th birthday on Saturday, December 6.

“In this season of Thanksgiving, our family wishes to express our gratitude to the Carmel congregation for the outpouring of support these last few months. Amid the unexpected diagnosis, you all have helped make this journey so much easier.”

-Jerry, Sue, and family

The December Consistory Meeting will be Thursday, December 4. Anyone desiring to make profession of their faith may meet with the elders at 7:00 p.m.

Carmel’s Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. at which time we will elect two elders and two deacons to the Consistory. The nominees for elder (in alphabetical order) are: Phil Hooyer, Loren Punt, Henry Sandbulte, and Verlyn Van Regenmorter; the nominees for deacon (in alphabetical order) are: Greg De Wit, Mitch Nettinga, Sean Robinson, and Chris Van Essen.

In recent ballot changes, if you have cast your vote for the previous ballot you will need to revote. Absentee ballots are available at the church office and any shut-ins wanting an absentee ballot please contact the church office.

Anyone, **Kindergarten-12th grade students**, who would like to play a musical Christmas piece for the prelude (while everyone is finding their seats) on the evening of December 21st for the Sunday School Christmas Program please contact Donna Renes by December 7.

PIECE & PEACE: Women’s Life Christmas Puzzle Night is December 4 at the Carmel Store starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a Christmas treat to share! Please RSVP on social media, calling the church office, or signing up at the Coffee Station by TODAY!

Hard copies of the December *HIGHLIGHTS* are available on the Coffee Station.

Carmel GEMS has updated the card rack! Check out the new Christmas Card selections and other options! All cards are priced on the back of the card/package! Please put payment in the little black box! Carmel GEMS pray you all have a blessed Thanksgiving! Thank you for your love and support!

TAKE & BAKE PIZZAS AVAILABLE

Cadets have some Take & Bake Pizzas available for purchase in the Kitchen Freezer. They are \$12 per pizza, please put your money in the box on the counter by the stove marked Cadet’s Take & Bake Pizza.

Pepperoni
Bronco

PIGS-IN-THE-BLANKET

Pigs-in-the-blanket are available in the freezer in the Moses Room. They are **\$15 per dozen**. Sign the sheet on the counter and put your money in the box.

Please do NOT take pigs unless they are paid for.

ONLINE GIVING

Supporting our ministry is now easier than ever! You can give safely and securely through our online giving platform.

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GENERAL FUND GIVING: Offering: \$5,021.00
Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$28,086.09