

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**  
**SECOND 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: **#175** "*O Come, All Ye Faithful*"  
"*Holy Forever*"

\*Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Update from Diamonds Ministry

Congregational Prayer

Hymn: **#171** "*Silent Night! Holy Night!*"  
(Offerings for the General Fund & Hope Haven)  
(Please pass the Guest Registers during this time)

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9

Message: "**Peace? Or Peace!**"

\*Closing Hymn: **#554** "*It Is Well with My Soul*"

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(\*please stand if you are able)*

*Song sheets are available for those who are unable to see the screen.*

**EVENING WORSHIP (6:30)**

Prelude: *Shelly Robyn*

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*Worship Hymns: **#113** "*We Have Come into His House*"  
**#596** "*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*"

Invocation

Responsive Reading: *The Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day #30*

Congregational Prayer

\*Hymn: **#327** "*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*"

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:2-19

Message: "**A Handle on Contentment**"

\*Hymn: **#771** "*Count Your Blessings*"

\*Benediction

Postlude: *Shelly Robyn*

*(\*please stand if you are able)*

***On this second Sunday of Advent, we eagerly welcome all who have joined with us in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May this time of worship be encouraging and inspirational to all. 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 Doug Van Aartsen as he leads our evening worship 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-1<sup>st</sup> grade meet in the music room.

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the sanctuary.

**Lesson:** “*Christmas Lesson*”

**Sunday School Guide Class** meets in the library.

5:15 p.m. - **JR RCYF**

We will be leaving Carmel Church at 5:15 p.m. and going to the Traveling Nativity at Maurice Reformed Church. Sponsors will bring home students.

6:30 p.m. – **SR RCYF**

**Nursery Attendants:** Amy M., Jo M., Karlee L., Brody V.V. **Door Attendant:** Jack. **Ushers:** Luke H. (M), Seth H. (NE), Todd K. (SW).

**Refreshments:** Chad R., Mike H. **Audio:** Nate. **Video:** Laura.

**Power Point:** Eric. **After Service Greeters:** Shawn & Denny (M), Dan Fedders (NE), Hans (SW).

## **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday, December 10**

7:00 p.m. – **Wednesday Night Activities K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Lesson:** “*God Gives the Victory*”

## **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**Nursery Attendants:** Edan Bomgaars, Kristi Segar, Aniya Robertson, Kierra Wolfswinkel. **Door Attendant:** Wayne Te Grotenhuis.

**Ushers:** Eric Ochsendorf (M), Orlin Oostra (NE), Mitch Nettinga (SW). **Refreshments:** Jami Sandbulte, Aubrey Van Kekerix.

**Cookies:** Sarah Nibbelink, Rachel Terpstra, Misty Zwart, Kaye Kuyper, Clarice Van Maanen. **Special Music:** Fonda Post. **Special**

**Offering:** Christian Care Fund.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Uphold in Prayer**

*Derek Vande Zandschulp* is recovering from surgery to remove kidney stones.

*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* numbers have improved. She is able to resume chemo treatments.

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

*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 Pastors Mark Johnson and Carlos Perez.

**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 anniversary to *Virgil & Ditty Houtkooper* who are celebrating their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary today, December 7.

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-12<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> for the Sunday School Christmas Program please contact Donna Renes by TODAY.

**ALL Carmel Groups (GEMS, Diamonds, Cadets, The Bridge, Homebuilders, Women's Life, JR & SR RCYF, etc...) must hand in their January events/calendars to the church office by Sunday, December 21!**

Articles for the January *HIGHLIGHTS* are due Sunday, December 21.

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!

SHARE Group for widows and widowers will meet Thursday, December 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hull Pizza Ranch.

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is about to kick off a new season, and all are invited to sing! Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m., beginning January 6, in the choir room at Northwestern College. This season we will sing the well-loved Handel's *Messiah*, featuring professional soloists and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Holm. Our concert will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Northwestern's Christ Chapel. Contact Mike Ochsner at [mkchsnr@gmail.com](mailto:mkchsnr@gmail.com) with any questions.

### 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.

Visit [carmelchurch.org](http://carmelchurch.org).

Thank you for your faithful generosity!

**GENERAL FUND GIVING:** Offering: \$3,646.00

Fiscal YTD General Fund offering: \$31,732.09