THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF STRATFORD

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Celebrating 75 years – God is Faithful – Deuteronomy 7:9

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope." Psalm 130:5. Come let us worship together. Today is the First Sunday of Advent, a time of hope and reflection. We wait for the Lord. We hope in His mercy. We watch for the morning light of God's steadfast love. May God bless our time of worship together.

ORDER OF SERVICE

10:00 am – Pastor Martin Dam

God Calls Us to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Welcome & Call to Worship
Silent Prayer & Song of Response: "Lord, I Need You"
*God's Greeting
*Mutual Greeting
*Opening Praise: "King of Kings & Joy to the World Medley"

We Celebrate the Promises of Baptism

God Speaks His Word to Us

Children's Message
During the Song of Approach children ages 3 to Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday school)
Song of Approach: "Even So Come"
Prayer of Illumination

Text: Genesis 1:1-5
Sermon: "The Goodness of Light"
*Hymn of Response: "How Great is Our God

We Respond with Prayers and Offerings
Congregational Prayer
Offerings: 1. General Fund / Ministry Shares 2. Christian Education Fund
Ministry Shares Presentation

We Go with God's Blessing
*Benediction
*Closing Song: "All We Sinners"

**means stand if you are able*

TODAY'S OFFERING: Christian Education Fund - provides funds to assist parents currently sending children to Christian Day Schools, either on the elementary or secondary level.

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE: Stratford CRC Youth would like to invite the congregation to come out for our **YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE** this evening! Join us for worship and hear a message from Pastor Nick Bierma. There will be yummy snacks after the service.

EVENING OFFERING: Shelterlink – Shelterlink Youth Services is a nonprofit organization that supports youth ages 14 to 24 who are experiencing homelessness or are at a risk of homelessness across Perth County.

YOUTH SERVICE
6:30 pm – Pastor Nick Bierma

God Calls Us to Worship
Gathering Song: "Goodness of God"
Welcome & Call to Worship: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"
*God's Greeting
*Prayer of Innovation
*Songs of Praise: "Not Be Shaken"
"Revelation Song"

We Come to God in Confession
Prayer of Confession
Hymn of Assurance: "Gratitude"

God Speaks His Word to Us
Prayer of Illumination
Scripture: James 1:1-8
Sermon: "Holy Joy"
*Hymn of Response: "God of Wonders"

We Respond with Prayers and Offerings
Offertory Prayer
Offering: Shelterlink
Offertory: "Humble Thyself/Awesome God"

We Go with God's Blessing
*Apostles Creed
*Prayer of Thanksgiving
*Benediction
*Closing Song: "Build Your Kingdom Here"