



First Sunday of
Advent

Christian Reformed Church of Pease

December 1, 2024 - 9:30 A.M

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Redeemed & Mr. Dick Ahlberg

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"Goodness of God"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Redeemed: Thanksgiving

"Boundless Love"

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope: Hemmerich Family

Redeemed: Christmas Part 1

"I Have Seen the Light"

"Jesus Messiah"

Our Morning Prayer

Our Gifts: 1) General Fund

2) Community Christian School

Children's Message: Shelly Ash

Message: **"The Soul Feeling It's Worth"**

Redeemed: Christmas Part 2

"Oh, Holy Night"

"Amen, Go Tell It On the Mountain!"

God's Parting Blessing

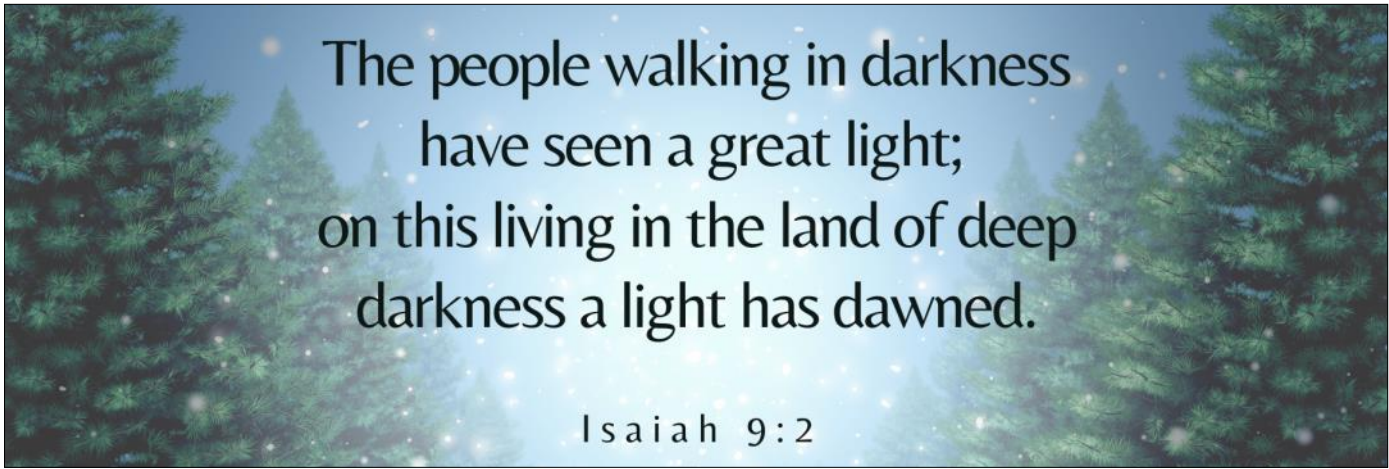
Closing Song: *"We Receive Your Blessing"*

SERMON NOTES



Thank you for worshipping with us today!

- ◆ If you're a visitor with us, we welcome you in the name of Christ and invite you to fill out the card in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We would love to reach out to you and get to know you better!
- ◆ Nursery care for infants through age two, as well as Children in Worship for children ages 3-5th grade are all available during our worship service.
- ◆ Activity bags for small children are available near the office.
- ◆ Hearing enhancers are available in the Sound Booth.
- ◆ As a courtesy, please switch your cell phones off or to silent mode.



The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on this living in the land of deep
darkness a light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2


Today marks the first Sunday of Advent-the time of year when we anticipate the birth of Jesus. As we come to worship, we come as advent people who anticipate his return. Therefore, we are filled with hope. Welcome to worship!

This morning we light the Advent Candle of Hope, and welcome **Redeemed**, the very talented men's double quartet. **Mr. Dick Ahlberg** will also provide a short message.

Next Sunday we welcome **Pastor Eli Groenendyk** from Calvary CRC in Edina, as he looks to our Advent block series as the inspiration for his sermon "The Battle of Jericho" using scripture from Joshua chapters 5 & 6. We will also be coming to the table of the Lord for Holy Communion. In preparation for celebrating the Lord's Supper, you are encouraged to ask God to prepare your heart to receive the grace you are offered there. Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen your faith so that you can remember and believe in Jesus Christ.

There is no practice this morning for our **Youth/Candlelight Christmas Program**. Practice resumes next Sunday, December 8. The program will be Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Live will be back next week with Kids' Club, GEMS, and Cadets.



The **Prayer Partner Christmas Tea** will be next Sunday, December 8. Parents, please have your girls to church promptly at 4:00, so they can welcome their prayer partners at 4:15. If anyone hasn't RSVP'd yet, please email Carrie today!

Mittens are still available on the **Mitten Tree** in the Narthex. Place your (unwrapped) gifts under the mitten tree with the tag attached by Sunday, December 15. Donations of gift wrapping are also appreciated.



Our Church Family

We wish a very happy anniversary to **Ed and Dorothy Hanenburg**, who celebrate 64 years of marriage on Tuesday, December 3!

Please be in prayer for those struggling with cancer and other health issues, and those recovering from illnesses or procedures. Please also remember those who struggle with grief or loneliness as they are without their loved ones during this holiday season.



The women of the **Mission Society** now have **Christmas cards** available at the end of the hallway near the office for \$5/box (unless otherwise marked).

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Congregational Meeting** this past Monday! As part of that meeting, we approved the 2025 Budget as presented and the following were chosen as new officebearers: Deacons– Ian Thompson (for a 1 year term), Char De Kraker, Keith Cook, and Curt Hanenburg; and Elders– Phil Van De Riet, Sam Pearson, and George Droogsma.

We are in need of another male voice for our Sunday morning worship services. The commitment is typically one Sunday a month. You would receive the order of worship about two weeks ahead of time. If you love singing God's praise and can carry a solid tune, we will teach you the rest! Please contact Shelly Ash (320-260-8232; shellyash8232@gmail.com) if you are interested and she'll set up a time to meet with you.



Do you want to be proactive in coming alongside of those in Mille Lacs county who are homeless, struggle to put food on the table, or pay utility bills? Then go online to the **Salvation Army's** website: registertoring.com, and sign up for a slot to ring at Teal's, Koch's, or Unclaimed Freight. Ringers raised \$8,000 last year and the needs have not lessened. Ringing started yesterday and will take place on Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays through December 21. Please help. Jesus said, "Whatever you have done for these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).



Advent is a season of waiting. We wait expectantly for the birth of Christ, and we wait with hope for his coming again. Yet this season is often marked by hurried consumerism and overfilled calendars. How might you practice 'waiting' in new ways this Advent season? Brought to you by Thrive.

Please pray for your congregation's worship leaders and planners. Advent is an exceptionally busy time of preparing to celebrate Christmas in worship. May God fill these leaders and planners with energy, joy in their work, and plenty of rest. Taken from crcna.org/pray.

Pray

Second offerings through December will be received as follows:

- 12/8- Benevolent Fund
- 12/15- GAP (Guatemala Action Project)
- 12/22- Milaca Area Food Pantry
- 12/25 (Christmas Day)- Werner Family Missionaries in Japan
- 12/29- 125 Campaign

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, December 1

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Coffee in the Fireside Room
6:30 p.m. REC Jr.
7:45 p.m. REC

Advance Notices

- >Sunday Night Live: Sunday, December 8; 4:00 p.m.
- >GEMS/Prayer Partner Christmas Tea: Sunday, December 8; 4:15 p.m.
- >Mission Society: Monday, December 9; 1:30 p.m.
- >Outreach Meeting: Monday, December 9; 5:30 p.m.
- >Staff/Council Christmas Party: Monday, December 9; 6:00 p.m.
- >CCS Christmas Program: December 13; 7:00 p.m.
- >Youth Candlelight Christmas Program: December 15; 5:00 p.m.
- >New Officebearer Orientation: Monday, December 16; 4:30 p.m.

Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, December 1: Tom Patten

Next Sunday, December 8: Jeff Hanenburg

Media Today, December 1: Stacy Patten

Next Sunday, December 8: Linda Droogsma

Livestream Today, December 1: Dylan Moorlag

Next Sunday, December 8: Bob Sumner

Greeters Today, December 1:

East Door: Keith & Keri Cook

West Door: Pete & Betty De Boer

Next Sunday, December 8:

East Door: Donna & Twila Hastings

West Door: Jerry & Peggy Baas

Ushers Today, December 1:

East: Jim Santema

Center: Diana Krueger

West: Den Kiel

Next Sunday, December 8:

East: Mike Larsen

Center: John & Carol Teeler

West: George Droogsma

Nursery Today, December 1:

Leaders: Tony Van't Hof, Lynn Fradette

Helpers: Kinsley Hoyez, Maddie Pipkin

Next Sunday, December 8:

Leaders: Sharon Hanenburg, Jenny Santema

Helpers: Max Patnode, Kaylynn Patnode

Children's Church Today, December 1:

Little Lambs: *"Safe at Last"*

Leader: Haley Hemmerich

Greeter: Keslyn Hoyez

Worship Center: *"Moses and the Burning Bush"*

Leader: Sara Swanson

Greeter: Ella Totzke

Sunday School: *No Class-Thanksgiving Break*

Children's Church Next Sunday, December 8:

Little Lambs: *"An Amazing Star!"*

Leader: Barb Goslinga

Greeter: Ty Patnode

Worship Center: *"The Prophets/Mary & Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem"*

Leader: Carol Veurink

Greeter: Aleeri Veurink

Sunday School: *No Class-Communion Sunday*

Help us spread The *JOY* of Christmas!

Please bring your Christmas cards to church by Sunday, Dec. 15.
Have their names clearly marked on the front of each envelope.
A box will be placed inside the West door to place your cards.

Barb Bekius
Richard Clark
Jean Droogsma
Marlin & Ann Ege
Roger Greene
Elroy Hanenburg
Kay Keimig
Joyce Kiel

John Kok
Peter Larson
Anna Mae Miedema
Louise Spoelstra
Bud Terpstra
Carol Timmer
Rosie Van Driel
Jim & Joanne Vedders
Lorraine Veurink

