

Prince of Peace
Isaiah 52:1-10



FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Dec 11-17:

Received for general ministries:	\$ 12,537.78
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 615.00
Community Offering: Backpack Buddies	\$ 520.51
All Belong	\$ 35.00

Community Offerings

TODAY: Partners Worldwide

Business is a Holy Calling.

Work and worship shouldn't be divided. In the same way people are called to church ministry or social justice work, people are called by God to business. We don't shy away from this belief as our calling and we actively partner with those who believe the same. We partner with local community institutions to catalyze entrepreneurs and job creators especially in areas of high unemployment and poverty.

To find out more about Partners Worldwide, visit:
<https://www.partnersworldwide.org/about-us/our-calling/>

Dec 31: Safe Haven

Jan 7: Mission French Africa (*Mpindi*)

Jan 14: Love Your Neighbor

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec 24

9:30am Worship

Monday, Dec 25

Christmas Day

9:30am Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday, Dec 26

Wednesday, Dec 27

Thursday, Dec 28

Friday, Dec 29

Saturday, Dec 30

Sunday, Dec 31

9:30am Worship

COMING UP

Jan 7	Elder/Deacon Nominations due Budget Q&A Youth Group
Jan 14	Budget Vote
Jan 15	Exec
Jan 21	Youth Group
Jan 22	Elders Deacons

STAFF

Tom VanderPloeg (Pastor)
Barb Sanders (Care Ministry)
Andrew Lenhart (Worship)
Barb Van Ryn (Youth Ministry)
Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)
Katherine Sneller (Custodian)

TODAY: Fourth Sunday of Advent — And he shall be called...**Prince of Peace**; Jesus is the savior who redeems us.

TOMORROW: 9:30am Service of Lessons & Carols

NEXT WEEK: 9:30am New Year's Eve – A Time for Everything

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December 24, 2023



Welcome!
We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship:

Nursery for infants & toddlers;

"Busy Bags" with kid's bulletin & activities;

Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up
(found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS
are available at the sound booth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

O Come O Come Emmanuel

The Fourth Candle of Advent

O Come All Ye Faithful
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
The First Noel

Ministry in Music Choir singing Night of Glory

Prayers of the People

Scripture Isaiah 52:1-10

52	Awake, awake, Zion, clothe yourself with strength! Put on your garments of splendor, Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again.	6	Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I."
2	Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, Daughter Zion, now a captive.	7	How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
3	For this is what the Lord says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed."	8	Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.
4	For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them.	9	Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.
5	"And now what do I have here?" declares the Lord. "For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the Lord.	10	The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Message "And he shall be called... Prince of Peace"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Silent Night

God’s Parting Blessing

CHURCH LIFE

Copies of the proposed 2024 budget are in mailboxes today. There will be a congregational meeting after the service on January 7 for budget Q&A. Fellowship Church members will be able to vote on the budget January 14. Absentee ballots are available at the Welcome Center.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS We are requesting nominations for the office of Elder and Deacon for terms beginning in May 2024. Nomination forms are available at the information desk. Please place completed nomination forms in the appropriate slot at the information desk or email nominations to Jon Meengs at meengs.jon@gmail.com. Nominations are due by Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Members of Fellowship CRC,
Your Building & Grounds Committee is looking for new volunteers to help oversee the church building and property. We are looking for two individuals to join our committee. The committee meets at a minimum once during the quarter or typically every other month. If you have questions or are interested, please feel free to contact any of the current committee members: Gordon Bell, Mike Philo, Diane Ronda or Jeff DeWitte

WOMEN’S GATHERING Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:30pm. ALL the women of Fellowship are invited to a time of getting together at Jayme Morren’s home. Bring a beverage to share (like a bottle of wine) or an appetizer/dessert type of thing. Or, don’t bring anything. Please sign up on the bulletin board so Jayme will have an idea of how many to plan on.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Congratulations to Ron and Mae Scholten who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 3! We give thanks for their lives and their marriage. May they continue to know God’s faithful presence with them.

★Keep up to date with all the activity of the Church Renewal Lab at www.fellowshipcrc.com/crl.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for Steve and Linda Westra who will be working with a 20 member DRS (Disaster Response Services) team in Sarasota, Florida, January 2-27. Pray for safety for team members as they travel and work; and that they will stay healthy. Pray also for the people they work with in Florida. Pray that the clients will experience Christ's compassion and care through the presence and work of this team.
- Continue to pray for those with ongoing health needs and concerns: Bob Aardema, Rick Aardema, Jayne Barnhill (Sandy Campo’s sister), Jean Cisler, Ellie Klifman (Sheryl Offringa’s mother), Kim Mulder (family of Bonnie Houtstra and Tamie DeWitte), Lois Oom, Jo Postema, Katherine Sneller, Rachel Tjoelker, Barb Voskuil (Carole Dykstra’s sister), Susan (Sharon Walcott’s daughter-in-law).
- For Partners Worldwide as they partner with community members to remove barriers for others in employment and overcome debilitating conditions.
- For the LOVE Food Pantry and the families that receive support through this ministry. Pray that they are able to meet the growing demand in our community.

TODAY
9:30am Worship

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FOOD PANTRY Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies for the pantry! The food pantry will be closed the next couple weeks due to the holidays being on Mondays.

BACKPACK BUDDIES We have finished 2023 school year and we were able, this week, to meet and give Christmas break food bags to 9 families who requested them. We are currently collecting for the months of January and February. When school resumes in January we will be adding 5 preschoolers at Central Elementary to the program. This brings us to 43 children. The need in Grandville remains high.

Our current needs:
•Snacks: granola bars, rice krispie treats, fruit snacks, cheese or peanut butter crackers, etc.
•Fruit: applesauce, small boxes of raisins (bags of 12 little boxes are great)
•Canned chunky soups
•Canned Chicken
•Nutrigrain bars
•*Cash donations can be made through the deacons.
•*Food donations can be placed in the wooden box in the narthex.
Thank you for your generosity and continued support! Sandy Campo

BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU to all of the members of Fellowship who have donated blood this past week and this past year! The first Blood Drive of 2024 will be held on February 21, from 1:30-6:30pm.