

## Worship Volunteers for Today

**Worship Leader:** Dan Gillett

**Children's Worship:** Jeanne Hendricks

**Sound:** Dan Beers

**Computer:** Eric Behrenbrinker

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**Library:** Donna Randall

**Welcome Center:**

**Prayer Room:** Don Riemersma

**Nursery:** Karen Topping

**Greeter:** The Dykstras

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life in Christ



**December 7, 2025**

## Worship Volunteers for Next Week

**Worship Leader:** Joe Adams

**Children's Worship:** Ed Verbrugge

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**Library:** Jeanne Hendricks

**Welcome Center:** John & Deb L.

**Prayer Room:** Malik Amandou

**Nursery:** Abby Dykstra

**Greeter:** Nicole & Yen Dykstra

## Our Leadership

### Staff:

Rev. Wayne Otten

Drew Zuverink

Katia Timm

Melissa Behrenbrinker

Tom Nieboer

### Elders:

Dave Alverson

John Lobbes

Malik Amandou

Tom Beckwith

Eric Behrenbrinker

Todd Hendricks

### Deacons:

Dan Beers

Ed Verbrugge

Dave Dykstra

John Laninga

Mike Randall

Don Riemersma

# God's Family *Christmas* Tree

AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERIES

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GIVING

Welcome to Worship!

Prelude

Advent Candle Liturgy

Welcome  
Opening Scripture & Prayer

Apostle's Creed

10,000 Reasons  
O Come O Come Emmanuel  
Goodness of God

Congregational Prayer  
Tithes & Offerings

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-7  
Sermon: God's Family (Christmas) Tree Part 1: The Roots of the Promise  
— Pastor Wayne

Communion

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Announcements  
Benediction

Goodness of God (Chorus)

Dismissal

Upcoming Events...

Senior Bible Study  
Tuesdays @ 10:00a.

Prayer Group  
Wednesdays @ 6:30p.

Men’s Bible Study  
Thursdays @ 8:00a.

Building Fund Offering  
Today

Prayer Service  
5:00p on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

Christmas Candlelight Service Dinner  
December 21 @ 5:00p

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Communion  
Today

Remember in Prayer...

Our Mission Partners

Jeong & Misook Gho - Japan  
Pregnancy Resource Center  
The Servant Center - Grand Rapids

Talking Bibles International  
Boss & Missy Petit - LiftKids Haiti  
W. Michigan Teen/Adult Challenge

Our Family

Ongoing Health Concerns  
Art Visser  
Ron Rysdyk

Our Home-bound Members  
Ruth Topp - Storybook East  
Ruth Laninga - Commonwealth  
Carolyn Geers - Rivertown Ridge  
Char DeMaagd - Edison Manor  
Marilyn Nance - Metron  
Art Visser - Greentree  
Connie Vanlier - Beacon Hill  
Judy Verstrate - Greentree  
Kathleen Eriksen - Railside

Jerry Lam  
Linda VanderLaan’s brother, Bob.  
Joe Williams  
The Pursiful Family

Sermon Notes

Welcome to Unity Reformed Church!

We are glad you’re here worshiping with us! If you are visiting and would like to learn more about Unity, please fill out an information card at our Welcome Center. Kid’s Worship Too is a special service for children ages 3 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade downstairs (in room #102) during the morning service. Kids are dismissed during the service.

## Announcements...

### Community Pantry Need

Our pantry team is looking for a refrigerator to help us offer more essential foods to those in need.

If you or someone you know has a refrigerator to donate, please contact the church office or see Jackie Russell.

### From The Prayer Group

The Prayer Group has been meeting every Wednesday at 6:30pm, as well as on the first Sunday of each month at 5:00pm in the sanctuary. They're excited to share that they recently had the opportunity to lay hands on and pray over people from other churches, as well as someone from our own!

If this stirs your heart and you'd like to see more of God's work through prayer, everyone is invited to stop by, join in, and check it out!

### Building Fund Offering

Since we missed last weeks offering, will be having our monthly building fund offering today.

### Christmas Candlelight Service

This week kicks off the first Sunday of advent. Keep in mind that means that on December 21<sup>st</sup> we will be holding our Candlelight Service at 6:00pm and there will be a potluck dinner beforehand at 5:00pm.

### Lit n' Lattes

Lit n' Lattes will be meeting at Judy Bergsma's tomorrow on December 8th at 5:30 pm. We will be discussing the book "The Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers.

### Christmas Love to our Shut-Ins

For today and next week on December 14<sup>th</sup> we will have a table across from the pantry where we will collect Christmas cards and small gifts for our shut-ins. Together let's show them how much we love them during the Christmas season.

### Memorial Service for Wilma Pursiful

A visitation for Wilma Pursiful will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 10:00am. The funeral service will follow at 11:00am, with a luncheon afterward. All are welcome to attend as we remember and celebrate Wilma's life.



Guests

## Get Involved...

We have many opportunities to get involved in the life of our church. Below are some areas we would love extra hands.

### CommUNITY Pantry

This ministry serves our neighbors and community by offering grocery basics as well as household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene supplies. There are two ways you can help out: food donations and volunteering for a shift to work in our pantry. If you'd like more information, please see Jackie Russell.

*Current Pantry needs: sugar, flour, vegetable oil, crackers, and cereal*

### Tutoring Opportunity at Meadowlawn Elementary

Pastor Wayne previously shared an exciting opportunity for Unity to support Meadowlawn Elementary by tutoring students. We're now moving forward! Elaine Dykstra will serve as the liaison between Unity and the school. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Elaine, she will provide you with a background form to complete.

Once volunteers are confirmed, a short survey will be given to help match each student with a tutor.

The program began in the beginning of October.

Thank you for considering this meaningful way to invest in the lives of children in our community!

### From The Pantry Team

Thanks to everyone who signed up to provide food for the pantry every week. If you signed up, please remember to bring your items. We would appreciate your prayers for Unity's food pantry and for all who come in to use it. Thank you!

### This Month's Birthdays

Joe Adams	Dec 1
Jamie Larson	Dec 2
Ed Verbrugge	Dec 2
Judy Barszcz	Dec 4
Deb Laninga	Dec 6

Jerry Lam	Dec 18
Theresa Lynema	Dec 23
Amy Walma	Dec 26
Shawn Peters	Dec 31