

## Worship Volunteers for Today

**Worship Leader:** Joe Adams

**Children's Worship:** Ed Verbrugge

**Sound:** Dan Beers

**Computer:** Eric Behrenbrinker

**Camera:** Allie Behrenbrinker

**Library:** Jeanne Hendricks

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

**Prayer Room:** Malik Amandou

**Nursery:** Abby Dykstra

**Greeter:** Nicole & Yen Dykstra

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life in Christ



**December 14, 2025**

## Worship Volunteers for Next Week

**Worship Leader:** TBD

**Children's Worship:** Deanna V.

**Sound:** Dan Beers

**Computer:** Eric Behrenbrinker

**Camera:** Allie Behrenbrinker

**Library:** Jeanne Hendricks

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

**Prayer Room:** Tom Beckwith

**Nursery:** TBD

**Greeter:** Joel & Jeanne Hendricks

## 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

*Worship Set*

Congregational Prayer  
Tithes & Offerings

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-21  
Sermon: God's Family (Christmas) Tree Part 2: The Surprising Branches —Pastor Wayne

*Song of Response*

Announcements  
Benediction

*Closing Song*

Dismissal

## Upcoming Events...

### **Senior Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ 10:00a.

### **Prayer Group**

Wednesdays @ 6:30p.

### **Men's Bible Study**

Thursdays @ 8:00a.

### **Prayer Service**

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

### **Building Fund Offering**

Last Sunday of every month

### **Christmas Candlelight Service Dinner**

December 21 @ 5:00p

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December 21 @ 6:00p.

### **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.

## Remember in Prayer...

## Sermon Notes

### 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

## 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!

### Christmas Candlelight Potluck and Service

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.

### Christmas Love to our Shut-Ins

Today is the last day we will have a table across from the pantry. We will be collecting Christmas cards and small gifts for our shut-ins. Together let's show them how much we love them during the Christmas season.

### Holiday Office Hours

Please be advised, the church office will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, January 1.

### Sunday School Winter Break

There will be no Sunday School on December 21, and December 28.

## 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



Guests