

Isaiah 7:1-8:10
Immanuel



December 4, 2022

Main Point: For us to know and embrace the hope of Immanuel (God with us), we must hear God's word to the fearful, the faithless, and the faithful.

I. God's Word to the Fearful (7:1-9)

II. God's Word to the Faithless (7:10-25)

III. God's Word to the Faithful (8:1-10)

Prelude
Congregational Sharing
*Greeting One Another

Jamison Velzke

APPROACH TO GOD

Matthew 1:18-23

*Call to Worship
*Song of Praise
King of Kings
*Prayer of Praise
*Song of Praise
O Come O Come Emmanuel

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin
Assurance of Forgiveness 2 Cor. 8:9; 5:21
Song of Assurance
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message
(Children's Church)
Scripture Reading
Sermon

Isaiah 7:1-8:10
"Immanuel"

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RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer
Song of Response
Angels from the Realms of Glory Hymn # 182

*Affirmation of Faith WSC Q.21-22
Congregational Prayer
*Benediction
*Doxology
*Postlude

Nicole Velzke

*Congregation standing if able

FAITH REFORMED

CHURCH

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Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD**, hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a “visible word” from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD**. We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

Reflections

“And those short words, indeed that name, is the solution to all the fear of God’s people in every age...Here is what steels the soul of God’s people, what fortifies them in the face of every peril: he himself has promised to be ‘there’ in all their trouble. In a word, Immanuel” (Dale Ralph Davis).

Christ is an incarnate Savior. That’s the beauty of Immanuel. He didn’t come as an angel or some spirit manifesting itself from time to time. He took to Himself bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. No other religion can give such comfort and hope (Gerald Bilkes).

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. Elder on call for December is **Jon Sass** (920-980-0223).

Prayer Guide

Praises and Thanksgivings

Jesus Resurrection
Our living hope in Jesus

Petitions

That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb
The people in Florida that were hit by hurricane Ian.
For people to hear the gospel hope
A heart of submission to Christ
Spiritual wisdom and discernment
Commitment to be reading Scripture
Discipline and courage to obey
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Boldness and grace toward falsehood
Our hearts to be focused on Christ
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
People in Ukraine
Our government leaders
Our youth to grow in Christ
Those serving in the military
The unity of Cedar Grove churches
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Bible study at KMCI
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health

Wayne Navis – Ongoing issues with a pinched nerve in his back
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – struggling with ongoing back pain
Don DeMaster – cancer free, but will need surgery to remove the mass on his prostate in January
Jean Schreurs – foot is not healing like it should she will be having surgery on Monday

Shut-ins

Delores Droppers
Joan Meylink

Mission & Outreach

Cat Lake Ministry – Matt & Ashley Klockenga and Ron & Jen Keres
Witness of Christ’s love to local families
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

TODAY

Worship Service – 9:00am
Congregational Meeting following the service
Christmas Program practice during the Sunday school time

Tuesday: 12:00pm – Ladies of Faith @ the Pizza Ranch
8-9:30pm – Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday: 4:30pm – Christmas Program Practice
6:00pm – Connect at EPC
6:30pm – Ad. Island
6:30pm – Prayer Meeting

Thursday: 6-7:00am - Men’s Bible Study
4:30-6:00pm – Food Pantry

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:

December 13 – Blood Drive
December 18 – Children’s Christmas Program

Ushers for December: Ward Meinen, Glen Ten Dolle, Nate Zimmermann

Nursery for December 4: Alyssa Obbink & Brooke Teunissen

Nursery for December 11: Jodi Danforth & Grace Konzak

Refreshments for December: Care Group #2 (Jane & Lynn)

Greeters December 4 - Sanctuary: Matt & Tanya Arentsen Family
- **Great Room:** Brian & Darcie Beernink Family

Greeters December 11 – Sanctuary: Todd & Nikki Bruggink Family
- **Great Room:** Paul & Jackie Huenink

Serving in the Military:

Jackson DeRuyter
721 New Mexico Ave.
PO Box 1338
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PFC Josh Coley – US Army serving in
Ansbach, Germany
CMR 454
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Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry -We served 44 families at the November Food Pantry. The next Food Pantry will be Thursday, December 8th. There is a barrel outside Faith Reformed by the west doors for donations. Right now, we are in need of paper towels, Kleenex, **cereal (we need 60 boxes in order to finish filling enough bags for December)**, soup, pasta & Mac & cheese. ***Please check the expiration dates on your donations!*** If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you!

Love Inc. –In December we are collecting— Pots, pans, cookie sheets, bakeware, silverware, cups, mugs, mixing bowls and cooking utensils. For questions on your donations, please contact your Love, Inc Representative, Mike Heinen (920-912-1256). Thank you.

We made a slight change to our upcoming Inquirer’s class and will now meet after Sunday worship on Dec. 11 & 18, from 10:30-12:30. Sign-up in the narthex by the boxes. This is for anyone interested in joining the church, or who have grown up in the church but have yet to make a public profession of faith in Christ.

The Faith Family Newsletter was sent out earlier this week. However, if you would like a paper copy there are some located in the information center.

Christmas Cards for our missionaries have been placed on a table in the great room for you to sign. They will be available until Sunday, December 11th.

In your mailbox last week was a **Reverse Advent Calendar**. You can use this as a guide to fill a box of needed food for the Food Pantry. All items can then be brought to church to be given out at our food pantry.

Special Birthdays in December: Neil Bruggink will turn 88 on December 24th.

Leon Dykstra will turn 99 on December 19th. He was our pastor from 1975-1989. If you wish to send him a card, you can send it to the following address:

1889 Elizabeth Lane West
Jenison, MI 49428

Family Life at Faith

Adult Sunday School will continue to discuss Knowing God by JI Packer. There is no adult Sunday school today because of the congregational meeting, but next week they will be discussing chapter 22.

Thank you to all those who donated food for the Christmas Program Supper for the Kids – All the slots have been filled. *Carol & Debbie*

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today after the morning worship service. The single slate of Elder and Deacon nominees includes for Elders: Jim Meinen & Carl Velzke and for Deacons: Jim Wonser & Matt Ewing.

The kids will be practicing for the Christmas program downstairs during the congregational meeting.

Thank you very much for all the cards and well wishes for our 50th wedding anniversary. We really appreciated them.

Dale & Jan Mentink

Ladies of Faith will meet on Tuesday December 6th at 12 noon at the Pizza Ranch for their annual Christmas event. Please bring a wrapped \$5.00 food item. We will play a mystery game for the wrapped gifts. We will also collect an offering. The committee for that day is Mary Holle, Carol DeRuyter and Shirley Hoitink.

Christmas program practices for the kids are as follows:

3K-5th grade – during congregational meeting and Sunday Dec. 18 during Sunday school

1st-5th grade – Wednesdays 12/ 7, and 12/14 from 4:30- 5:45pm

3K-5K – during their Sunday school time

Youth News

CORE (Grades 6-12) - ***Tonight, December 4th*** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM!**

CONNECT (Grades 6-12) - **Wednesday, December 7th** students are invited to Connect with each other and God at **EPC** from **6:00-7:30PM!** Worship begins at 6:20.

Adventure Island (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, December 7th** Adventure Island will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30**. Registration and games begin at 6:10.

Weekly Sunday School Offering - Each week, the youth Sunday school program will take an offering for our **Compassion International** kids, Daniella & Kartik. The cost to sponsor them is \$80 a month. Please consider giving weekly!

The December Adventure Island memory verse is: *“Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!”* *Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)*

