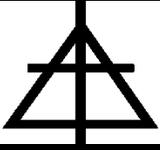


# Taber Christian Reformed Church



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*"It is the Purpose of the Taber CRC: to learn about God's love in Jesus Christ,  
to celebrate this love and to communicate this love to all people."*

**December 23, 2018**

**10:00 AM - Morning Worship**

**Pastor Ken Vanderploeg**

**We Begin Our Worship**

Call to Worship: Psalm 68:32-35

\*Opening Song – *"Once in Royal David's City"* vs. 1, 2, 5 (LUYH 87, G 346)

God's Greeting

\*Songs of Praise – *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"* (LUYH 98, G 355);

*"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable";*

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (LUYH 88)

**We Come into God's Presence to Confess**

Advent Reading

Song of Response: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (LUYH 61, G 328)

God's Will for Our Lives

\*Song of Proclamation:

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (G 353)/Away in a Manger"* vs 1, 3 (LUYH 86)

Children's Blessing

Congregational Prayer

**We Listen to God's Word**

\*Song of Preparation – *"What Child Is This?"* (LUYH 95)

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sermon: **Gifts from The Father**

Prayer

Song of Response – *"Lord, You Have Lavished on your Land"* (LUYH 65, G 85)

**We Depart to Serve**

Offering - *"A Christmas Alleluia"*

Benediction

Doxology – *"Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"* (LUYH 99)

**Bulletin Deadline: Thursday 10:00 am**

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**Welcome to the Taber Christian Reformed Church this Sunday as we gather to praise our God.**

**We invite you for coffee and juice in the Fellowship Hall after the service this morning.**

**Sunday Service:** Every Christmas we look forward to giving and receiving gifts. Kids, of course, like toys to play with. Trinkets and beautiful ornamental things are heartwarming. Music, games and puzzles are very enjoyable. For some of us the best gifts are the ones you can use over and over, like a tool. Yes, clothing, handbags, etc anything practical that you can use regularly. God our father, has gifted his church, empowering it with gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are not toys to be played with, ornaments to look at, but tools to employ. That's what Lucy, Susan, and Peter received from Father Christmas in Narnia: gifts to be used to equip them for a battle against the Witch and her army. What gifts has the Father given you? What gifts do you long for from him?

**Christmas Day:** Please join us for our Christmas Day Service, Tuesday at 10:00 am.

<b>WILLING HELPERS</b>	<b>December 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 30<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jenna Jonker, Lexi Wojtowicz	Jared Tamminga, John VanderWekken	George VanderMeulen, Martin Kamper
<b>Serving Elder:</b>	David Bekkering	Keith Ypma	Nick VanGeest
<b>Serving Deacons:</b>	Bernie Vloo, Lucas Bennen		Arnold VanHuizen, Mathys Pastink
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Annalise Ypma	Jan Bennen	Ellicia Little
<b>Sound:</b>	Keith Ypma	Serge Langeweg	Ashleigh Little
<b>Time of Praise:</b>	WT 2	Instruments	WT3
<b>Pianist:</b>	Tanya Hoekstra	Pearl Ovinge	Jodi Hummel
<b>Nursery:</b>	Kristian Tams, Ashley DeBoer, Jay Visser, Cody Jonker, Jaydee DeBoer	Pam Wind, Jeill Stolk, Michelle VanderWekken, Maaike Ypma, Sydney Boes	Jessica Pstink, Jocelyn Ovinge, Kayla Vanderploeg, Ashleigh Little, Alec Boes
<b>Offering:</b>	First Bag: Seafarers Second Bag: Church Budget		First Bag: FFHM Second Bag: Church Budget
<b>Greeters:</b>	Casey and Jane Bydevaate Janny and Hank DeVliieger		Gerrit and Vena Vandersteen Ken and Ramona Braun
<b>Coffee Servers:</b>	Pete and Brunette Boes Jordy and Jill Stolk		Serge and Joanne Langeweg Kevin and Pam Wind

<b>Calendar of Events</b>	
<b>Dec 23</b>	
<b>Dec 24</b>	
<b>Dec 25</b>	Christmas Service – 10am
<b>Dec 26</b>	
<b>Dec 27</b>	
<b>Dec 28</b>	
<b>Dec 29</b>	
<b>Dec 30</b>	

<b>BIRTHDAYS!</b>	
<b>Dec 23</b>	Jan Pastink
<b>Dec 24</b>	Janine DeVliieger
<b>Dec 25</b>	
<b>Dec 26</b>	Rika Zuidhof Nick VanGeest Sr Steve Kress
<b>Dec 27</b>	Derek Langeweg
<b>Dec 28</b>	Peter Kempe
<b>Dec 29</b>	Ena Meurs
<b>Dec 30</b>	Kim Bekkering Brad Deleeuw

<b>December Offering</b>
<b>Dec 23 –</b> Seafarers
<b>Dec 30 –</b> FFHM
<b>January Offering</b>
<b>Jan 7 –</b> Wycliffe Bible translators
<b>Jan 14 –</b> Youth Unlimited
<b>Jan 21 –</b> Faith Formation Ministries
<b>Jan 28 –</b> Calvinist Cadet Corp

**As of December 18, we are in need of \$60,703 to meet our budget. The deacons will count again on Dec 27 for the last time. Any cheques given after this cannot be included for 2018. Thank you from the deacons.**

**Please remember our brothers and sisters in your daily prayers at mealtimes and during your personal devotions.**  
**Continue to remember those young and old with ongoing physical, spiritual and emotional struggles.**

Please be in prayer for those with ongoing health concerns: Andrea DeLeeuw, Bob Dykstra

Please be in prayer for our seniors in various seniors homes: Tim Westerhoud, Jewel Klok, Klaas Visser, Hennie Bouwman, Meiny Veldhuizen, Henry VandenBrink, Hilda Westerhoud

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family of David and Kim Bekkering in the sudden passing of Kim's father, Don Arp, this past week. May God give your comfort in this difficult time.

Please be in prayer for John Bos as he was in the hospital earlier this week and is now resting comfortably back at Linden View.

Please be in prayer for Betty Oudman who has not been doing well as of late.

Please be in prayer for all those who are lonely or grieving, especially during this holiday season. May God befriend you and comfort those who mourn.

### **Church Events**

**This week we support Seafarers:** The Ministry to Seafarers meets with visiting seafarers, communicating the saving grace of Jesus Christ, through words and deeds. Our vision is to visit as many ships as possible which pass through the Port of Vancouver in order to share the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ with seafarers in Word and deed by providing literature and other resources, by serving them in practical ways at the seafarers' centres, and by engaging in quality Christian dialogue whenever and however possible.

**On December 30<sup>th</sup> the church will be taking up an offering for FFHM (Foundation For His Ministry),** following is a clip from their newsletter showing only part of the good works being witnessed: Evangelism and Discipleship – An average of two thousand children attend our weekly child evangelism classes. Bible stories are presented in creative ways, and all who attend receive a cup of milk and a scoop of peanut butter. Weekly adult evangelism and discipleship classes are offered. Weekly adult literacy classes are held with average attendance of 25. Our soup kitchen is another place where the love of God is manifested. The hungry are fed and given a portion to take home. In an area blighted by poverty over 100 children are given breakfast before attending school. If you would like to know more about this foundation their website is: [www.ffhm.org](http://www.ffhm.org)



**Rehoboth Annual Membership Campaign: Thank you** to everyone for renewing your Annual Membership and for your donations. Your support enables to carry out its Christian mandate by supporting the individuals and their families through effective programs and services.

Thank you for your faithful support of Rehoboth Christian Ministries. Pat Kempe



Outreach Committee has agreed to send a team of up to 20 people to Prairie Gleaners outside of Medicine Hat on February 16, 2019. It is from 8:30am-Noon. Prairie Gleaners is a non-profit organization that dehydrates food to send to poor communities around the world. Volunteers are needed to cut vegetables and help out. Please prayerfully consider offering your time, there is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer.



Keith Ypma will be leading the next team of servers to Streets Alive on January 14. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for 10 people, we will be serving Shepherds Pie. If anyone else would like to donate a large dish of shepherds pie please let Keith know.



### Community / Regional / National News

**Voice of the Martyrs** – Dieny Donkersgoed: **UZBEKISTAN** – On November 25th, a Baptist church in Tashkent was raided. While this is not unusual the ministry, and the district police searched throughout the building, confiscating literature, songbooks and DVDs. Fourteen of the church attendees were taken to the police station where they were detained for over nine hours and then forced to sign statements that they had participated in an "unauthorized meeting situation", this is the first time such a raid included members of the Uzbek military. The officials have demanded that all churches register; something many refuse to do fearing government interference and control. Remember these Christians through the country that the word of God will continue to spread unhindered.



**Men's Retreat is coming soon! And we would love to have you join us...** We are excited to have Paul Loewen join us as our speaker to encourage and challenge us from Micah 6:8.

Paul grew up on the farm, and was challenged early in his teens to follow and serve God. Motorcycles, sports, friends, and music meant there was little time to be at home! There was also a strong conviction to follow God, challenged along the way by men in the church to grow in ministry. Leading worship, camp ministry, youth work, and Bible college were all growth opportunities in what it meant to walk with

God. Paul and his wife Melody have three adult sons (two married) and three grandkids. Paul has served pastorally in youth, young adults, singles ministry, leadership development, church-planting, as lead and as a transitional pastor. His work has also included a Bible college, national denominational board leadership, business ownership, construction, truck driving, and many other odd jobs to get through school! He is currently the Alberta Director for the MB Conferences of churches. He also loves to ride motorcycles, ski, hike and camp! He loves talking farming with anyone he can! (Ranching isn't too bad either!) Don't miss out on this amazing weekend of fun, faith and fantastic food!