

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**AUSTINVILLE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**December 4, 2022**

**Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.**

Scripture: Ruth 2  
Title: Facing The Unknown  
Songs: 61, 348, 432, 361  
God's Will: Colossians 3:1-14

**Today**

Nursery: Martha  
God's Will: Dan K.  
Greeters: Larry and Celena

**Next Sunday**

Nursery: Marina  
God's Will: Janna  
Greeters: Dennis and Evelyn

**TODAY**

**Welcome** to all who have joined us for worship today.

**Offering:** Today's offering will be for the SS Offering - Ackley Youth Center. Next week's offering is for the Back To God International Ministry Share.

**Please Stay** for fellowship time right after worship.

**Sunday School:** Adult and Children Sunday School meets today at 11:00 am.

**Council Meeting:** Council will be meeting today at 4:00. If there is anything you think needs discussing, please speak with one of the elders or Pastor Stewart.

**Christmas Program Practice:** Choir will practice after Sunday School today at 11:30.

**THIS WEEK**

**180:** The High School group 180 meets Sunday 6 - 8 pm at the Student Connection building in Aplington.

**Early Herd:** 3:30-5:30. **Herd:** 6:00-8:00.

**Bible Study:** Ladies' bible study will be this Thursday at 7:00.

**Congregational Meeting** for confessing members will be tomorrow, December 5th at 7:00pm. Nursery care will be available. The two main items on the agenda will be the selection of next year's office bearers and the budget. We will also have a time for anyone to bring up any topics, questions, or concerns. Please speak with Pastor Stewart or one of the elders if you have any questions or topics you'd like in the agenda beforehand.

**Absentee ballots** are available by the bulletins to any who cannot make it to the meeting on Monday evening. Please fill it out, put it in an envelope and give it to a council member before the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **BULLETIN:** If you need items in the bulletin, leave a message on Martha's cell phone (515) 681-4950, email at [mkarsjens@agwsr.org](mailto:mkarsjens@agwsr.org) or put items in her church mailbox.
- **Parker Place:** See the bulletin board for a new service from Parker Place in Parkersburg called Plates by Parker Place which is meals delivered to you for just \$6 per meal.
- **Candidates:** Our candidates for office will be voted on at our congregational meeting. Candidates for Elder are Dan Abbas and John Kannegieter. Candidates for Deacon are Jason Koop and Travis Abbas. Should you have any concerns with any of these candidates, please speak with the elders.
- **Profession of Faith:** Jace Pruisner will be making public profession of faith during our worship service on December 11th.
- **Calendars:** Timothy Christian is selling beautiful calendars for 2023. They can be found on the bench in the foyer and are available for \$10. There is an envelope where you can put your money. More are available! If they are gone when you go to grab one, chat with Liz and she will get more.
- **Kid Quest:** Michael's term as a committee member for Kid Quest is coming to an end. If anyone is interested in serving as an Austinville representative, please contact Michael.
- **Thank you:** Thank you to all who planned and participated in the baby shower! I am extremely blessed by your generosity, support, and prayers. We look forward to welcoming our new baby into this church community. -Christine de Jong
- **Christmas Program Practice:** Program practice for all ages will start next week at 11:00.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Prayers for Celia with her continued treatments.
- Prayers for Daryl and Irene DeVries with health concerns.
- Prayers for Alvin and Betty Rieter and health concerns.
- Prayers for Dennis Miller as he is waiting for approval for surgery to improve circulation in his left leg.
- Prayers for Melanie and Bobbi's sister Linda and her treatments.
- Prayers for Linda Janssen and her recovery from surgery and sleep issues.
- Prayers for Laura Hippen and her recovery from her many health issues.

- **Fall Harvest Drive:** Timothy Christian School is asking you to consider becoming a donor to their annual Fall Harvest Drive. Donations can be made in the form of grain delivered to your local elevator. This can be a few bushels to a semi load, whatever works for you. The elevator will send the crop check directly to the school. If you are a landlord or do not farm, monetary donations would also be appreciated. Please call Dale Akkerman at 319-243-9890 for more information. Thank you for your support!
- **Operation Santa Claus** is designed to provide Christmas gifts of clothing and toys for children whose needs and wants would otherwise not be met. Lists of wishes and needs are compiled through contact with the AGWSR school system. If you would like to be a part of this program, it would be greatly appreciated! It can be your church as a whole or individual members. We accept monetary donations or if you would like to personally buy gifts for a child/children, please contact me and I can give you information needed. Gifts purchased will need to be dropped off at Grand JiVante by December 9th. Thank you for considering this opportunity! Sheryl Arends (515-460-5157)
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