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 E-mail: _____
 Children: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Best Contact Phone: _____

Ages: _____
 Apt. _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Cell Home

First-time guest
 Second-time guest
 Regular attender
 College student

I heard about Fifth... check all that apply:
 From a friend/family

Online/Social Media
 Walk-In

This is updated contact information.

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Order of Worship

Prelude Randy Wolthuis

Greeting & Announcements

*Come, You People of the Promise (Tune: Polish Carol)

*Advent Call to Worship

*King of Kings (Hillsong)

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (arr. Tomlin)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Candle Response: "Let Us Be Known By Our Love"

Time of Confession Sam Eldersveld

Assurance & Sharing Christ's Peace

Offering

Song of Preparation: Jesus, I Come (Indelible Grace)

Message: "The Weight of Hope" Jon Sherrill

First in Series: Future Hope

Scripture: Romans 8:18

Celebration at the Lord's Table

All who trust Jesus as their Savior are welcome at the Table.
Children are invited, at their parents' discretion.

*Drive Out the Darkness

*Benediction

Postlude

*You are invited to stand, if you are able



Fifth

REFORMED CHURCH

EST. 1886

December 1, 2024
 First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

Every journey begins with the first step, and we are thankful you have chosen the step of coming to Fifth Church. We are a community of faith, centered on the resurrection of Jesus and the new life God offers us in Christ.

We are a multi-generational community, and we celebrate that fact. No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. If you believe in God some of the time, none of the time or all of the time, you are welcome here. If your skin is brown, black, white or any other color, you are welcome here. If you are married or single, rich or poor, happy or sad... you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us in becoming followers of Jesus – learning to live and lead like Jesus. And when you feel ready, take the next step of getting connected.

~ Pastor Jon Sherrill

Getting Connected

When you complete a Connection Card either the physical version attached here, or the digital version through our church app, someone from the church will contact you to welcome you and begin a conversation about any questions you might have.

Download our Church Center App

To get started with the app on your mobile device: Download it from the App Store, or Get It On Google Play. Once installed, open the app and search for "Fifth Reformed Church." If you're using a computer, simply visit: Church Center Online. All of these options are available on the homepage of the church website.

TODAY

We begin our Advent series this first Sunday of the church year. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas and the return of Christ in his second coming. We tend to emphasize the preparation for Christmas part and neglect the work of preparing for Christ's return. The sermon series this Advent will focus on our FutureHope in the second coming of Christ. Today, we consider the weight of hope in our present sufferings.

Early Childhood | Infant - Age 3

Please register at the check-in desk before worship. Children go to Room 101 by 10AM.

Preschool | 3—Pre-K

Please register at the check-in desk before 10AM. Children go to Room 102 by 10AM. Please pick up your children immediately following worship.

Children at the Lord's Table

As we celebrate communion today, the pastors and elders at Fifth welcome children to The Lord's Table at their parents' discretion.

Handbell Rehearsal | Today 11:30AM

Liturgical Dance Rehearsal | Today 5-6PM

Student Ministries

No large group tonight. Sign-ups for the high school mission trip for all current 8-12 grade students is now open. The trip will be to Pease, MN from July 5-12.

College Age Connection

All college age persons are invited for lunch after worship on Dec. 8. No need to sign up.

NEWS & UPDATES

WEDNESDAY Night | Dec. 4

FREE Mid-Week Meal, 5:45-6:30PM
Christmas Eve Choir Rehearsal, 6:30PM

A Very Little Christmas | Dec. 11 | 6:30-7:45PM

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Advent season with Fifth Kids. A joyful, interactive event for all generations to reflect on the wonder of Christ's birth!

Celebration Choir | Christmas Eve 5PM-Rehearsals Dec. 4, 11, 18, 6:30PM. Indicate your interest on the Connection Card. (7th grade-adult).

Women's Ministry Advent Service

Dec. 7, 9:30-11AM. A time for preparing our hearts for the coming Savior through song, prayer, and listening to our guest speaker.

Christmas Caring Cards

Prepare special Christmas greetings to those of our Fifth Family who currently have limited participation in church life! A list of names and instructions can be found on the counter in the Information Corridor.

ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Global Gift Giving

RCA's "Gift of Hope" giving puts needed gifts into the hands of less fortunate people around the world.

Angel Tree Giving - Take a tag today!

Consider taking a tag from the Angel Tree, purchasing a gift appropriate to the age and gender listed on the tag, and returning that gift –unwrapped– by Dec. 13.

Valladolid Mission Trip

Financial gifts will support the mission trip in March and any extra supplies they need to help Pastor Eduardo.

SAVE THE DATE

Seniors & Friends Holiday Sing-along | Dec. 10 | 1:30PM
Christmas Eve Worship | 5:00PM

CONNECTION CARD

Please list your name on the reverse side and place in the offering basket.

- I am interested in participating in **Celebration Choir** for Christmas Eve.
- I would like more information about **Friends of Refugees Team**.
- I would like to receive **Fifth's eNews** at this email address:

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Share with Prayer Team Only
- Share with Whole Congregation

Ministry Staff:

Jon Sherrill, Lead Pastor
Brian Telzerow, Pastor of Congregational Life
Janna Lange, Worship Arts Director
Sam Eldersveld, Student Ministries Pastor
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