



Peace

DECEMBER 5, 2021

We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading – Peace

Men's Chorus – “O Holy Night”

Praise Singing

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” vs. 1, 2, & 4

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's

Children's Message – Beth Redeker

Message – Gabriel: Peace for Stressful Times

Scripture – Daniel 12

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Glory, Let There Be Peace”

Blessing

Memory Verse for December 8th

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, he is the Messiah, the Lord.
- Luke 2:11



Gabriel

Exploring Heavenly Interactions

Peace for Stressful Times

For 2020AD

What is stressing you? List top concerns...

For 30AD - Luke 1:5-12

What stress was Zechariah facing?

For 500BC - Daniel 12

What stress was Daniel facing?

Three Realities at the End (& Now):

1. Spiritual _____ (12:1b)
2. Rampant _____ (12:1c,10,11)
3. Eternal D _____ (12:1d,2,13) & Discipline (12:2)

APPLICATION

How do we live in light of warfare, distress and eternity?

Shine like _____ in stressful times. (12:3)

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. (Daniel 12:3)

- A. Lead many to _____ (Daniel 12:3)
- B. Ask God for _____ (Daniel 10:12, 12:8)
- C. Go your way & _____ (Daniel 12:13)

Practical Next Steps:

1. List the stressors in your life.
2. Read Luke 1-2, Matthew 1-2, John 1, and John 20 asking God for wisdom and noting where we find peace.
3. Share the insight with others that they might walk in the light.

Upcoming Events

- Dec 5** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:00pm – Caroling around Alto
 6:00pm – Christmas in Alto
- Dec 6** 7:00pm – High School +8th grade Bible Study
- Dec 7** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 12:30pm – Women's Mission Circle
 7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in membership or baptism, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Dec 8** 11:30am – Golden Lifers Potluck
 5:15pm – 5th Grade Christmas Program Practice
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:30pm – Mixed Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class
 7:00pm – High School Praise Team
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Dec 12** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Jr Choir, Sonshine Singers
 10:45am – Sunday School, Shepherd Meeting
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

Youth News

Middle School – We're going Christmas Caroling around Alto tonight from 5-6pm - everyone is invited! Afterward we'll head over to The Mill for our Christmas in Alto Open House. Invite your families and friends! Feel free to come any time between 6 and 8pm. Next week is our youth group Christmas party!

No Jr/Sr Praise band practice tonight.

High School – On Wednesday we're talking about Jonah! How does God redeem people who try to run away and hide from His plan? How do we try to do that in our own lives? See you at 7:30 Wednesday!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – We are looking for bell ringers for Friday, December 3rd at Piggly Wiggly and Friday, December 10th at Walgreens in Waupun. Please sign-up at the information desk or contact Darryl Navis for more details. Seating is available.

Christmas in Alto – The best way to spread Christmas cheer is sharing the gospel for all to hear! Come join us at The Old Mill for a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 5, 6-8pm. We'll have an outdoor bonfire, indoor Christmas story reading and music, crafts, snacks and more! Feel free to join us for Christmas Caroling around Alto to spread the joy of our Savior from 5-6pm before we head to the Mill! There will be a basket raffle to support the January Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf Mission Trip.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 12/5 Missionary Salary, 12/12 Christian Home Chaplain, 12/19 One Waupun, 12/26 Christian Radio.

CCCD Van Fund – We are collecting donations for a new van for the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf. The goal is to collect a total of \$20,000. Donations should be labeled CCCD van fund (on the envelope or check memo) and may be placed in the offering boxes in the lobby.

Love Offering – This year's recipient is the family of Travis & Jessica Schultz. A second offering will be collected each week in Sunday school class (parents, please explain to your children that one offering goes in the regular offering and the other should be given to a Sunday school teacher). You may also donate by placing your offering in a labeled envelope in one of the white offering boxes through December 24th. You can find more info in your church mailbox.

Christmas Carol Sing – First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 5th at 6pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections. A freewill offering will benefit the Waupun Holiday Help Program. This event will be held in-person but will also be live-streamed on the church's Facebook page at First Reformed Church Waupun.

Address for Jean – Jean Stelsel is at Select Specialty and is able to receive cards! If you would like to send her a card, it can be mailed to 801 Braxton Place, Madison WI 53715.

Christmas Dinner at the Wesley Center – Reserve your spot for a free Christmas day home-cooked buffet style meal at the Wesley Center. The meal will be served on December 25th at 11:30am-12:45pm. Call 928-3310 for reservations.

P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

Praise: Lord Jesus, we thank you for bringing peace to our hearts through your death on the cross, resurrection from the dead, and sending the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. We rejoice in the rest you give now and the hope of eternal rest with you.

Repent: Forgive us Lord for letting the pressure around us stir anxiety and worry within us.

Ask: Help us rest in you and seek your help...

- Revive our faith by inspiring us to study your Word and to pray without ceasing.
- Renew our passion for your mission and lead us forward.
- We pray for those listed below as they face challenges each day.
- We pray for wisdom as we build a new denomination. Help us collaborate well with others.
- We pray for our nation and world; the leaders, the poor, the brokenhearted, and the persecuted.

Yield: Today, we surrender our lives to the Prince of Peace. You are my Lord and King.

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for Ron & Helene Daane and Bev Kastein.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Ashley Bruins, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jessica Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, stationed in the South China Sea

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Charleston House:** Cora Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Hillside Manor:** Harvey Daane **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ