

# PEACE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
and today and forever. Heb. 13:8

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## CHURCH

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Worship at 9:30 a.m.

## **Welcome to guests and visitors.**

If you do not have a church home, we would be glad to visit with you about making Peace CRC your church.

*Peace Christian Reformed Church*  
*Menno, SD*  
*December 17, 2023*

**Organist** Alita Guthmiller

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Ryan VanderWees

**\* Call to Worship**

**\* Greeting from God/Greeting One Another**

**\* Opening Hymn:** Blue Hymnal 135, Psalm 72 - *Christ Shall Have Dominion*

**God's Will for Our Lives**

**\* Hymn:** Red Hymnal 173 *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful*

**Congregational Prayer**, followed by the Lord's Prayer

**Offering Plate** by the Exit in the back of the sanctuary - General Fund

**\* Hymn:** Blue Hymnal 406 - *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

**Scripture:** Luke 3:1-18

**Sermon:** *The Word of God Came to John*

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** Blue Hymnal 59, Psalm 34 - *Ye Children, Come, Give Ear to Me*

**Lord's Supper Preparatory Form:** Blue Hymnal pg. 155

**\* Apostles' Creed & Catechism** - Q. 50-52

**\* Benediction**

**\* Closing Hymn:** Blue Hymnal 493 - *The Doxology*

**Postlude**

**\*Please stand if able**

### **Today/This Week:**

December 17 - Worship Service/Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group meal (potato bake), serving begins at 11 a.m.

December 20 – Women’s Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Confirmation Class, 6 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Special Consistory meeting, 7 p.m.

Regular Consistory meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### **Upcoming:**

December 24 – Worship Service with communion/Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group meal (taco bar), serving begins at 11 a.m.

Christmas Program, 7 p.m.

**December 10:** Attendance – 89; Collection - \$2350 for General Fund

**USHER** for December: Brent Haberman

**SOUND SYSTEM** December: Robert Heckenlaible

**WEEKLY PRAYERS:** Each week throughout the year we as a consistory are asking for prayers for the families and individuals of Peace Christian Reformed Church. The families to keep in mindful prayer for this week of December 17 - Jennifer Kotalik, Henry & Janelle Bender, and Brett & Rachel Guthmiller.

**PASTOR RYAN’S CONTACT INFORMATION:** If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Ryan during the week you can call/text him at 616.240.8166 or email [ryan.vanderwees@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.vanderwees@gmail.com).

**POINSETTIA TREE:** The Youth Group has again organized the poinsettia tree in the Social Hall. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in memory of a loved one with a free will donation to the youth group, please see Rachel Guthmiller.

**YOUTH GROUP MEALS:** Today, please join us for a free will offering potato bake. December 24 is taco bar. Proceeds go to youth SERVE trips and youth group projects.

**CAROLS BEFORE SERVICES:** Come to church early on December 24, for a time of singing Christmas carols. We’ll begin at 9:20 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to come!

**ALPHA CENTER GIFTS:** The women of the church are again collecting unwrapped baby clothes and gifts for the Alpha Center during the month of December. Please bring your gifts to the table in the social hall.

**ADVENT PROGRAMS:** In the month of December, the Women of the church group 3 will present a short Advent program each Sunday in the social hall before we eat the meal.

**CALENDAR UPDATES:** The yearly calendar of birthdates and anniversaries is being updated for 2024. Please check your information on the sheets in the Social Hall and update as necessary.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** December is the month for our church to deliver Meals on Wheels. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the table in the social hall. If you can take a day or two or a week, please indicate on the calendar what days you are available to deliver meals. Contact Donna Zeeb if you have any questions.

***Peace Christian Reformed Church Online***

Website: [www.peacecrcmenno.org](http://www.peacecrcmenno.org)

View services: [youtube.com/@peacecrcmenno](https://youtube.com/@peacecrcmenno)

**PEACE CRC Consistory Members:**

**ELDERS**

Roger Guthmiller  
Henry Bender  
Mark Schaeffer  
Phil Neuharth  
Don Sayler

**DEACONS**

Brett Guthmiller  
Jeremy Zeeb  
Brent Haberman  
Andrew Schaeffer