

**Featured Ministry** Our offering today goes to Community CRC, our partner church. They do a lot of great things in their community and these extra funds will help offset some of the costs of paying for the new parking lot or updating an old garage for additional storage. Our partnership with Community continues to be such a blessing for them, and they are very grateful for all our prayers and support.

**Winter Travelers** To keep up with church news while out of town this winter, please notify the church office of your winter address and the dates you will be gone. The office will send the contents of your mailbox each month. You may read the bulletin online ([cascadefellowship.org](http://cascadefellowship.org)) or request the office mail you a printed bulletin weekly.

**Live Stream** We need a volunteer to operate the livestream of our worship service each Sunday. Interested in bringing worship to those outside our building? Please contact Don L ([don@cascadefellowship.org](mailto:don@cascadefellowship.org))

## Community Bible Experience

**Experience the Bible as a Community of Believers** This February and March we read the Bible (Genesis through Kings) as a community and discuss its impact in small groups. Plan to join this life-changing 8-week experience.

**Interested?** Watch for an email after the holidays for your chance to let us know you are interested in reading the Bible together this February and March. Travelers, if you'd like to participate but will be out of town, contact Melinda H ([melinda@cascadefellowship.org](mailto:melinda@cascadefellowship.org)) to get your book early or organize a discussion group in your area.

**Discussion Leaders needed** Help lead a small group through five simple discussion questions as we read the Bible as a community and talk about it together eight weeks beginning January 27. If you are willing to help facilitate discussion in a small group, please contact Melinda H ([melinda@cascadefellowship.org](mailto:melinda@cascadefellowship.org)).

## THIS WEEK at CASCADE

### Sunday

9:30am Prayer (CG #7, Prayer Room, #201)  
10:30am Worship (UWC)

### Monday

4:30pm Cocoa & Cookies Fellowship (Hub)  
5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship

### Tuesday

Christmas Day  
Office closed

### Wednesday

Office Closed  
7:00pm Worship Rehearsal

### Sunday

9:30am Prayer (CG #8, Prayer Room, #201)  
10:30am Worship (UWC)

### Looking Ahead

December 24-28 Limited Office Hours

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December 23, 2018



Cascade Fellowship  
Christian Reformed Church  
December 23, 2018  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Welcome**

We welcome you as we prepare our hearts, minds, and lives to celebrate the miracle of a Savior. Join us in worshipping the One who came to save!

We invite guests to stop at the Information Center to find out about our ministries and activities.

Please enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Hub after the worship service.

**Mission and Vision** Our mission is to love God, love people, and make disciples wherever we go. Our vision is to see lives transformed by the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Nursery & Children's Worship**

**Nursery** is available on the lower level for infants through two-year-olds. A nursing room is also available for mothers. Our **Children's Worship** program provides age-appropriate worship for children ages three through 1st grade. Children are dismissed from the Worship Centers early in the worship service to go to their worship rooms after check in. Parents, please pick up your children personally using the parent card after the service.

**Today in Worship**

Message: Salvation Revealed by Grace

Pastor James

Scripture: Colossians 1:19-20  
Isaiah 59:15b-21  
II Timothy 1:9-10  
Titus 2:11-14

Praise: *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
*He Has Come for Us*  
*What Child Is This*  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**Revealed**

Discovering God the Father  
in Jesus our Savior

**Featured Ministry**

Today: Community CRC  
Next Sunday:  
Christian School Tuition  
Assistance Fund

**Worship Notes**

We worship together Christmas Eve at 5pm in the Upper Worship Center. Enjoy fellowship together before worship with Cocoa & Cookies in the Hub at 4:30pm.

**Prayers for the Family**

In this time of year the loss of loved ones is felt even more deeply. Pray for those who are grieving for and missing loved ones, that they may feel the comfort and love of God during this season.

**Focus on Missions**

Faith Promise pledges will be collected through the end of December. Thus far pledges to support missionaries in 2019 total \$. If you still want to make a pledge, cards are at Information Centers and can be turned in with your offering, or check the missions page on our website to pledge online.

Invitation: Lucas and Miia dS visit Cascade Fellowship on January 6. Make plans now to stay after the service to learn more about their work in Southern Europe. A light lunch will be available for those who want to stay. Kids welcome.

**Adult Ministries**

**Sunday Evening Gathering** No Gathering until March.

**Sunday School** No Sunday School. We resume January 9 at 9:10am as we look at the stories behind the songs we sing. Leader: Lynn S.

**Children & Youth Ministries**

**Youth Groups** Enjoy Christmas break! See you in January!

**Sunday School** No Sunday school during the holiday season. We resume January 6 at 9am.

**Children's Worship** No Children's Worship for Pre-K through 1st grade this week or next. Children's Worship for 3 year olds continues to meet each Sunday.

**Announcements**

**Christmas Eve Cocoa & Cookies** A few servers are needed for Cocoa & Cookies on Christmas Eve. Can you arrive at 4pm and help with clean up after? Contact Julie B (949-4342 or julie@cascadefellowship.org).

**Church Office Hours** During the holiday season the church office has limited open hours. Please call ahead to determine staff availability.

**Church Staff Position Available** We are seeking to hire for a new position of Administrative Assistant to be the first contact and connection between the church staff, the congregation, and the community. Along with receptionist duties, this person will perform general office tasks, record keeping, and scheduling, to name a few. Hours from 10am-4pm Monday through Thursday (24 hours/week). Hourly wage negotiated based upon skill and experience. In interested, please email Nick S (nick@cascadefellowship.org).

**Operation Christmas Child** Thank you to all who helped with this ministry this year—donating items, packing boxes, and providing shipping expenses. The boxes we packed went to Togo, West Africa, a country of 8 million people with 40% of the population 14 years old or younger. Please pray for the children who received boxes, that they will feel the love of Christ and seek more knowledge of him.

**Year-End Giving** As December 31 nears, it is important to our church's ministry to meet our 2018 General Fund budget and bring our Growing with the Lord Debt Elimination campaign to a strong completion to restore the levels of both our operating and replacement reserves. Your prayerful consideration of Cascade Fellowship's General Fund, Building/Debt Elimination campaign, Faith Promise and Sharing Fund needs for your year-end giving is appreciated. Thank you!

Administrative Board

**Salvation Revealed by Grace**

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II Timothy 1:9-10, Titus 2:11-14

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**Things to Think About**

- 1) In what ways might you still be trying to earn or justify your salvation?
- 2) In what areas of your life are you struggling to accept God's grace and forgiveness? In what areas of your life are you struggling to extend grace and forgiveness to others?
- 3) How does fully trusting in Jesus and salvation as a gift of grace free you to love and trust God?
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