

## YOU ARE WELCOME

The members of the Zion United Reformed Church of Ripon are pleased to welcome you to our place of worship. A sincere invitation is extended to you to participate in our programs of ministry.

We are a Protestant church, belonging to a federation of congregations known as the United Reformed Churches in North America. We believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our only Savior from sin . By the name "Reformed" we say that we stand in the tradition of the historic Protestant Reformation, accepting the Bible as the inspired, inerrant, and unchanging Word of God, seeking to be Reformed by that Word and the power of the Holy Spirit.

As Christ ministers to us, we want to minister to others. Feel free to make use of any of our ministries for yourself and your family.

If you wish to become involved in our programs or would like more information, please contact one of the members of the Council or call 599-9399.

## THIS WE BELIEVE

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, inerrant in its entirety, unchanging, and God's revelation of Himself.

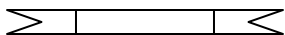
In our teachings, we subscribe to these Reformational creeds which constitute our forms of unity: The Heidelberg Catechism, The Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort. In our worship liturgy, we use these creeds which confess our unity with the historic Christian church: the Apostles' Creed, the Athanasian Creed, and the Nicene Creed.

We hold the world and life view by which we see all of reality in every area of life as being subject to the rule of Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE: First Sunday of March (am); Good Friday; First Sunday of June (am); Second Sunday of August (am); First Sunday of October (am); New Years Eve/Day

ELDERS: Duane Bulthuis, Bill De Kok, Ray Enas, Leonard Enserink,  
Ken Koolhaas, Jake Sonke, Dan Van Groningen,

DEACONS: Gary Kroon, Larry Mouw, Eric Segaar, Dennis Sonke, Rick Van Duyn



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Radio Program: Sunday 8:30 a.m.; 99.9 FM  
"The White Horse Inn"

# Zion United Reformed Church

December 25, 2011

*Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.*

## Christmas Day Service

### Preparing for Worship

Ministry of Music: Sunday School Children

Congregation joins in: #337 *"Joy to the World"* (vs. 2-3)

- \* Call to Worship
- \* Prayer of Invocation
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Hymn: #340 *"Angels From the Realms of Glory"* (vs. 1,2,6)

### Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

- \* Carol: #331 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (vs. 1-3)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

- \* Carol: #159 *"Angels We Have Heard On High"* (LB)

### Offering Ourselves to God

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings: Isaac Vargas

Congregational Prayer

- \* Hymn of Preparation: #341 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

### God's Word

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Sermon: **The Word Became Flesh**

Prayer of Application

### Closing With God

- \* Hymn of Commitment: #339 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* (vs. 1-2)
- \* Benediction
- \* Doxology: #339 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* (v. 3)
- \* Postlude

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

*Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.*

### Preparing for Worship

- \* Call to Worship
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Hymn: #332 *"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"*

### Confession of Faith

- \* Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14
- \* Hymn in Response: #342 *"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

### Offering of Gifts and Offerings

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings: Mid -America Reformed Seminary  
Congregational Prayer

- \* Hymn of Preparation: #156 *"What Child is This? (LB)"*

### God's Word

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

Sermon: **Mary's Magnificat**

Prayer of Application

### Closing With God

- \* Hymn of Commitment: #366 *"Alleluia! Sing To Jesus!"*
- \* Benediction
- \* Doxology: #493 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
- \* Postlude

*"Those who are able, please stand"*

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## Schedules

Greeters today: John & Connie Mays  
Phil and Trisha Mensonides  
Greeters next week: John & Connie Mays  
Phil & Trisha Mensonides  
Organists today: AM: Glenn De Jong PM: Clarissa Bohrer  
Organists next week: AM: Glenn De Jong PM: Glenn De Jong  
Nursery today: AM: Infants: Michelle S., Mona B., Megan F.  
Toddlers: Letha E., Judy S., Natalie W.  
PM: Infants/Toddlers: Leslie H., Nicole S., Jackie H.  
Nursery next week: Infants: Angel K., Jessica S., Emily H.  
Toddlers: Brenda H., Laurie V.G., Derek H.  
PM: Infants/Toddlers: Char V.V., Trisha M., Jeremy S.  
Ushers today: Chad De Jong, Brian Sonke, Mark Hoeksema  
Ushers next week: Vince Van't Voort, Greg Kamper, Steve Andriese  
Coffee servers today: Mark & Cindy Hoeksema  
Coffee servers next week: Ella Nieuwsma, Pat Van Groningen  
Library today: Cindy H. Arlys V.G.  
Library next week: Hermina O., Karan P.  
Hospitality Hosts today: Jake & Ruth Sonke  
Hospitality Hosts next week: Fritz & Brenda Harms  
Refreshments today: AM: Laurie V.G., Ruth S., Sara K.,  
Melissa B., Gert V., Jennifer D.J.  
PM: Judy S., Clarissa B., Anita S., Judi V.R.  
Refreshments next week: AM: Joanne P., Kim M., Annette B.,  
Irene W., Leslie H., Sandy F.  
PM: Sena L., Melinda Sikkema, Alyda S., Sherrie V.H.  
Truck Stop Ministry today: AM: Ralph R., Les H., John M.  
PM: \*  
Truck Stop Ministry next week: AM: Ralph R., Les H., John M.  
PM: \*Ralph R., Matt V.  
\*Denotes Leader PM  
Sound today: Daniel Enas, Tim Philipsen  
Sound next week: Chris Del Santo, Rick Van Duyn  
Offerings this week: AM: Isaac Vargas  
PM: MARS  
Offerings next week: AM: General Fund  
PM: Rev. Bill Green

We welcome you and pray you will receive God's blessing in your worship with us today. Please be sure to sign our guest book on the table in the narthex if you have not already done so. We invite you to a time of fellowship immediately following each worship service.

## Church Announcements:

Today is Preparatory Sunday. Let us examine ourselves in anticipation of the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning, Lord willing, whether our hearts accordingly are filled with that godly sorrow which works repentance unto salvation.

Today: The Sunday School Children will be singing before the morning worship service. The Congregation is asked to join in on the 2nd and 3rd verses of "Joy to the World" as the children return to their seats.

Church School Classes will not meet today or next week. Classes will resume on January 8th.

White Horse Inn Discussion Group: In conjunction with our airing of the White Horse Inn every Sunday morning (8:30 am on 99.9 FM), we are hoping to start a White Horse Inn Discussion Group after the first of the year. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet together to discuss various programs from the White Horse Inn and would also serve as an outreach opportunity to connect and fellowship with other likeminded believers in our area, as well as an opportunity to invite new people to church. We are planning on meeting once a month (probably on the first Tuesday of every month) for approximately 60-75 minutes. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please sign up on the sheet on the book table today.

Cadets: We have been invited to join the Almond Valley Cadets for a practice race for the Pinewood Derby. We will meet at Almond Valley CRC on Monday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. Dads are also welcome to come and watch the race. Pizza will be served! Please be working on you cars so they are ready for this race! Advanced Notice: The Pinewood Derby will be held on February 11th.

There will be no Prayer Meeting for the rest of December. We will resume meeting on January 9th.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will not meet today or next Sunday. We will resume meeting on January 8th.

Ladies Bible Studies are on Winter Break. We will resume meeting on January 17, 2012.

Thursday Night Bible Study will not meet on this week.

Youth Group will not meet for the next couple of weeks due to the Christmas holiday.

Men's Bible Study: The Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study will not meet this week. We will meet again in the new year on Tuesday, January 3 and will be studying Lesson 12.

Items for the bulletin are due Wednesday by 6:00 p.m.

Hearing assistance receivers with earplugs or headsets are available upon request. Inquire at the sound table.

Prayer Chain: Nettie Roos, 599-7404;  
Adrianna Miedema, 599-6639

Tapes and CD's of the morning and evening worship services will be available after each service at the sound desk or contact Chuck De Jong. A suggested donation of \$1 per tape or CD is appreciated.

### **Ripon Christian School Announcements:**

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION MEETING: Parents of college-bound students, regardless of college choice, are welcome on Tuesday evening, January 10 at 6:30 pm at the Ripon Christian High School Library. Steve Mouw of Dordt College will be leading an informational meeting to explain the college financial aid process.

### **Calendar**

#### Today

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
7:15 p.m. Coffee Fellowship

### **Church Family**

Remember those of our congregation who have ongoing needs: Binie Den Dulk, Marinus Gaalswyk, Cindy Hoeksema, Connie Mays, Don Paauw, Carl & Evelyn Plett, Berneice Van Duyn, Fred Veenstra, and Rhondalynn Whitehead.

### **Community Announcements:**

Westminster Seminary California Annual Conference 2012: You are invited to join us in Escondido, CA for this year's conference entitled, The Unfolding Mystery: Reading and Applying the Bible. This will take place on Jan. 13-14, 2012 at the WSC campus. The Bible can be described as an unfolding mystery because its diverse contents all progress toward one goal Jesus Christ. This conference will show how we are to understand the differences in the Bible in light of its unity, and how that understanding affects our reading and application of the Bible. For plenary topics, speakers, schedule, rates, and to register online, visit [www.wscal.edu](http://www.wscal.edu) or call [888.480.8474](tel:888.480.8474).