

*from the  
Old*



*to the  
New*



A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND GRACE FOUND IN THE UNEXPECTED - FROM GENESIS TO JESUS

From now until Christmas we will see how the Old Testament prepares the way for Jesus Christ as we journey from Genesis to the birth of Jesus together.

Pick up your daily devotional to guide you through this Advent season.

**CCMS The Anchor Food Pantry**  
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90 N. Main Street, Castleton, NY 12033  
Manager – Paula Sancomb

Mon. 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat. 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Tue. & Thu. 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

**Let us remember those at home, in nursing homes & hospitals:**

**Ginny Hempstead** Red Unit Rm #445 180 Washington Ave Ext. Albany, NY 12203

**Stan Hotaling** 56 Scott Ave. Castleton, NY 12033

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**"Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die"**

The Golden Memory Book reflects these loved ones and friends:

Anna M.L. Roozeboom	Dec. 11, 1946	Anthony M.V. Salisbury	Dec. 12, 1933
Howard W. Van De Wal	Dec. 12, 1952	Franklin C. Van De Wal	Dec. 12, 1977
Eric I. Johnson	Dec. 14, 1950	Frank Van Salisbury	Dec. 15, 1958
Mrs. Henry Van De Wal	Dec. 16, 1919	Gertrude J. Shill	Dec. 16, 1991
Howard Grogan	Dec. 16, 2011		

A final witness to your faith can be found in your will.

Have you remembered your church in your estate planning?

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John Shortsleeve

Candy Shyer

David Spink

Scott Van Nederynen

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A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD **Isaiah 11:1-2** will rest on him; the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

# WORSHIP THE LORD!

DECEMBER 10, 2023

*Let us Adore*

## Welcome

*O Come All Ye Faithful  
Adore  
I Love You Lord*

## Confession & Assurance

### Kids' Time

### Scripture

Deuteronomy 5:1-22

### Message

Jesse Tree – Law and Order  
Pastor Dirk Gieser

*He's Everything to Me*

## Engagement Opportunities

### Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer - *Our Father* . . .

*Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates*

## Benediction

## OFFERINGS

Make your donation to ERC in the collection  
plate at the back

or

Give online at:

[www.encounterERC.com/donate](http://www.encounterERC.com/donate)

## CHILD CARE

Nursery for infants – 3 yr.  
is available downstairs in  
our staffed nursery room.

## KID'S CONNECTION

Children up through 3rd  
grade are dismissed to the  
Fellowship Hall after the  
Kids' Time.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

is held for children after  
worship, ages 3 to high  
school.

## THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion is served the  
first Sunday of the month  
and is open to everyone  
who is seeking Jesus as  
Lord and Savior. A gluten-  
free option is available  
and grape juice is served  
so all may come to the  
table.

## UPCOMING

### Tuesday

Consistory 7pm

### Wednesday

Music Rehearsal 6pm

### Saturday

Gieser Gathering 7pm

### Sunday (10/17)

Christmas Party 5pm

**WELCOME** – *Emmanuel Reformed Church is a spiritual community where we invite everyone to focus their attention on God, engage in what God is doing in the world, and in every aspect of their life follow Jesus Christ. It is good that you are here today, and we hope you know that this is a place for you. If you have any questions or need help, ask a greeter or Pastor Dirk.*

**ENGAGE FORM** – Please fill out the Engage Form and place it in the collection plate after worship. If you are a visitor, we'd love to know how we can stay in touch. Prayer requests are collected and prayed over each week. On the back are ways you can engage.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS** – Monday is the deadline for ordering Memorial Flowers for the Christmas Eve services. The forms are available in the back on the sanctuary or on our website.

**ST. PAUL'S CENTER FAMILY GIFTS** – The Christmas tree in the narthex is covered with tag ornaments. Each tag has a gift requested by kids or moms at St. Paul's in Rensselaer. Select a tag, go shopping, and return the wrapped gift by December 17.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS** – At the Christmas party we will be putting together Christmas baskets for some of our seniors. Ideas of what you could bring in next Sunday:

Playing Cards, Crosswords, Sudoku, Adult Coloring Books with Colored Pencils, Puzzles, Books, Magazines, Lotions, Dry Shampoo, Foot Scrub, Fuzzy Socks or Slippers, Journal, Nice Pens, Picture Frame, Bookmarks, Ornaments, Jams, Snacks, Teas, Coffees, Mugs, Gift Cards, and of course any Homemade items.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Come to our Christmas Party next Sunday evening, December 17 at 5pm. It will be great – bring a friend! Food, kids' crafts, fun, the Christmas story, and Jon LeRoy will be here to provide special music, including an organ concert of Christmas music for those who are interested.

**CHRISTMAS EVE** – Sunday Worship at 9:30am

Christmas Eve Family Service 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Reception 6:00pm

Midnight Christmas Vigil 11:00pm