

**Morning Worship ~ 9:30 AM  
January 4, 2026**

**God Gathers Us into Worship**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Opening Song: CH 646 *Rejoice in the Lord Always*  
\*Prayer  
\*Mutual Greeting

**We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship**

\*Songs of Praise: CH 656 vs. 1-3 *Take Time to Be Holy*  
CH 633 *Open Our Eyes, Lord*  
Reading of the Law/Christian Living

**We Respond Through Prayer**

Praises and Prayer Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering *General Fund/Ministry Shares*

**God Speaks to Us through His Word**

Scripture: *Nehemiah 1 (P. 750)*  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**  
Message: **Rebuilding the Ruins in Tears and Intercession**  
\*Song of Response: CH 638 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

**God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song CH 656 v. 4 *Take Time to Be Holy*

\*Please stand if able

**Evening Worship  
6:00 PM**

**God Gathers Us into Worship**

Prelude  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Opening Prayer

**We Lift Our Voices to God in Worship**

\*Opening Songs: CH 375 *Jesus Shall Reign*  
CH 347 *And Can it Be*  
\*Apostles Creed

**We Respond Through Prayer**

\*Song of Prayer CH 491 *Jesus I Come to Thee*  
Praises and Prayer Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering *Reframe Ministries*

**God Speaks to Us through His Word**

Scripture: *Isaiah 61 (P. 1157)*  
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message: **What does the Gospel Restore, Really?**  
\*Song of Response CH 21 vs. 1-3 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**God Blesses Us as We Go Forth in Mission**

\*God's Parting Blessing  
\*Closing Song CH 21 v. 5 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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Deb Smit  
Scott & Jen Tuinstra



***Come!  
Let us  
worship  
together,  
in spirit and truth!***



**OUR VISION**

*Our purpose, having been called by Christ to a life of service, is to glorify God through Biblical worship, strengthening and enriching one another in the Christian life, and sharing Christ's love through word and deed in faithful witness, both within our congregation and outside our fellowship.*

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### **COUNCIL MEMBER PRAYER REQUEST**

Please pray for God's guidance and direction for Tim Westendorp this week.

### **OFFERINGS**

**Today** AM: General Fund/Ministry Shares  
PM: Reframe Ministries

**Next Week** AM: East Martin Christian School  
PM: Project Hope

### **GREETERS**

**Today** AM: Chase & Laura DeMaagd, Tim Westendorp  
PM: Libby Dendel

**Next Week** AM: Joel & Jen DeYoung, Dean Wubben  
PM: Kenlee Funk

### **LIBRARY**

**Today** Linda DeYoung

**Next Week** Ida Westendorp

### **NURSERY**

**Today** Laura DeMaagd

**Next Week** Riley and Addison Tuinstra

### **USHERS**

**Today** Bruce Tiemeyer, Ryan Tucker, Henry M Tuinstra

**Next Week** Scott Tuinstra, Luke Watson, Seth Watson

### **NEXT LORD'S SUPPER:** March 8

	<b><u>OUR WEEK</u></b>	January 4, 2026
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	8:00 AM	Prayer Group
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Coffee
		Sunday School
	7:30 PM	Her True North
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	7:00 PM	Outreach Committee
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	6:00 PM	GEMS/Cadets
	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study

### **Reading of God's Law as a Rule of Gratitude**

**Leader:** Hear, O people of God, the law which the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

**People:** Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.

**Leader:** The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

**People:** We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

**Leader:** You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

**People:** Living no more in bondage to earthly gods, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

**Leader:** You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

**People:** We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.

**Leader:** You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

**People:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Leader:** The first part of the law is this great commandment:

**People:** That we love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength.

**Leader:** The second part of the Law is similar to the first: you shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

**People:** As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.

**Leader:** You shall not murder.

**People:** We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

**People: We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.**

Leader: You shall not steal.

**People: We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.**

Leader: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**People: We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.**

Leader: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**People: We will be content whatever the circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.**

Leader: Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

**People: For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!**

Facebook or in a parade, attended, or prayed for the event, YOU had a part in making it the success it was. We praise God for the lives that were changed and pray for the seeds that were planted and have yet to take root.

On behalf of the Martin Resource Center I would like to thank the congregation for their out-pouring of love and kindness by giving food and donations of money and your prayers for people in need, and for the deacons who brought it to your attention, and may God be glorified, through your generous deeds and acts of love. God bless you all. ~ Linda DeYoung.

There is a signup sheet in the narthex for those that would like to go on or get more information about the church spring break trip being planned for this coming springtime. Many details are yet to be determined but if God is leading you to be a servant to others in this way, sign the sheet to stay informed as details are confirmed.

Josh and Mandy have invited East Martin CRC to visit them in their home in Uganda. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone interested in an informational meeting with Josh and Mandy. Date TBD.

You are invited: Dorr CRC would like you to join us for Soup for Seniors on Thursday, January 15 at noon. Please join us for a delicious lunch and visit with old and new friends! Invite a neighbor too!

Thank you to all who participated in the Nativity. Whether you were part of the planning, set-up, playing a part in bringing the greatest story in history to life, made delicious treats, shared the promo on

**Sermon Series:** The Book of Nehemiah (Rebuilt, Reformed, Restored)

**Sermon Title:** Rebuilding the Ruins in Tears and Intercession

**Sermon Text:** Nehemiah 1

**Sermon Outline:**

1. The Report of Ruins Led Nehemiah to Weep/Mourn First (vv 1-4)

1. Restored Righteousness

2. The Reality of Ruins Shaped the Prayer of Nehemiah  
Adoration (vv 5-6b)

2. Restored Status

Confession (vv 6b-8)

3. Restored Testimony

Petition (vv 9-11)

**Sermon Title:** What does the Gospel Restore, Really?

**Sermon Text:** Isaiah 61

**Sermon Outline:**