

Missionary Highlight: Christian & Sheryl Andresen

Year after year we are reminded
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his
glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Thank you for your faithful support over the past year. 2017 has been a very busy year for us. We had a few noteworthy events – the 500 Year Reformation Conference in Wittenberg, our first year as the Eckstein Gemeinde, the launching of the European Master of Divinity program (with five other TMAI school involved and students attending from 10 different countries) as well as the launching of our new music ministry program and the beginning of the EBTC Publishing has occupied most of our time. Beyond that, Christian was on a few ministry trips to share the vision of the training expositors for Europe, build partnerships with churches and develop likeminded ministry relationships.

Sheryl leads the women's Bible study at the Eckstein Gemeinde and it is a great source of praise as the ministry is flourishing. During their monthly women's meeting they enjoy rich fellowship and teaching. The ladies come early, leave late and bring friends! Please pray for Sheryl and the other ladies in leadership at the EGB (Jodi Kalena and Katrina Bartholomä). Many of these ladies desire to have discipleship relationships and counseling and we praise the Lord for this!

Sheryl and Christian are both teaching for church and EBTC, which gives us the opportunity to practice our "Titus 2 Ministry" where older men and women are to teach the younger men and women. This ministry is a great joy to our hearts as we are allowed to see how God grows the next generation to maturity in Christ!

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the ministry here and our family.

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Order of Worship
December 17, 2017

Prelude

Congregational Singing
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" Hymn # 131

Welcome/Opening Prayer: Pastor Joel Barrutia

Advent Candle

Congregational Singing
"Once in Royal David's City" Hymn # 155
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Hymn # 128

Choir: "Rejoice"

Congregational Singing:
"One Day" Hymn # 170

Scripture Reading: Elder Rob Zylstra
Luke 1:39-56 (Pew Bible, p. 856)

Offertory: Rebecca Nessly

Message: Pastor Justin Guy
"Confessing the Coming of Our Lord and Savior"

Closing Song
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymn # 145

Postlude

Announcements

- 1) Christmas Outreach: Do you have a friend, neighbor, or co-worker that really needs some Christian love and care this Christmas season? Our KBC family would like to help you by providing gift cards for five families this year.

There are two ways to participate:

--If you know a family in need, please contact Judy Maddox (judymaddox2441@gmail.com). Cards will be dispensed before Christmas, so you can deliver the card and a message of God's love to your nominated family.

--You can also support this outreach by giving a financial gift. Please designate your gift "benevolent fund" and drop it in the regular offering.

Sunday Servers

Greeters:

December 17: 1st: JoAnn M / 2nd: Mike & Judy M

Ushers (December):

1st: Ron Z, Gabe S, Tom J, Alt. Ken M

2nd: Tom S, Mike W, Pat B, Alt. Mark Z

Children's Church:

December 17: 1st: Nancy M / 2nd: Louise K

Nursery:

December 17:

1st: Kevin & Hollie B

SS: Kevin & Hollie B

2nd: Kevin & Loretta A

Claremont East:

December 17: Mike C / Colette D

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Stan Deters. His unexpected hip surgery went well and he is convalescing.
- Please pray for Rita Brown as she waits for her CT scan results. She is praying the cancer will be gone.
- Please pray for Sylvia Koplen as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- Jim Zimmers has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Please pray for strength, healing, and peace.
- Please pray for unity and ongoing spiritual growth in the Body of Christ.
- Please pray for our nation, and our military serving around the world.
- Please pray for our missionaries and our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.
- Please pray for the ongoing health problems of: Danna Bailey, Lisa Boston, Reita Collins, Myra Doles, Gene & Stella Dunlap, Nick Garguile, Daisy Godwin, Violet Godwin, Ednamay Kennedy, Elaine Kennedy, Marlene Kennedy, Roxanne Moye, and Donna Jensen.

Looking Ahead

December 19 - Youth Christmas Party

December 24, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Services

December 24, 6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Evening Service

December 31 - Youth New Year's Party

January 3, 6:22 p.m. - AWANA resumes

January 7 - Baptism