



From The Hope Center website (hopecenterforkids.com)—

You can give Hope to a child this Christmas—

- There are so many ways you can bless a child this year.
- Please consider making a financial donation, volunteering your time or adopting a child this Christmas.
- Your support throughout this year has helped us strengthen the lives of hundreds of children.



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— Third Sunday of Advent —

Prelude Song

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”

Welcome

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

“Hallelujah Chorus” (Choir)

Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Reading of Psalm 107

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Children’s Message

(Children in Worship Dismissal)

Message

Series: Jesus is the Light of the World

“Unable to Recognize the One True Light”

John 1:1-14 (page 967)

“God Will Make a Way”

Offerings

Ministries of Prairie Lane Church

The Hope Center, Omaha NE

Closing Song

“Silent Night” (Choir)

Prairie Lane Church

Together in Christ’s Presence

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Welcome to **Prairie Lane Church!** As we gather to worship during Advent, we meditate about the coming of Christ. We welcome the living Christ into our midst today. And we also warmly welcome all who have come to join in the celebration of the coming of the One who brought light and life to earth. We invite everyone to linger for fellowship after the service. Joy to the world!

- You are invited to stay after worship so that we may meet you. Give us a chance to greet you personally, in his name during the coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.
- All our guests are welcome to participate in any of the educational opportunities offered this morning. For Sunday school classes, any of our members will be happy to help direct you to the correct class..

Nursery is available upstairs, you may ask the usher for directions.

Communication Cards: We'd love it if everyone filled out the basic information on the front side.

- If you are a regular attendee, just your name is enough. If you are a guest, please fill out the card so that we can get to know you better, and place it in the offering bag.
- If you have a prayer request or praise, please fill out the back of the card. Pastor Dan and the elders consider it a privilege to lift you up in prayer—if the prayer is of a sensitive nature, it will not be shared beyond Pastor Dan and the elders. Let us know if it is okay to share with the congregation by checking “*please share with the PLC family*”.

Our first offering today is for **Prairie Lane Church**. Bringing a gift to God is a regular part of our worship. If you are a guest today, don't feel you have to contribute—the only gift we'd like from you is your Communication Card. Consider this service our gift to you!

Our second offering today is for **The Hope Center**. For almost ten years, the Hope Center for Kids has been fulfilling its mission by changing the tide of "hopelessness" in the north Omaha community. Hope must be tangible, therefore, and its programs are created to meet the most basic human needs. From being a safe place after school, to offering a daily hot meal through our Kid's Cafe Program, the Hope Center for Kids is here. Educational support, mentoring, social skills training, Bible studies, job creation and economic development are all a part of the endless opportunities Hope offers. The Hope Center for Kids believes that no one is hopeless. With your help, together we can continue to change a community where "hope" is available to all.

Larger print Bibles are available in the back of the worship center.

If you have a special concern on your heart, the prayer room is open after the service. One of our elders will be happy to meet with you there.

About the Christian Reformed Church (CRC): Prairie Lane Church is part of a Christian denomination which consists of about 1,000 churches across the US and Canada. Our roots can be traced back to the Protestant Reformation, and our doctrinal outlook is "Calvinist". So, we believe in God's sovereignty, in the authority of the Bible and in the transforming work of Jesus; in our worship we emphasize congregational singing and Biblical sermons. You may visit our website omahacrc.org to learn more.

Special Advent Series — Jesus is the Light of the World—from November 29-December 24. We have several special things planned, and this will be a great time to invite a friend to Prairie Lane.

Second Sundaes: Please join us tonight at 6PM in the Upper Room as we continue our study on the Heidelberg Catechism. Food and fellowship to follow.

Daybreak Christmas Shopping Drop Off—Next Thursday, Dec. 17th, Daybreak moms of elementary-age (or younger) kids are invited to drop-off their kids from 9:15-11:30 AM in the nursery for a child-free shopping break. The other Daybreak ladies will provide childcare .

Children's Christmas Program—Everyone is invited to watch the children perform “**It's a Wonder-Full Life**” next Saturday, Dec. 19th here at PLC at 6:30PM. (Performers, please arrive at 6PM).

“A group of kids have just finished their Christmas musical. While putting away the Christmas set, one child, Foster, begins complaining. He would rather forgo the manger and all the Christmas “stuff” to go home and open presents. Suddenly, Terrance appears...the children believe him to be Mr. T, the janitor. To show the real meaning of Christmas, Terrance talks to God asking Him to remove Christmas. Suddenly, the entire Christmas scene disappears. WHERE IS CHRISTMAS?! IT NO LONGER EXISTS! The Christmas Tree has no lights, the Christmas Bell cannot ring, the Christmas Present is empty and the manger is missing from the nativity scene.” What will happen next? Come to Prairie Lane Church and find out!

- **Stay after the program for holiday treats. We hope to see you there!**

Special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7PM. We hope you can come to this meaningful service of carols & readings. Please bring a friend.

Communion in December will be celebrated on the last Sunday of 2009—December 27.

Summer Mission Program - Go for a summer...be changed forever! Visit www.crwm.org/smp for information about Christian Reformed World Missions' Summer Mission Program 2010. Young adults can learn about cross-cultural ministry with CRWM missionaries and their national ministry partners in Eastern Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Applications are due Feb. 12. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Thank you for the expressions of sympathy we as a family received from you our family at Prairie Lane. Your prayers, thoughts and love was felt by each one of us. We will ask for your continued prayers as we adjust to our lives without Jessie.

—Cheryl, Tanja and Kent

Nancy D passes along a heartfelt thanks to the church for the prayers and support during a difficult time. She wishes to express a special thank you to those who volunteered to help with the luncheon.