



MAKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD REAL AND VISIBLE

### What Child is This? The Wonderful Counselor

Life is confusing and complex. We are often faced with choices and decisions that seem overwhelming. We don't know what to do. Isaiah promises us that in this world of confusion and darkness, God is sending us a gift—His Son—the Wonderful Counselor who can guide us in the ways we should go.

Text: Isaiah 9:1-7

Message by Pastor Ron Kool

Offering Today: General Fund

sermon notes

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, December 2

9:30 & 11:00 am Stepping Stones

11:00 Kids ROCK

10:30—Shep. Ldr. Cheryl Stapert—lounge

5:30 pm *Behold the Lamb of God* concert

5:30 pm Collide

#### Monday, December 3

7:00 pm Outreach Team

#### Tuesday, December 4

8:00 am Senior Men to Russ'

9:30 am Women in the Word

6:15 pm Audio Book Club

6:30 pm Single & Parenting

7:00 pm Women in the Word

#### Wednesday, December 5

6:30 am Open Prayer Time

9:00 am Open Prayer Time

6:30 pm GEMS / Cadets

7:15 pm Journey

#### Thursday, December 6

6:30 am Men's Group

9:30 am Moms Connect

7:00 pm Zumba

#### Friday, December 7

#### Saturday, December 8

9:30 am Kids Rehearsal for Christmas Program

### WELCOME!

December 2, 2018

We are so glad to have you as our guest today and would love to be able to serve you. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit our Welcome Center in the lobby.

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Hillside will increasingly become a community where the kingdom of God is real and visible in every aspect of our lives. Living out the reality of the values and priorities of the Kingdom of God means at least that.

## Community Reminders

**Christmas Concert:** Join us this evening at 5:30 pm for a FREE night of music as the Hillside Worship team shares Andrew Peterson's "*Behold The Lamb of God: The True Tall Tale of the Coming of Christ!*" This family-friendly concert invites you into the story of Jesus' birth. Join us after the concert for dessert and coffee. Bake your favorite Christmas cookies and bring to share! Nursery care available for infant -3 years old.

**The Hillside Kids Christmas program,** "Joy To All The World," will be on Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m. Children in our Stepping Stones and Kids Rock programs will be participating. Join us as we celebrate the gift of love God gave to the whole world!

**Just Show Up Bible Reading:** Join Pastor Daniel in the lounge on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm.

**Audio Book Club:** Join Pastor Daniel on Tuesday in the library from 6:15—8:00 pm. We are listening to *The Reason for God*, by Tim Keller. Dinner is included but you must rsvp to Daniel (881-3372) by Monday afternoon.

**Ladies of Hillside...**gather with us on Monday, December 10 as we share a meal and provide a space to talk about what it means to follow God and to share His love with others in our everyday lives. We'll meet in the Kids Rock room near the canopy entrance at 6:30 pm. Invite a friend and bring a simple dish to pass if you're able...we'll provide beverages and dessert.

**The Men's Bible Study** started a new series on November 29 and you can still join in! It is called "Faith Under Fire" and is a video and discussion format focused on 10 tough questions Christians and non-Christians have about our faith. Popular author and atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel brings together Christian and non-Christian debaters on "Do all Roads Lead to God?", "Is the Supernatural Real?", "Is the Bible Bogus?" and seven other topics. Join our informal

group from 6:30-7:40 a.m. on Thursdays in the Lounge off the foyer for discussion, prayer, coffee and a great way to start your day. Contact Scott Wagner at scwag1@yahoo.com with questions. No sign up needed.

**Angel Tree** - Thank you to all who have selected angels and volunteered to help with sorting and delivering the gifts. Just a reminder that gifts must be brought back by next Sunday, December 9.

**Hillside is a drop off location** for "Ben's Big Art Box" during the month of December. The Klooster family is collecting art supplies which will be donated to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in honor of their son Ben Klooster and his love for art. We have two bins where you can bring your donations of art supplies. One bin is located by the church office under the mailboxes and the other bin is on the counter by the Children's Ministry Desk/Kids Rock large group room.

**Three boys are still waiting** for a Kids Hope mentor. Two of them lack male role models in their lives so teachers are asking for at least 2 male mentors. Do you have 1 hour a week to give to this important life changing ministry? You can provide hope and love to a Townline student. Call Maxine at 307-9515 or let the office know if you are interested in becoming a mentor.

**Custodian Needed!** Because of our new addition, our current custodians cannot keep up with the added work. So we are looking to hire another part time custodian to work alongside them. This new position will be 20 - 25 hours per week. For more information go to <https://www.hillsidech.org/job-opening/> If you are interested in this position or know of anyone who might be interested please have them contact Andy Pasma in the church office.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

\*Please keep **Rich Iwema** in your prayers. After spending time in the hospital with extreme weakness he is doing better and has been transferred to Raybrook for rehab. Pray for a return of strength for Rich.

\*Please keep **Betty Slobe** in your prayers as she will be going in next week for a biopsy. Pray that it will not be cancerous.

\***Felicia Bud** has an appointment on December 6 for more tests on the tumor in her leg. After test results come back, doctors will determine a course of treatment for her. Keep her in your prayers for healing.

\*Continue to pray for those fighting cancer: **Karen Welniak, Brent VerBurg, Peter Douma and Gary Douma.**

\*Pray for those healing from surgeries or illnesses: **Lin Schrotenboer, Judy Nahs, Lora Boogaard, Dave Zylstra.**

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Join us for our Christmas Eve Service  
We will be holding two candlelight  
worship services on December 24  
at 3:30pm and 5:00 pm.