

Welcome to River Terrace Church

Today at 10:00 AM

"Time In-between" based on Luke 2:36-38

Message by Pastor Ken Bieber

Special Offering:

Lansing Christian School Black and Gold Foundation

Nursery care available for ages 0-4

Next Sunday: January 6 at 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

Jekyll and Hyde Humanity Series:

"Shocking Badness" based on Matthew 2:16-19

Message by Pastor Ken Wassink

Special Offering: Faith-In-Action

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sunday School at 10:10 AM for All Ages

Age 3 to 12th grade: Lower Level

Adult Forum: Gym

"First Reformed" A discussion on the acclaimed movie by Christian Reformed/Calvin College alumnus, Paul Schrader

Special Offering: Sparrow's Nest

Questions for Groups or for at Dinner

1. Read through Luke 2:22-40. How are Simeon and Anna similar? In what ways are they and what they do different?
2. Although Anna was a widow who spent most of her life in the temple, list all the verbs Luke uses to describe her life and ministry.
3. In what ways can Anna's example encourage and influence you in a season of waiting?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered to **Gabriel James Avila**, son of Diego and Bette Avila, this morning.

No Ignite Tonight. Please enjoy a safe and happy holiday! See you on January 6!

Giving Envelopes for 2018 are available in the gathering hall this morning.

Your **year-end contributions** may be made online via riverterrace.org by 4:00 PM on December 29 or dropped off at the church office by 12 noon on December 31. If your gift is mailed, it must be postmarked by December 31 to receive tax credit for 2018.

Sunday School classes resume on January 6, 2018

Mom to Mom resumes on January 8 at 9:30 AM.

Community Night Dinner and Activities resume on January 9.

The **annual congregational meeting** will be held at 10:10 AM on Sunday, January 20, 2019, for approval of the 2018 budget. All members are invited to attend and vote. A copy of the proposed budget has been sent out.

Calvin College's January Series: January 3-23, 2019 weekdays. Watch the lectures live via internet feed in the Sanctuary at River Terrace Church from 12:30 to 1:30 PM each weekday. Visit calvin.edu/january for details on presenters and topics, remote site locations and times, online listening, and past presentation archives.

THIS WEEK

Men's Sunrise Bible Study: Wednesday, Jan. 2, 6:45 PM. Mtg. Room.

Prayer Gathering: Wednesday, Jan. 2, 12:30 PM, Prayer Room

January Series: Thurs., Jan. 3, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary.

Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer: Thurs., Jan. 3, 7:00 PM, Quad.

January Series: Fri., Jan. 4, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary.

Breathing Space Yoga & Prayer: Sat., Jan 5, 9:00 AM, Quad.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Giving Box: Soaps, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, tissues, dish soap, laundry soap, etc.

C.A.P. Peanut butter, jellies, soups, crackers.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS and PRAYERS

Congratulations to **John and Emily Maxwell** on the birth of a son, Dillon James, on December 25.

Our sympathy to **Calvin Sterk and Pat Deventer** in the death of their son Benjamin on December 27.

Joy Sytsma was hospitalized recently for severe back pain and is now at home. Prayers are appreciated for diagnosis and healing.

Our continued prayers are appreciated for **Kim Emery, Herm Geers, Lucille Kuiper, Jane Outslay, Margie Stephenson, Lynn Stewart, and Jean Wallin.**