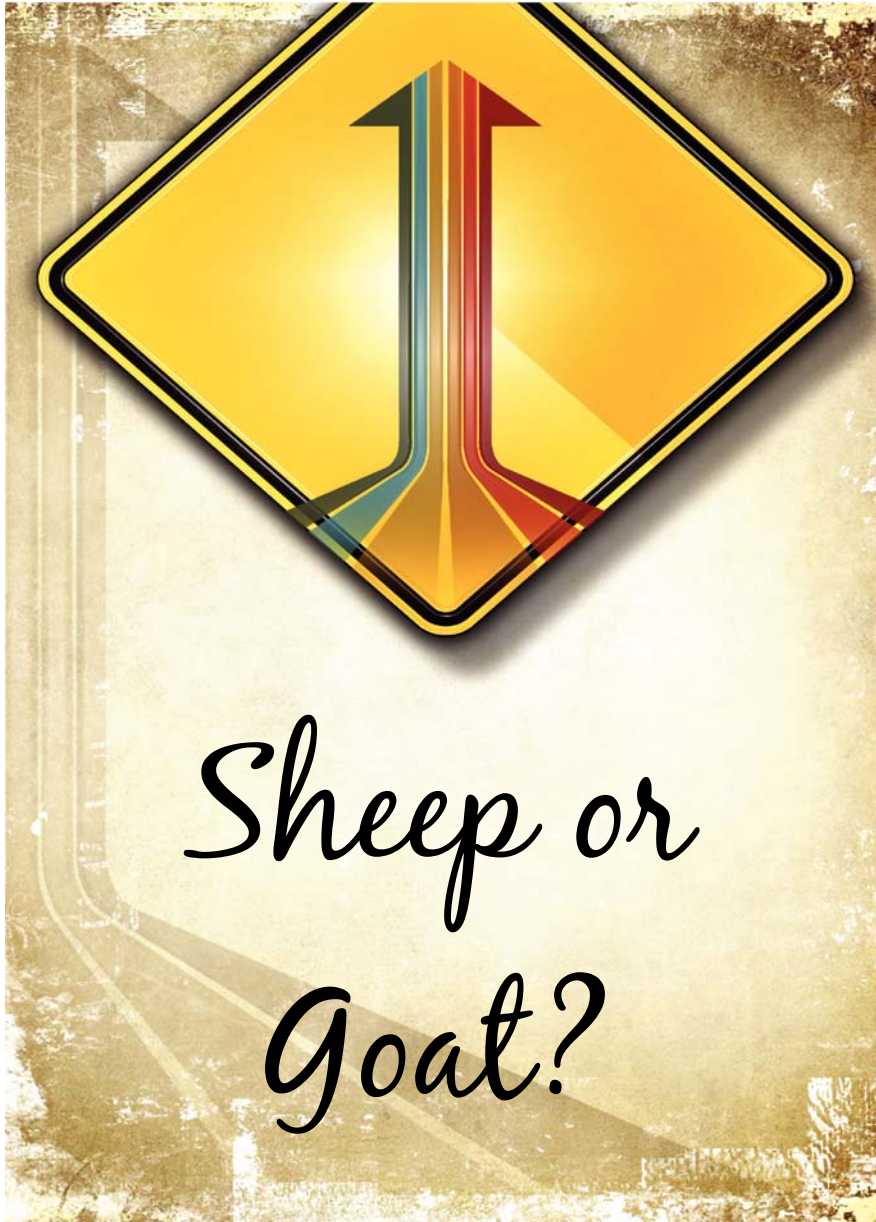




DOWNERS GROVE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reformed Church in America



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Welcome to Worship!
A warm welcome to all as we gather
as God's people to worship the Lord.
January 1, 2012 † 9:30 a.m.
New Year's Day

GATHERING & INSPIRATION

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" Screen or #185

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Bless His Holy Name" Screen or #36

GREETING IN CHRIST

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP*

"To God Be the Glory" Screen or #72
"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" Screen or #190

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY & ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, please register your attendance by signing and passing the friendship pads.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Screen or #809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE

Marge Vander Wagen, preaching
"In 2012: Sheep or Goat"

*CLOSING HYMN

"His Name is Wonderful"

Screen or #87

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*

Remember in Prayer

On-Going Prayer Support

- Please pray for the CCK guests to find jobs, fellowship and food. Pray that they will receive hope as they dine with us.
- Those in our church who are seeking employment.
- Please continue to pray for Elaine and her serious health concerns.
- Please continue praying for the Robey and Dryfhout families for comfort as Clarence's health is fading.
- Please continue praying for Carmelo Cusimano who is now in hospice as his condition is deteriorating rapidly. Please pray for comfort and peace during this time

Remember in Prayer

- Please continue praying for Annette Winter, mother of Bev Dorko as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- Please continue to be in prayer for Rev. Dykstra's daughter, Dorothy.
- Please pray for the Smit family as they mourn the loss of Don, Rich and Jay's mother, Anna, who passed away this past week.

Announcements

How YOU Can Help

Here are some ways you can help raise funds and supplies for our Caring Community Kitchen and Mission Projects:

- Box Tops for Education which are on many General Mills products such as cereals, baking mixes, Progresso Soups
- Labels for Education which are found on Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Emerald Nuts, Prego, and other products
- Campbell's is now offering an elabelsforeducation.com website where you can register your Jewel or Dominick's cards so that eligible purchases can be applied to any school of your choice. Of course we ask you to assign DGCC as your choice. If you also bring the labels in, we will get double credit.
- Campbell's also has some special offers using collection sheets for bonus points for our church.

Please look for these and the collection containers on the table nearest the mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Even.

Sunday School News

There will be NO Sunday School today. If you have any questions, please see Judy Bury.

Announcements

News from the Deacons

The Deacons have placed in each members' mailbox a box of the weekly offering envelopes for the next year. If anyone did not receive a set of envelopes, please notify one of the Deacons.

Thank You

We wish to thank the community for the overwhelming support we have seen this year at the Downers Grove Area FISH Pantry, especially in the last few months. In addition, periodically we learn that there are still people in our town who have no idea how complete our services are in caring for our neighbors in need. With that new knowledge of the variety of things we do, we find increased interest in those wanting to help out.

The Downers Grove Area FISH Pantry is grateful for the enormous number of contributions we have received from very generous members of our community, as well as from members of Westmont, Darien, Lisle, and Woodridge. Some of you we know and have formerly thanked, but many more of you anonymously donate and do so on a regular basis. We have seen an increase in the numbers of people needing our services in each of the last 16 months. All of you have played a big part in helping our neighbors in need.

In addition to supplying food, we also provide rides to the doctor for our seniors, disabled, and needy citizens, and provide financial assistance when appropriate. This, too, takes money and we are grateful for your dollars as well. Our clothes closet is always busy and provides clothing necessities for family members.

To the many churches and church groups; local businesses; Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops; elementary, junior and high school students, individuals, family groups, neighborhood parties and all others, we thank you for making such a difference in caring for, and bringing dignity to, our most vulnerable citizens. We continue to support 150 families a month with total numbers reaching between 450 and 500 people every month. We could not do it without the donations of food, clothing and money that you so generously give for others.

Downers Grove Area FISH celebrates 43 years of service to our community in 2012. The local support received from our community is invaluable, including over 100 volunteers who make this service for others work. FISH maintains a free food pantry and clothing closet that is open year round on Monday and Friday from 9 – 11:15 a.m. Emergency assistance is provided to approximately 500 families each and every month. The pantry is located at the Downers Grove Township Building - 4340 Prince Street in the lower level. Transportation to medical appointments and vision care to children and senior citizens is also available. Call (630) 964.7776 for additional information. FISH is 100% non-profit and 100% volunteer. No tax dollars or grants monies fund our work for those in need around our community.

Laurel Q. Bowen, Vice Chairman
Downers Grove Area FISH Pantry

Sermon Notes

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What's Going On This Week?

Sunday January 1	New Year's Day Pre-Worship Prayer, 9:15 am Gathering & Inspiration, 9:15 am Marge Vander Wagen, preaching Worship, 9:30-10:30 am No Sunday School
Monday January 2	Office Closed "Embrace" Rehearsal
Wednesday January 4	Coffee Break, 9:30 am Caring Community Kitchen, 5:30 pm
Sunday January 8	Pre-Worship Prayer, 9:15 am Gathering & Inspiration, 9:15 am Richard Nyboer, preaching Worship, 9:30-10:30 am Communion Sunday School, 11 am Holy Rollers Bowling, Willowbrook Bowl, 5:30 pm

Volunteer Schedule

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Shawna & Tom Reidy Dorothy Nekola & Ray Nekola	Joyce & Allen Morris Carol & Rich McNeil
Nursery	Bev Dorko Kelley Dorko	Bev Dorko Stacey Dorko
Coffee Clean Up	Myrna Dryfhout & Rick DiCharia	Cathy & Dan Draayers
Sound Board	Eric Lindberg	Tom Reidy

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Join our weekly email "blast" list...

If you would like to be added to our weekly email and daily devotional "blast" list, please fill out the form below and put it in the Church Coordinator's mailbox.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

For questions, please contact Elaine, the Church Coordinator.
We promise *NOT* to spam you, and you can remove yourself at *ANY* time.

Clergy, Staff & Consistory

Church Coordinator/Website Administrator - Elaine Cusimano
Director of Music - Abi Demirgian
Nursery Coordinator - Bev Dorko

Elders: Lou Bury, Donna Koenes & Shelley Janowski
Deacons: Jeff Arnold, Lou Campbell, Steve Dorko & Bill Sheehan
Vice President of Consistory: Lou Bury
Clerk of Consistory: Donna Koenes
Classis Liaison: (temporarily) TBD
Chair of Deacons & Secretary of Deacons: Steve Dorko
Church Treasurer: Jim Even

Consistory Liaisons to Ministry Teams

Fellowship ~ Steve Dorko
Discipleship ~ Donna Koenes
Property ~ Lou Campbell
Mission ~ Bill Sheehan
Prayer and Worship ~ Shelley Janowski
Hospitality ~ (temporarily) TBD

These above liaisons keep the Consistory aware of the actions of their respective Ministry Teams.

"embrace"

Musicians: Matt Bury, Elaine Cusimano, Abi Demirgian, Caitlin Doak, Ian Doak, Amy Even & Connor Reidy
Soundboard: Jake Janowski, Eric Lindberg & Sydney Spellman