



Worship Service for the
Second Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

The Lord Your God Welcomes You

Prelude “Of the Father's Love Begotten”
“O Savior of the Nations, Come”

w. Held
K. Wissinger

Greeting & Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended. And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:

“Great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your judgments have been revealed.”

Revelation 15:1–4

*Hymn of Praise “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

LUYH 80

*Opening Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*Song of Worship “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

LUYH 526

The Lord Your God Forgives You

Call to Confession

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6–7

Song of Confession “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

LUYH 667 vs 1,3

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you with humble hearts, knowing that we have fallen short of your glory. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We come to you acknowledging that we are lost and broken without you. We are sorry for our disobedience and for hearts that are prone to wander away from your truth. Please forgive us. Help us recognize your joy and presence in our daily lives. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Words of Assurance

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Romans 10:9–11,13

***Song of Assurance** “Holy Forever”

Tomlin

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Today’s candle remind us of the glory of God, in the coming of Christ. Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Lighting of the Candle

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:15–20

The Lord Your God Speaks Good News

Blessing for Children

Children of God, we are so thankful for you and the joy you bring to this church family! We are so thankful for the glory of God we see in Jesus Christ, the Savior who came to show us God’s love. His glory is the light in the darkness, the peace in our hearts, and the promise of life everlasting. Through Jesus, we see how great and good God is, and we rejoice in the hope He brings to the world. May you know how much God loves you—so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be the light of the world. As you grow in faith, may your hearts be filled with the hope, peace, joy, and love that come from Him. Go now in God’s peace, surrounded by His glory and grace, to share His light wherever you go. Amen.

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to follow the banner for Walk Out Worship.
Children are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading John 1:1-18

p. 886

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Sermon “Very Near You”

The Lord Your God Listens to Your Prayers

***Song of Response** “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Prayers of the People

The Lord Your God Blesses You

The Offering *Faith Promise – The Holtrops*

Offertory “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. R. Haan

***Closing Hymn** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LUYH 76

***Benediction**

Postlude “Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

W.Held

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Advent Candles: Mary Winkle, Kyla Zuidema

Organ & Bell Choir Director: Jean Schuitman,

Piano: Jennifer Fortosis

Prayer of the People: Amy Anderson

Viola: Raechel Dunne

Vocalists: Julie Hordyk, Rob Wagenmaker,

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) located in the pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Walk Out Worship: *4s-1st graders* will continue their journey to Bethlehem today. During Advent we ask: Who will show us the way? Both the angel and Mary's visitation with Elizabeth will also show us the way to the Christ Child.

2nd-5th graders will hear "Mary" share her story and will once again see 'with God, nothing is impossible!' Children will spend time reflecting on the different parts of Mary's story and her response recorded in the Magnificat.

Special Offering: *Faith Promise- The Holtrops* ~ Their latest update is on the bulletin board near the mailboxes.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Today is *Ione Hoekenga's* 90th Birthday. We will celebrate God's faithfulness to her with cake during our fellowship time after the service.

Jan Zuidema had successful replacement surgery on Monday. Please continue to pray for a minimum of pain, and a quick recovery.

Tom Kapteyn requests prayers as his eyesight is worsening due to glaucoma.

Ken Westveld is at Trinity Health GH. Please keep him and Kathy in your prayers.

Please continue to keep *Mary North, Barb VanHuis* and *Glen Wierenga* in your prayers.

Announcements:

Christmas Eve: Our Christmas service this year will be on Tuesday December 24th at 5pm. There will be special music starting around 4:45pm.

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Communications Coordinator*. If you or anyone you know have a talent for writing, communications or secretarial work, please have them contact [Amy Wolffis](#) for the job description.

Bell Choir: We will rehearse this Sunday at 11:30am after the morning service.

Grief Recovery Method: On Thursdays at 9:30 -11:30 am from January 9 through February 27, 2025 at Calvin Christian Reformed Church, 973 W. Norton, Muskegon, MI 49441. If you are currently giving care to someone who is grieving or if you are experiencing unresolved grief issues, please consider joining the Grief recovery Method Class. For more information, please contact Jane DeGroot, class facilitator, at janehdegroot@charter.net or (616) 402-5689.

Midweek Gathering: Our Winter Midweek Gathering will begin on January 29. One of the sessions will be with Jeff Munroe on his book *Telling Stories in the Dark*. Jeff has been a frequent visitor to Second CRC and is the editor of the Reformed Journal. The book is a collection of stories of people who have not only experienced significant trauma but become good stewards of their pain, transforming their pain into something redemptive. Copies of the book are available in the office with a suggested donation of \$20. The other session options will be announced soon.

Outreach Update: We are seeking additional members to enlarge and enrich our Outreach team in 2025. If you are interested, please contact any member of the team: Steve Marotti at 616-366-2717, Mary Erickson at 616-842-4813 or Joanne Query at 616-260-1789.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will conclude our fall session Saturday, December 21 at 8am at church. Questions, please contact Tony Razzini at 614-753-2164.

White Elephant Epiphany Party: Next Generation Ministries invites parents of our students to a special gathering on Saturday, January 11 from 4-6pm at Jay and Cindy Brace's house (16798 Timber Ridge). Please bring an appetizer to share and one white elephant gift per couple. Childcare will be available for kids (birth–elementary) at the Brace's home. Please RSVP to Amy Wolffis or contact her for more information.

Volunteer Schedule

December 15, 2024

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Harley Dyk, Ben McCarthy, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Jim Mulder/ Ron Retsema/ Dan & Melissa Meindertsma

Nursery: Mary Terpstra, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Vivian McCarthy

Walk Out 4s-1st: Barb Fritz, Frankie Folkert

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Lori Buitendorp, Cindy Brace

Greeters: Dennis Schaaf, Craig & Annie Hoekzema

Offering: Faith Promise-Steve & Kim Holtrop

December 22, 2024

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Ben McCarthy, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Kraig Brolick, Cathy Brolick, Garry VandenBerg

Coffee Hosts:

Nursery: Kathy Westveld, Rosemary Geertsma

Little Lambs: Jenn Steigenga, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Walk Out 4s-1st: Cindy Brace, Cheryl Diephouse

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Betsy Blackmon, Kyla Zuidema

Greeters: Ken Terpstra, Chris & Julie Hordyk

Offering: General Fund- Second CRC

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Calendar

Sunday, December 15

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM – Bell Choir

Monday, December 16

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, December 17

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM – Full Council

Wednesday, December 18

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1PM–Knitting/Craft Club

7 PM - CHAOS

Thursday, December 19

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 20

Office Closed

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

11:30 AM– Bell Choir

Tuesday December 24

5:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

Give Online:



Guest Registration:

