



Worship Service for the  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 22, 2024

## The Lord Your God Welcomes You

**Prelude** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Callahan  
arr. Carter/Haan

**Introit** “Gloria”

Fernando Ortega

### Greeting & Welcome

#### \*Mutual Greeting

#### \*Call to Worship

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”**

**\*Hymn of Praise** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LUYH 61 vs 1,2,5,7

#### \*Opening Prayer

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Song of Worship** “Holy Forever”

Tomlin

## The Lord Your God Forgives You

### Call to Confession

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens.

**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.**

Have mercy upon us.

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Psalm 123:1-3

**Song of Confession “All I Have is Christ”**

Kauflin

### Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, eternal and almighty Father:**

**We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Adapted from John Calvin’s Geneva Liturgy of 1543

### Words of Assurance

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

Romans 5:6–11

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

The fourth Advent candle is lit as a reminder of the grace of God to us.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

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**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

## **The Lord Your God Speaks Good News**

**Children's Music:** "Emmanuel Medley"  
"I Am the Light of the World"  
"King of Kings and Lord of Lords"

## **Blessing for Children**

**Lord, day by day we bless you; we praise your Name forever.  
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin; have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, show us your love and mercy, for we have put our trust in you.  
In you, Lord, is our hope; let us never be put to shame. 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

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

**Sermon** "Two Words"

## The Lord Your God Listens to Your Prayers

**\*Song of Response** “How Great Our Joy”

LUYH 90 vs 1,3,4

**Prayers of the People**

## The Lord Your God Blesses You

**The Offering** “General Fund of Second CRC”

**Offertory** “Of the Fathers Love Begotten”

**\*Closing Hymn** “What Child Is This?”

LUYH 95 vs 1,3

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “For Unto Us a Child is Born”

arr. Smith

### Credits & Liturgical Notes

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Advent Candles:** Evie Hoekzema, Sheila Warners

**Brass:** Paul LaMaire, Jeff Erickson, Chris Hordyk, Dennis Schaaf

**Cello:** Leah Knorr

**Children’s Choir Accompanist:** Robin Kieft

**Organ:** Cathy Schaaf

**Piano:** Jennifer Fortosis

**Prayer of the People:** Jennifer Fortosis

**Vocalists:** Amy Goorman, Curt DeJongh, Lydia Moya

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) located in the pew rack;  
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### 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:

**Special Offering:** *General Fund of Second CRC*

**Walk Out Worship:** *4s-1st graders:* Who will show us the way to Bethlehem? Today the shepherds will show us the way to the Christ child!  
*2nd-5th graders:* Today the children will unwrap the story of Christmas. Be sure to ask your children about it.

### Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

“Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards.” ~ *Joan Loeper*

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

*Jan Veenstra* fell a week ago and fractured her hip. She’s moved to The Inn at Freedom Village and is in Room 2140.

*Judy Doezema* has moved to the Oasis of Norton Shores. Her address is 6025 Harvey St., Rm. 207, Norton Shores, MI 49444.

Please continue to keep Tom Kapteyn, Mary North, Barb VanHuis, Glen Wierenga and Jan Zuidema 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.

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

**Giving Envelopes:** Boxes for 2025 are on a table in the Atrium along the railing. If you have any questions about giving, please contact Amy Wolffis or Dave VanderHeide, treasurer.

**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](mailto:janehdegroot@charter.net).

**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 topics 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.

**Ushers:** Schedules for 2025 have been placed in your mailbox.

**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.

**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.

## Volunteer Schedule

### 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:** Ryan & Victoria McCarthy/ Steve & Ruth Marotti

**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

### December 24, 2024- Christmas Eve

**Projection:** Rob Wagenmaker,

**Video:** Jay Brace, Todd Cunningham, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

**Sound:** Jim Warners

**Ushers:** David Brace, Craig Hoekzema, Paul Marotti

**Nursery & Little Lambs:** Cathy Brolick, Sheila Warners

**Greeters:** David Vander Heide, Roger & DeeAnn Hordyk

**Offering:** Love in Action, GHC, WMC, World Renew

### December 29, 2024

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

**Video:** Harley Dyk, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

**Sound:** Todd Cunningham

**Ushers:** Roger Hordyk (Team 8), Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

**Coffee Hosts:** David & Robin Kieft/ Mike & Karen Katje

**Nursery:** Dawn Rotman, Carissa Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Sydney Marotti

**Walk Out:** Annie Hoekzema, Gabe Schaaf

**Greeters:** Jim Warners, Mike & Karen Katje

**Offering:** Mosaic Counseling

### Connect with Second CRC

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## Calendar

### **Sunday, December 22**

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM – Bell Choir

### **Monday, December 23**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, December 24**

Office Closed

5 PM – Christmas Eve Service

### **Wednesday, December 25**

Office Closed

### **Thursday, December 26**

Office Closed

### **Friday, December 27**

9 AM-11 AM–Office Hours

### **Saturday, December 28**

### **Sunday, December 29**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

### Give Online:



### Guest Registration:

