



Worship Service for the
Second Sunday after Christmas
January 5, 2025

The Lord Your God Welcomes You

Prelude “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”
“Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”

R. Schulz-Widmar
J.S. Bach

Greeting & Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

All who come from near and far,
Come and worship.

All who thirst for God,
Come and worship.

All whose hearts overflow with gratitude and hope,
Come and worship.

All whose hearts may be filled with despair or grief,
Come and worship.

All who come with doubts or question about life in Jesus,
Come and worship.

Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit,
Come, worship Christ, the newborn King!

***Hymn of Praise** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

LUYH 81 vs 1,4,5

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***Song of Worship “Joy to the World”**

LUYH 92 vs 1, 4

The Lord Your God Forgives You

Call to Confession

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matt. 11:28-30

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Song of Confession “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

LUYH 334 vs 1-3

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has completed your work in us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:5–7

***Song of Assurance** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

LUYH 208 vs 1,3,4

The Lord Your God Speaks Good News

Blessing for Children

O God, you have wonderfully made us, and even more wonderfully saved us. Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Psalm 27

p. 460

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

Sermon “My Resolution is a Resolve”

The Lord Your God Listens to Your Prayers

***Song of Response** “He is Lord”

LUYH 227 vs 1,2,4

Prayers of the People

The Lord Your God Blesses You

The Offering *Resonate Global ~ The Slacks*

Offertory “In the Bleak Mid-Winter”

G. Holst/R. Haan

***Closing Hymn** “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

LUYH 206 vs 1,5

***Benediction**

Postlude “How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”

P. Nicolai/ A.W. Leupold

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Trygve Johnson
Flute: Karen Katje
Organ: Jean Schuitman
Prayer of the People: Rob Wagenmaker
Vocalists: Chris 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:

Special Offering: *Resonate Global* is focused on equipping the Christian Reformed Church for living and sharing the good news.

Walk Out Worship: *4s-1st grade:* This week the children will be learning about Epiphany. What is it? Why is it important? Are we still seeking the King of Kings?
2nd-5th grade: This week the children will have a visual meditation to teach them about "Epiphany Eyes".

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

"Thank you all for the beautiful Christmas cards. I was surprised and delighted to receive over 50 cards." ~ Hank DeYoung.

Shirley Achterhof's sister Marilouise Reuter Dahl passed away on December 24th. Please keep Shirley and her family in your prayers.

Ray Kuiper is at Holland Hospital. Please continue to keep him and Shirley in your prayers.

Ken Westveld is in the ICU and critical condition at Holland Hospital. Please keep him and Kathy in your prayers.

Hank Byma's mother passed away. Please keep him and Carla in your prayers.

Please continue to keep Mary North, Jan Veenstra, and Glen Wierenga in your prayers.

Announcements:

Mailbox Updates: *Coffee Schedules* and *Ushering Schedules* are in church mailboxes, which are located in the west hallway behind the Sanctuary.

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.

January Series: Attention all Bakers, we will again be hosting the award-winning January Series for two weeks from January 20 – January 31. The series features top-rated speakers. It draws many visitors from the community each day who come to learn, but also come to enjoy the delicious treats that are provided. If you are willing to help provide cookies and bars, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Midweek Gathering: Our Winter Midweek Gathering will begin on January 29, 2025. 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.

Ping Pong Group: We will meet on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

SWAN's: Let's ring in the New Year with breakfast and fellowship at the Pine Street Cafe in Ferrysburg, 401 Pine St., on January 8 at 9:30am. We hope you can all be there and will share some of your Christmas stories.

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 communications or secretarial work, please have them contact [Amy Wolffis](#) for the job description.

Volunteer Schedule

January 5, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

Nursery: Sam Farrar, Mary Wierenga

Little Lambs: Manette DeYoung, Cherise VanderHeide

Walk Out 4s-1st: Marie Rycenga, Ian Clapp

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Carla Byma, Kyla Zuidema

Greeters: Anne Zuidema, David & Robin Kieft

Offering: Resonate Global Mission- The Slacks

January 12, 2025

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Chuck DeWitt (Team 10), Mike Katje, Ron Retsema, Dennis Schaaf

Coffee Hosts: Larry & June Au, Art & Marilyn Bolt

Nursery: Carisa Marotti, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Sydney Marotti

Walk Out 4s-1st: Mary Winkle, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out 2nd-5th: Annie Hoekzema, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Jay Brace, Paul LeMaire

Offering: Bethany Christian Services

Calendar

Sunday, January 5

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

Monday, January 6

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

Tuesday, January 7

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Wednesday, January 8

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

7 PM – CHAOS

Thursday, January 9

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

Friday, January 10

Office Closed

Saturday, January 11

4 PM-6PM – White Elephant Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 12

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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