



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, November 28, 2021- Advent 1

Welcome Visitors, we are glad you are here! Please take time to fill out the welcome card in the pew to place in the offering basket and look for the welcome sign after church during coffee time so we can meet you!

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Young

Call to Worship: "O Come O Come Emmanuel" Sleeth/Marshall
(Trio: Trio: Laura de Jong, Patrice Frantz, Henk Ottens)

***Sing: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"** CH 244

***Welcome and Greeting**

***Sing: "With Joy I heart My Friends Exclaim"** LUYH 66

GOD RECONCILES WITH US

Candle Lighting: Bri and Alia Zuidema

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope. Isaiah gives us a vision of a kingdom yet to come where everything has been made new and where creation is at peace: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD – and he will delight in the fear of the LORD" (Isaiah 11:1-3). We light this candle of hope as a sign of our waiting and expectation for the coming Christ.

Let us pray. Emanuel, God with us, in this Advent season, we confess how difficult it is to slow down. We don't want to wait patiently for anything, and instead we buy into the busyness of the season, leading many of us to feel a lack of joy and a lack of hope. When we look at the world around us, it's hard to feel hopeful about the world, about our nation, about ourselves. We are surrounded by death, destruction, and pain, and we long for a day when your promised kingdom comes to make all things new. Give us hope that this day is indeed coming and help us to rest in this because your promises are always true. Amen. (-from "Be Not Afraid," Advent 1 Liturgy)

Sing: "My Soul In Stillness Waits"

LUYH 63 v1

Words of Assurance: Hear these words of good news: our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule will be crushed. His kingdom will fully come, and the Lord will rule. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (*Our World Belongs to God*, 55)

***Song of Assurance: "Eternal Weight of Glory"**

W. Kimbrough

Profession of Faith and Baptism

***Sing: In Christ Alone**

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children Sent to Walk Out Worship (5 year olds through 2nd Grade)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked advance against me
to devour[a] me,

it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

3 Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;

though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

4 One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

6 Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of
joy;

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.

8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger; you
have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.

10 Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

11 Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a
straight path because of my oppressors.

12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my
foes,

for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.

13 I remain confident of this: I will see the
goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart.

Message: "Still Confident"

Pastor Laura de Jong

Prayers of the People

***Song of Response: "O Lord You Are My Light"**

LUYH 773 vv.1-3

GOD SENDS US TO SERVE IN HIS LIGHT AND LOVE

***Blessing**

***Sing: "Arise, Shine for Your Light Is Come"**

LUYH 103 vs. 1

Postlude: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

arr. Haan

Participants:

Rev. Laura deJong, preaching
Cathy Schaaf, organ
Julie Hordyk, piano

Rev. Brendan McClenahan, liturgy and music

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how
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Advent 1: November 28

the darkness of suffering | the light of hope

Church News

Christmas Cards: As the holidays approach, spread some love and Christmas cheer to some of our members by sending them cards. Starting this week there will be a box in the church atrium near the office in which you can drop off the cards. Please leave the envelopes unsealed to allow for easier opening, place your cards in alphabetical order, and tie them together. Cards can be dropped off until December 12. This year we're collecting cards for Evelyn Baker, Sena Bol, Doris Boelens, Jack and Marcia Brace, Conrad Brandsen, Gladys Brook, Joyce Dark, Jill Holman, Ray and Shirley Kuiper, Joan Loeper, Vic and Jean Nienhuis, Gary and Joyce Roelofs, Jerry and Hazel Smith, Maxine Veurink, and Lee Vontom.

Cards for Our Missionaries: Be sure to stop by the tables in the atrium to sign the cards for our missionaries. This is a great way for them to feel connected to our congregation.

Praise and Prayers

Joslyn Wagenmaker's father Larry Baar is doing better— what a miracle! On Sunday they said he would not recover and have 24 hours or so to live. He rallied and the doctors are optimistic he can recover. Joslyn has been able to be with him.

Char Ter Haar: Char had a successful surgery and is healing well. She is thankful for all the prayers and positive notes from the congregation.

Steve and Mary Porter: Letter Received: Thanksgiving is one of the many wonderful times to remember all the special gifts God has given us. We are so grateful that we have the entire Word of God in a language that speaks to our hearts. Thank you for your faithful partnership with us in God's work of Bible translation in Asia. We miss seeing you and hope to be able to schedule something in 2022. May your holiday be filled with the sweetness of His presence.

Christian Haven Meeting: Please note that a Special Meeting of the Members of Christian Haven, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, will be held at Second Christian Reformed Church at 7:00pm on December 2, 2021. The purpose of this special meeting is to approve a certain Agreement and Plan of Merger by which Christian Haven will be merged with and into Sunset Manor, Inc., a Michigan nonprofit corporation, pursuant to which Sunset Manor, Inc. will be the surviving entity. The board of Christian Haven unanimously supports the merger and appreciates your prayers as they work to bring two wonderful Christian organizations together to continue the mission of providing quality services to our senior adults in the spirit of Christian love.

Schedules

SUNDAY - November 28

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Jason Zuidema, Ben McCarthy, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

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

Coffee Hosts: Dawn and Jim Sacks, John and Marie Rycenga

Nursery: DeeAnn Hordyk, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Jenny Steigenga, Mary Terpstra

Walk Out Worship: Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Yasmin VanderHeide

Greeters: Amy Goorman, Jay and Cindy Brace

Offering: Missionary Christmas Gifts

SUNDAY - December 5

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

Ushers: Team 8 (Hordyk): Roger Hordyk, DeeAnn Hordyk, Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis

Coffee Hosts: Dennis and Mary Jo Schaaf, Eric and Dawn Rotman

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Sam/Chris Farrar

Little Lambs: Emily Bierma, Auerlia Koch

Walk Out Worship: Darcie Clapp, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Garrison Koch, John and Agnes Fisher

Offering: Calvin University

Calendar

SUNDAY - November 28

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service

11:20 a.m. - Bell Choir

MONDAY - November 29

1:30 p.m. - Ping Pong

TUESDAY - November 30

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.- Office Hours

7:30 p.m.- Sanctuary Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY - December 1

9: a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Office Hours

10:00 - 12:00 noon - Parish Nurse

1:00 p.m.- Knitter's Club

THURSDAY - December 2

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.- Office Hours

9:00 a.m. - Ladies Exercise Group

6:00 p.m.- EmpowerU

7:00 p.m. -Christian Haven Meeting

FRIDAY - December 3

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Office Hours

SATURDAY - December 4

8:00 a.m.—Tool Time

SUNDAY - December 5

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service

11:15 a.m. - Bell Practice

11:15 a.m.—Children's Dance Practice

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.- Focus Youth Group

For more information on current events, please visit our website: secondcrcgrandhaven.org