

***God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

Advent Wreath

Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Music Ministry: "Prepare!"

Pote

Epistle Reading: James 5:7–10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We are Reconciled with God

Call to Confession

"The axe is laid at the root of the trees; every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down." But confident in God's mercy we confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You come in gentle lowliness to show us mercy:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2–11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Song of Assurance: “How Great is our God”

LUYH 574

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us for Walk Out Worship.
The teacher will be waiting in the back of the church).

God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: The Final Outcome

Pastor Tim Blackmon

We Respond to God

Prayer

***Hymn of Response:** “When the King Shall Come Again”

LUYH 475

Prayers of the People

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

Offering: Crossroads Prison Ministry

Offertory: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

LUYH 357

God Sends Us to Serve in His Light and Love

***Sending Song:** "Glory Be to the Father"

LUYH 959

***Benediction**

Postlude: Trumpet Tune on "Awake, Awake for Night Is Flying"

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Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
 - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
 - Jan Zuidema, Pianist
 - Jean Schuitman, Organist
 - Cindy Brace, Amy Goorman, Vocalists
 - Dan Meindertsmma, Henk Ottens, Duet
 - Paul LaMaire, Advent wreath
 - Paul LaMaire, Liturgist
 - Jason Zuidema, Prayers of the People

We display all music and congregational readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are located in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#775073.

THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES

ADVENT SERIES

NOVEMBER 27

“The War to End All Wars”

DECEMBER 4

“The Signal”

DECEMBER 11

“The Final Outcome”

DECEMBER 18

Lessons and Carols

DECEMBER 24 — 7 PM

“New Names”

DECEMBER 25 — 10 AM

“Beauty Will Save the World”

ADVENT MIDDAY GUIDED PRAYER

THURSDAYS

12:15PM

SANCTUARY

DECEMBER 1

DECEMBER 8

DECEMBER 15

DECEMBER 22



Prayer Requests, Praises, Thank Yous:

Doug Zuidema will be having hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, December 14, at Holland Hospital. Please pray for skill for the surgeon, relief from discomfort, and a quick recovery.

Bette Bosma has moved to the assisted living wing at Grand Pines. Her address is 1410 Ferry, Apt D-6, Grand Haven, MI 49417. As she was moving in, a warm welcome was extended by her next-door neighbor, Gordon Veurink.

Char Ter Haar's sister, Trudy Erffmeyer, died peacefully on November 30. Please hold Char close in your heart and please pray for comfort and peace for the family.

Biermas Update: Both babies are home and healthy. We're so thankful to be back together. Thank you for all the ways that you've supported us through this difficult time.

Peter Sturrus: A funeral service for Peter Sturrus was held on Friday, December 2. Please hold Carolyn and the Sturrus family in your prayers.

Daryl Tammen: Daryl died on November 24, 2022. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Daryl Tammen was held last Monday. Please hold Bonnie and the Tammen family in your prayers.

Announcements:

The 2023 offerings boxes will be appearing in everyone's church mailbox over the next couple of weeks.

Choir: The rehearsal for sanctuary choir is on Thursday, December 15 at 7 pm.

Bells: The handbells will join in worship on December 18. Practice will happen 11:30 am after church every Sunday until the performance. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of music!

Our 2022 Giving Tree: Reminder: The gifts of warm winter accessories for our neighbors in the TriCities must be returned by Sunday, December 18. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity!

Please note that Tool Time has been cancelled for **December 17**.

SWANS will celebrate the season with a Christmas Tea on **December 14 at 3 pm** at the home of Barb Hammond, 10785 Lakeshore Dr. West Olive. We will carpool from church leaving 2:40 PM.

Reminder: Today is the last day to drop off Christmas cards. Thank you for your contributions!

Volunteer Schedule

December 11

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Aiden Rotman, Harley Dyk, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies

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

Coffee Hosts: Kraig and Cathy Brolick, Bruce and Esther Drukker

Nursery: Ruth Marotti, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Little Lambs: Sam and Chris Farrar, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out Worship: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Aurelia Koch

Greeters: David VanderHeide, Vange Van Huesen, Marti Vanden Brand

Offering: Crossroads Prison Ministry

December 18

Projection: Dan Gone

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Aiden Rotman, Ethan Hodge

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

Coffee Hosts: Doug and Cheryl Diephouse, Jay and Cindy Brace

Nursery: DeeAnn Hordyk, Vivienne McCarthy

Little Lambs: Ann Koch, Ian Clapp

Walk Out Worship: Barb Fritz, Zuidema Girl

Greeters: Dan Meindersma, Jim and Bonnie Van Orman

Offering: Faith Promise-Eric and Judith Tuls

Calendar

Sunday, December 11

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Bells

7 pm—FOCUS HS Youth Group

Monday, December 12

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

Tuesday, December 13

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

Wednesday, December 14

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

3 pm—SWANS Christmas Tea

7 pm—CHAOS Jr High Youth Group

Thursday, December 15

12:15—Advent Midday Guided Prayer

7 pm—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

Sunday, December 18

10:00 am—Lessons and Carols Service