

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a welcome card (found in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket. We look forward to connecting with you. Also, please join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!

God Calls Us Into Worship

Prelude: “In Dulci Jubilo”
“And The Glory of the Lord”
Bach
Handel

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
LUYH 76

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

***Song of Praise:** “Glorious Light”
Keith/Kristyn Getty

***God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Music Ministry: “Born Today is the Holy Child”
arr. Walter

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We are Reconciled with God

Call to Confession: “O Come All You Unfaithful”

Clow/Kauflin

Prayer of Confession

We come confidently to the throne of grace and we pray, Most Merciful Father,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Words of Assurance

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:20–21

In his name, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

LUYH 88 vs 1,3,4

(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

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:8-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: Just Listen!

Pastor Tim Blackmon

We Respond to God

Prayer

***Hymn of Response:** “Joy to the World”

LUYH 92

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: Habitat for Humanity

Offertory: “What Child Is This”

LUYH 95

We Celebrate the Feast of the World’s Redemption

For whom is the Lord's Supper intended?

We believe and confess that our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted the sacrament of the Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are already born again and engrafted into his family: his church.

How should we approach the Lord's Table?

With humility and reverence we receive the holy sacrament in the gathering of God's people, as we engage together, with thanksgiving, in a holy remembrance of the death of Christ our Savior, and as we thus confess our faith and Christian religion.

Therefore, no one should come to this table without examining himself carefully, lest "by eating this bread and drinking this cup he eat and drink to his own judgment." (BC article 35)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being, and still you draw the universe to its fulfillment. Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more. In Christ, your Word became flesh, and on this day was born of the Virgin Mary. He emptied himself, taking our human form, that through his incarnation and passion we might come to share in his divine nature. Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation moved over the face of the waters, and overshadowed the blessed Virgin at Nazareth, we await with joy the fulfillment of your new Creation. As children of your redeeming purpose who celebrate the birth of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

LUYH 538, verse 1,2

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father...

The Breaking of Bread

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

God Sends Us to Serve in His Light and Love

***Sending Song:** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

LUYH 80 vs

***Benediction**

Postlude: “God Rest You Merry”

Held

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
 - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
 - Jan Zuidema, Pianist
 - Jean Schuitman, Organist
 - Rob Wagenmaker, Amy Goorman, Vocalists
 - David Hoekema, Jeana Schuitman, Duet
 - Karen Katje, Flutist
 - Rev. Jay Knochenhauer, 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.

Prayer Requests, Praises, Thank You's:

Please hold **Jan and Glenn Gronevelt** close in prayer. Glenn's vocal cord cancer has returned. At this point, it is stage one cancer and appears to be contained to a small area. Radiation treatments will begin soon.

From Carolyn Sturris: Loving and sincere thanks to our church family for the many Christmas Blessing cards delivered to us by the Care Teams Ministry. We also enjoyed the 'Grandchildren Bags' they were delivered in. It all brought special joy to our hearts. I would like to express my deep appreciation to all who prayed for and sent cards, notes and food during Pete's last seven months. It was always a bright star in our hearts and souls. As Pete would say, "To God Be The Glory."

From Bonnie Tammen: Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits and support we received after Daryl's fall. Our family is grateful for the support of the church family after Daryl's passing. Pastor Tim, thank you for the meaningful message you shared for the memorial service. To those who volunteered to provide the luncheon following the memorial service and meal for our family, we are thankful.

From Jack, Marcia and Zacharie Brace: Thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and thoughtful notes--some funny, some happy, some a little sad, we enjoyed them all.

From Joan Loeper: Thank you for all the beautiful cards and thank you for remembering me this holiday.

Announcements:

The imagery of the angel banner is purposefully obscured to invite the viewer into its story. It is inspired by George Herbert's 1633 poem, "Easter Wings" which Pastor Laura used for a sermon. As you view it ask yourself, "Do I see myself lifted by Christ as I "imp my wing on thine?" (The verb "to imp" refers to the falconry practice of grafting flight feathers from one bird into the wing of another to help it fly better.) Or is it a dove symbolizing the power of the Holy Spirit? Or an angel heralding Christ's victory?" The banner is composed of doilies donated by the congregation; wedding-dress lace; and over 100 prayer "feathers" written by the congregation tucked (imped) into the wings. Mabelle Knochenhauer designed it and had construction help from Agnes Fisher.

We are deeply grateful for the faithful years that **Judy Ponstine** has served our community as Parish Nurse. She has touched our lives in a special way in times of need and in times of celebration. She has come alongside us and served as a liaison to the broader community. We thank Judy for her warmth and light and send her into retirement with blessings and love. Her last day serving at Second CRC is December 31, 2022. If you wish to drop off a card for Judy, we will be collecting those in the office through January.

Let's bless the Biermas with meals after the holidays as they continue to adjust and manage their new babies. For those who didn't get to the Bierma meal train in time to sign up, here's your opportunity! Sign up at mealtrain.com/v53o0y. Thank you for all the ways you have supported the Biermas!

Volunteer Schedule

December 25

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Mark Boelens, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Harley Dyk

Ushers: Jim Mulder (Team 11), Jon Mulder, John Rycenga, Carl Vertregt

Coffee Hosts: Jane DeGroot, Agnes DeBoer, John and Kathy Buitenhuis

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Gabe Schaaf

Little Lambs: Kerry Bierma, Yasmin Vanderheide

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Claire Clapp

Greeters: Jay Brace, Chris and Kim Van Stratt

Offering: Habitat for Humanity

January 1

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Aiden Rotman, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Harley Dyk

Ushers: Steve Marotti (Team 1) Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Eric Wolffis

Coffee Hosts: Rick and Darcy Clapp, Bob and Mannette DeJonge

Nursery: Jenny Steigenga, Claire Clapp

Little Lambs: Emily Bierma, Aurelia Koch

Walk Out Worship: Cindy Brace, Vivienne McCarthy

Greeters: Carl Vertregt, Jim Query

Offering: Dordt College

Calendar

Sunday, December 25

10:00 am—Church Service

Monday, December 26

9 am-12 pm—Office Closed

1:30pm—Ping Pong

Tuesday, December 27

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

Wednesday, December 28

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

Thursday, December 29

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31

Sunday, January 1

10:00 am—Church Service,

Rev. Jay Knochenhauer preaching