



Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

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: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Zabel

***Call to Worship:**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Psalm 72:18–19

***Opening Hymn:** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LUYH 821

***Opening Prayer**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Opening Song:** “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

LUYH 78 vs 1,4,5

***God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

Advent Wreath

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 10:33-11:11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music Ministry: “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

James Denton

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:4–13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We are Reconciled with God

Call to Confession

A voice cries out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’ So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Prayer of Confession

God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Song of Confession: Kyrie Eleison

Iona Community

Words of Assurance

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness of sins to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you to do his will, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Assurance: “His Mercy is More”

Boswell, Papa

(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 Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1–12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: The Signal

Pastor Tim Blackmon

We Respond to God

Prayer

***Hymn of Response:** “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

LUYH 67

***We Confess our Faith Together**

Q: Why is Jesus called “Christ” meaning “anointed”?

A: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; Our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and spirit, and who guards us and keeps us In the freedom he has won for us.

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: Calvin University

Offertory: “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

arr. Callahan

God Sends Us to Serve in His Light and Love

***Sending Song:** “God of Mercy, God of Grace”

LUYH 934 vs. 1,3

***Benediction**

Postlude: “All Praise to Thee Eternal God”

Pachelbel

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
 - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
 - Jan Zuidema, Pianist
 - Jean Schuitman, Organist
 - Amy Goorman and Rob Wagenmaker, Vocalists
 - Karen Katje, Flutist
 - Amy Goorman, Patrice Frantz, Curt DeJongh, Paul LaMaire, Quartet
 - Jean Schuitman, Accompanist
 - Wagenmaker family, Advent wreath
 - Rob Wagenmaker, Liturgist
 - Joanne Query, 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:

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.

Jerry Smith celebrated his **90th birthday** on December 3! Let's help him celebrate by showering him with cards at: Grand Pines, 1410 S. Ferry St, Apt C10, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

Peter Sturrus: Last Sunday, November 27, on the first Sunday of Advent, Peter Sturrus breathed his last. In the final days of his life, Pete bore witness time and again that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Friday, December 2 at 11:00 am at Second Christian Reformed Church. Lunch will follow the service. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 1, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Klaassen Family Funeral Home and 1 hour before the funeral at the Church.

Daryl Tammen: Daryl died on November 24, 2022. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Daryl Tammen will be held on Monday, December 5 at 11:00 am at Second Christian Reformed Church. Lunch will follow the service. Visitation will be held Sunday, December 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Klaassen Family Funeral Home.

Ken Westveld has returned home from Holland Hospital, and he is recovering. We praise God! From **Tom Kapteyn:** Thank you very much for the many, many birthday cards, they were greatly appreciated, a blessing, and joyful to read.

Wesley Jay Bierma: As of Thursday, Wesley is still needing support in the ICU. The healing is slow! Please pray for Wesley and the family.

Announcements:

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

Choir: The rehearsals for sanctuary choir are as follows: Tuesday, December 6 at 8 pm and 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: At Christmas, and during the Winter Season, Love in Action provides coats and other winter essentials to those in need throughout our TriCities area through the Project Warmth Initiative. If you live, work, or worship in Grand Haven, Spring Lake, or Ferrysburg you are eligible to access this ministry of Love in Action. You are also eligible if your children attend school in the TriCities. "Covering the TriCities Coat Drive" just ended on November 27th. But this is where we come in: warm winter accessories for a variety of ages are needed! Boots, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves, Socks, Baby Buntings, and Blankets are listed on the tags attached to Our Giving Tree. Please remove the tag(s) of your choice from the tree, then **place that unwrapped gift (with the tag) under Our Giving Tree by Sunday, December 18.** All gifts under the tree will be delivered to Love in Action the following morning.

All men are welcome to join a men's bible study on Saturday mornings at church. This fall, the **Tool Time Men's Bible Study** will be studying *The Mulligan: Everyone Needs a Second Chance in Golf and in Life* by Wally Armstrong and Ken Blanchard. The last date for Tool Time is **December 17.** We will meet at church in the North Hall from **7:30–8:30 am** with coffee and donuts.

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.

Friendship Club Christmas Program: December 6 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend the program!

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 place 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 11. This year we're collecting cards for Claudia Alphenaar, Evelyn Baker, Jack and Marcia Brace, Conrad Brandsen, Gladys Brook, Bette Bosma, Jean Bosma, Joyce Dark, Jill Holman, Donna Kuiper, Ray and Shirley Kuiper, Joan Loeper, Vic and Jean Nienhuis, Gary and Joyce Roelofs, Jim Schuitman, Jerry and Hazel Smith, Gord Veurink, and Lee Vontom.

Volunteer Schedule

December 4

Projection: Dan Gone

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

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

Coffee Hosts: John and Agnes Fisher, Chuck and Carol DeWitt

Nursery: Cherise VanderHeide, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Little Lambs: Manette De Jonge, Gabe Schaaf

Walk Out Worship: Sherri Van Duyn, Yasmin VanderHeide

Greeters: Mike Katje, Ralph and Sheri Van Duyn

Offering: Calvin University

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

Calendar

Sunday, December 4

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Bells

7 pm—FOCUS HS Youth Group

Monday, December 5

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1:30pm—Ping Pong

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

7 pm—Friendship Club Christmas Program

8pm—Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 7

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

7 pm—CHAOS Jr High Youth Group

Thursday, December 8

12:15—Advent Midday Guided Prayer

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

Sunday, December 11

10:00 am—Church Service

11:30 am—Bells