

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: "Joy Overflowing" arr. Berry
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Lopez

***Opening Hymn:** "Let All Creation's Wonders" LUYH 555

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever; He fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
**Kings of the earth and all peoples, Princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, For his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, Praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

***Opening Hymn:** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LUYH 104

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, your blessed Son fulfilled the covenant of circumcision for our sake, and was given the Name that is above every name: Give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, and to worship him with pure hearts according to the New Covenant; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***God’s Greeting & Mutual Greeting**

***Song of Worship:** “Here I am to Worship”

LUYH 567

We are Reconciled with God

Call to Confession

This morning, at the threshold of a new year, we confess our sin to a Savior “who felt our human woe, a Savior, who does our weakness know.”

Song of Confession: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

LUYH 79

Prayer of Confession

God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet.

God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring.

God of healing, God of wholeness, You are here with us now, in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that you forgive sin and make all things new.

Words of Assurance

In Jesus’ name the Lord our God forgives your sins this day and every day, this year and every year. What is over is done; God gives you grace for what is to come. Amen.

Children Leave for Walkout Worship

(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

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "I Am Making Everything New"

Rev. Jay Knochenhauer

We Respond to God in Faith

Prayer

***Hymn of Response:** "We Worship You, Whose Splendor Dwarfs the Cosmos"

LUYH 11 vs. 1-4

Creed

We Confess our Faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to
judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Offering: Habitat for Humanity

Offertory: “Rejoice In All Your Works (Psalm 104)”

Wendell Kimbrough

God Sends Us to Serve in His Light and Love

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

LUYH 78 vs 1-3, 5

***Benediction**

Postlude: “Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious!”

arr. Birchwood

Credits & Liturgical Notes:

- Participants:
 - Rev. Jay Knochenhauer, Preacher
 - Julie Hordyk, Pianist
 - Jean Schuitman, Organist
 - Luke Anderson, Patrice Frantz, Vocalists
 - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Prayers of the People
 - Rev. Tim Blackmon, Liturgist

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:

Gladys Brook passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 27. A service of witness to the resurrection for Gladys was held on Saturday. Please hold the Brook family in your prayers.

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.

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.

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!

Tool Time Men's Bible Study Dates: January 7 and 21; February 4 and 18; March 4. Time: 7:30 am. Location: North Hall. We will continue our discussion of the book "The Mulligan" by Wally Armstron and Ken Blanchard. Coffee and donuts are provided.

The award-winning **January series from Calvin University** is once again coming to Second CRC. The series will be broadcast in our North Hall from 12:30- 1:30 pm every weekday from January 9-27. Please join us for a time of fellowship, cookies and coffee, as we gather to learn and grow together. The 2023 lineup includes Ken Jennings, the current host of Jeopardy!, Kate Bowler, a New York Times best-selling author and host of the popular podcast *Everything Happens*, and Peter Wehner, who served in three presidential administrations in the roles of Deputy Director of Speech Writing and Director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit www.calvin.edu/january-series/.

Attention all Bakers: It is our privilege to host the January series once again, which 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, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.** Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

[Looking Back on 2021:](#)

We remember those who have left our presence, called home to be with God: Brooklyn, daughter of Tricia and Jake Fields, Doris Boelens, Gladys Brook, Les Devries, Ruth Mulder, Ellen Johnson, Linda Kay, Steve Kruis, Pete Sturru, Daryl Tammen, Maxine Veurink, Patricia Jane Vander Heide.

We remember those who experienced significant health challenges this year: Claudia Alphenaar, Evelyn Baker, Jack and Marcia Brace, Conrad Brandsen, Bette Bosma, Jean Bosma, Joyce Dark, Chuck and Carol DeWitt, Jan and Glenn Gronevelt, Jill Holman, Donna Kuiper, Ray and Shirley Kuiper, Joan Loeper, Vic and Jean Nienhuis, Gary and Joyce Roelofs, Jim Schuitman, Jerry and Hazel Smith, Ken and Cathy Westfeld, Gord Veurink, and Lee Vontom.

We give thanks for the babies born this year: John Wilder Bierma and Wesley Jay Bierma

We celebrate the start of a new life together in marriage: Alexandra (Hodge) and Zach Boersen, Peyton (Risselade) and Ben Mars.

Volunteer Schedule

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

January 8

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Aiden Rotman, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Gord Buitendorp, Chris Hordyk

Coffee Hosts: Steve and Ruth Marotti, Al and Cyndie Van Dyke

Nursery: Cherise Vanderheide, Ian Clapp

Little Lambs: Manette De Jonge, Zuidemas

Walk Out Worship: Barb Fritz, Yasmin Vanderheide

Greeters: Rob and Joslyn Wagenmaker, David Brace

Offering: Bethany Christian Services

Calendar

Sunday, January 1

10:00 am—Church Service

Monday, January 2

9 am-12 pm—Office Closed

1:30pm—Ping Pong

Tuesday, January 3

7:30 am—Prayer Team

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

Wednesday, January 4

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

1 pm—Knitter's Club

Thursday, January 5

9 am-12 pm—Office Hours

Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

Sunday, January 8

10:00 am—Church Service,
Rev. Dave Beelen preaching