



Worship Service for  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
November 12, 2023

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

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## God Gathers His People

**Prelude** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Dykes

### **\*Call to Worship**

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** “Come, Thou Almighty King”

LUYH 492

**\*Opening Prayer**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Worship** “We Sing the Mighty Power of God”

LUYH 10

### **God Reconciles Us to Himself**

**Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sins together.

**Song of Confession:** Kyrie Eleison

Iona Community

**Prayer of Confession**

**Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault 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 heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We have not heard your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

We confess to you, O Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:

the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**we confess to you, O Lord.**

Our lust, gluttony, and abuse of others,  
**we confess to you, O Lord.**

Our anger, hatred, malice, and envy,  
**we confess to you, O Lord.**

Our laziness, inordinate love of worldly goods and comforts,  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**we confess to you, O Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure  
to commend the faith that is in us,  
**we confess to you, O Lord.**

Accept our repentance, O Lord, for the wrongs we have done:  
for our blindness to human need and suffering,  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
**accept our repentance, O Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
**accept our repentance, O Lord.**

For our poor stewardship and misuse of your creation,  
and our lack of concern for the generations to come,  
**accept our repentance, O Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;  
**favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation;  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

## Words of Assurance

Hear the good news!  
Christ died for you, Christ rose for you,  
Christ reigns in power for you, Christ prays for you.  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
**Thanks be to God!**

(Romans 3:84; 2 Cor. 5:17)

## \*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

### Sacrament of Baptism

## Baptism

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

## The Exhortation

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Here we ask our heavenly Father that Noah, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant him that which by nature he cannot have.

## The Presentation

Pastor: The candidate for baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present Noah Farrar to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor: Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as he is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He must come to put his faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When he has embraced all these, he is to make a profession of faith, publicly claiming the faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom. Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents: We are, the Lord being our helper.

### **\*The Charge to The Congregation**

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support Noah by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**We do, the Lord being our helper.**

Let us join with the Farrar's to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

**I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He 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 the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I do. 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.**

## **The Baptism**

Noah Farrar, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **The Declaration**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.  
Amen.

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing of Children**

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God, for the gift of water.  
In the beginning of creation your Spirit moved over the waters.  
In the waters of the flood you destroyed evil.  
You led the children of Israel through the sea into the freedom of the promised land.  
In the river Jordan, John baptized our Lord, and your Spirit anointed him.  
By his death and resurrection Jesus Christ, the living water,  
forgives us, frees us from sin and death, and opens the way to life everlasting.  
We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism.  
In this water you confirm to us that we are buried with Christ in his death,  
are raised to share in his resurrection,  
are being renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and are united to Christ in mission.

Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, upon Noah today  
that this water may be a spring gushing up to eternal life.  
Wash away his sin, raise him to new life, and graft him to the body of Christ.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon him, that he may have wisdom to discern his gifts,  
strength to obey your will, and joy in answering your call.  
To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,  
be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized, Noah Farrar.

**We receive you into the fellowship of the Church.**  
**Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,**  
**and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people. Amen**

**\*Song of Praise “All I Have Is Christ”**

Kauflin

## **Blessing for Children**

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon those charged with their upbringing the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Children Leave for Walkout Worship**

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

## **God Speaks His Word**

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Peter 4:1-11

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** “For the rest of the time”

**\*Hymn of Application** “Come, People of the Risen King”

Getty, Townend

## **God Hears Our Prayers**

## **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.**

## God Receives Our Gifts

**Offering** Missionary Christmas Gifts

**Offertory** “Build My Life”

Younker/Martin/Kaple/Redman/Barrett

## God Blesses Us to Go into the World

**\*Sending Song** “New Doxology”

Genevan Psalter/Thomas/Miller

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “March Romaine”

Gounod

### Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: **Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher**  
**Julie Hordyk, Piano**  
**Cathy Schaaf, Organ**  
**Tim Smith, Guitar**  
**Rob Wagenmaker, Christie VanderHeide, Vocalists**  
**Liturgist & Prayers of the People: Amy Wolffis**

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex.  
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### Prayer Requests, Praises, Gratitude:

*Ken Terpstra's* mother Ruth passed away last Saturday and the funeral was held Wednesday. Please keep Ken & Mary and Emily & Tom Bierma in your prayers.

*Sherrye Vertregt* had hip replacement surgery on November 3. Please pray for a good recovery.

*Manette deJonge* would appreciate your prayers for a complete recovery following her knee replacement.



## Announcements:

**Today's Offering:** Missionary Christmas Gifts, this goes directly to our eight Faith Promise missionaries. The total given will be divided equally among them.

**Upcoming Services:** Please mark your calendar that we will have services on

- Thanksgiving, Thursday November 23 at 10 am
- Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24 at 10 am
- Christmas Day, Monday December 25 at 10 am

**Bell Choir:** We will rehearse today, November 12, after the morning service. If you would like to join or have questions, contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com.

**Book Club:** The book chosen for November is *Babette's Feast* by Isak Dinesen. This book is available through Amazon using the title *Babette's Feast and Other Stories*. The meeting will take place on Monday November 13 in the church parlor. Book club is open to all who are interested in reading and discussing the book. Please feel free to join!

**Sanctuary Choir:** We will be rehearsing on Thursdays at 7pm to sing during the Advent season.

**Tool Time:** Men's Bible Study will continue next Saturday November 18 at 7:30am at church. We are studying the Gospel of John. Contact Rick Geertsma at (616) 402-9791 with questions.

**We are Hiring:** We are looking for a [Worship Coordinator](#) and [Children's Ministry Coordinator](#). If you or anyone you know have a talent for leading worship or for training up children for service to the Lord, please have them contact [Amy Wolffis](#) for the job descriptions.

## Volunteer Schedule

### November 12, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Dave & Cherise VanderHeide, Stu & Christie VanderHeide

**Nursery:** Darcie Clapp, Maelyn Wagenmaker

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Reed Van Stratt

**Walk Out Worship:** Marie Rycenga, Gabe Schaaf

**Greeters:** Garry VandenBerg, Les & Bern Lewis

**Offering:** Missionary Christmas Gifts

### November 19, 2023

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

**Video:** Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Jacob Weesies

**Ushers:** Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis,

**Coffee Hosts:** Carl Vertregt, Ralph Veldboom, Fred & Marti Vanden Brand

**Nursery:** Cathy Brolick, Mary Wierenga

**Little Lambs:** Betsy Blackmon, Yasmin Vander Heide

**Walk Out Worship:** Sheri VanDuyun, Gabe Schaaf

**Greeters:** David Vander Heide, Ryan & Victoria McCarthy

**Offering:** Corey Havlicek ~ Wycliffe

## Calendar

### **Sunday, November 12**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

11:30 AM—Bell Choir

6:30 PM—Focus

### **Monday, November 13**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1:30 PM—Ping Pong Group

### **Tuesday November 14**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

7PM—Friendship Club

7 PM—Full Council

### **Wednesday November 15**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1 PM—Knitting Club

7:00 PM—CHAOS

### **Thursday, November 16**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

### **Friday, November 17**

### **Saturday, November 18**

### **Sunday, November 19**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

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