



Worship Service for  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 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. Also, join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!*

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## **We Gather in the Presence of God**

**Prelude:** "Gesu Bambino"  
"Cradle Song"

Pietro Yon  
arr. David Paxton

**Choral Introit:** "Come, Messiah!"

Lloyd Larsen

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

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord.

Let your ears be open to hear my voice.

**My hope is in God's word.**

If you recorded all our sins, who could come before you?

**My hope is in God's word.**

There is forgiveness with you: therefore you shall be feared.

**My hope is in God's word.**

My soul is longing for the Lord, more than those who watch for daybreak.

**My hope is in God's word.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy.

**My hope is in God's word.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**My hope is in God's word.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

LUYH 70 vs 1,2,4,5

## **\*Our Declaration of Trust and God's Greeting**

People of God, where is your trust placed?

**Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen!**

## **\*We Greet One Another**

### **\*Song of Praise "Only A Holy God"**

Farren/Smith/Robinson/Thompson

## **We Are Renewed in God's Grace**

### **Our Prayer of Confession**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your  
steadfast love remember us, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.  
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be  
gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted.

**Relieve the troubles of our hearts and bring us out of our distress.  
Consider our affliction and our trouble and forgive all our sins. Amen.**

(adapted from Psalm 25)

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers, be reassured. Your sins are not held against you. By the work of  
God in Christ, you are forgiven. God has delivered you from the domain of darkness  
and transferred you to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of sins.

**May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
make us complete in everything good so that we may do God's will,**

**working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever! Amen**

**Song of Assurance: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

LUYH 88 vs 1,3 4

## **The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Faith**

Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is FAITH.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."  
(Colossians 3:15)

Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**Amen.**

## **Sacrament of 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 Lane, 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 Lane Beswick 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 Lane 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 Beswick'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**

Lane Arthur Beswick, 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 Lane 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 Lane Beswick.

**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 Response “What Child Is This”**

LUYH 95

(Children 5 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to follow the banner to Walk Out Worship.  
Parents will find the classroom on the lower level, near the nurseries).

## **We Bring Our Needs and Our Gifts**

**Prayers of the People**

**The 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.**

**The Offering:** Crossroads Prison Ministry

**The Offertory:** “Advent Echo Carol”

M.K. Beall

## **God Speaks Through His Word**

**The Reading of Scripture:** Matthew 2:13-15, Hosea 11:1

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**The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon:** “Out of Egypt”

## The Prayer of Response

**\*Song of Response** "What a Beautiful Name"

Frazer

## We Leave with God's Blessing

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Sussex Carol"

arr. Anna Laura Page

## Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants:

**Rev. Jul Medenblik, Preaching**

**Rev. Tim Blackmon, Piano**

**Cheri TerHaar, Organ**

**Cal Keuning, Drums**

**Tim Smith, Guitar**

**Jean Schuitman, Choir Director**

**Christie VanderHeide, Vocalist**

**Rev. Tim Blackmon, Liturgist & Prayer of the People**

**Dale Schuitema, Ian Clapp, Advent Wreath**

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:

Together with *Ralph & Sheri Van Duyn and family*, we mourn the death of *Gord Veurink*, who passed away Sunday morning. A service of witness to the resurrection took place yesterday at church.

We also mourn with *Dan and Debbie Braak* in the passing of Dan's mother *Dorah Braak* of Grand Haven. The Memorial Service for Dorah will take place at 11am on Friday, December 15, 2023, at Second Reformed Church (1000 Waverly Ave., Grand Haven). Visitations will be Thursday, December 14th, from 6-8pm at Klaassen Family Funeral Home, and on Friday at 1pm at Second Reformed.

“A sincere thank you for all the prayers, kind words, cards, food, and other acts of support during the difficult time of losing Ken’s mother. We can honestly see God’s hand in all of this, but it is still a hard time, and your support and prayers have been greatly appreciated. We are so blessed to be part of a caring congregation!” ~ *Ken & Mary Terpstra*

### Announcements:

**Today’s Offering:** *Crossroads Prison Ministry* connects people in prisons with mentors from churches to develop Christ-centered relationships as they study God’s Word together.

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

- Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24 at 10 am
- Christmas Day, Monday December 25 at 10 am

**Leadership Board Update:** While our fiscal year to date offering receipts are roughly equal to last year at this time, the congregation is reminded that this year’s approved budget for expenses is approximately 10% higher than last year. For this reason, we are about \$27,000 behind budget. Please consider this in your plans for year-end giving and beyond. Thank you.

**Advent Wreath Litany:** This year our Advent wreath litany is being read by a few of our students and their prayer partners. Prayer partners are assigned to students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or above. If you wish to learn more about this ministry, please contact [Rob Wagenmaker](#).

**Advent Midday Prayer:** Our time of prayer will continue Thursday, December 14 at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Please join us every Thursday during the Advent season for guided prayer.

**Advent Devotional:** This holiday season, we will be sending you an Advent devotional every Friday in the e-newsletter. You will find included one scripture reading for each day of the week, along with an Advent reflection and a song. We hope that these resources enhance your experience of the most wonderful time of the year.

**Atrium Art Gallery:** Make sure you take time to view the new exhibit titled “Visions – a remembrance of grand haven artists”, based on a similarly titled book by Wallace K. Ewing. Wally has written numerous books detailing the history of Grand Haven and surrounding communities. This most recent book tells in text and artwork the stories of 70 local artists, all deceased, who either lived in the area or provided glimpses of Grand Haven through their art.



**Cuba Mission Trip:** Join us on an impactful mission trip back to Cuba from July 19 to 26, 2024! We're excited to immerse ourselves in serving and sharing the love of Christ with the community. Currently, the cost is estimated at \$2,000 per person, but we're actively working on fundraising efforts to potentially reduce this cost. To secure your spot, please tentatively reserve by December 29. This mission trip promises to be an unforgettable opportunity for spiritual growth and making a difference. For more details or to reserve your spot, please contact Rob Wagenmaker at 616.638.0976 or [rwagenmaker@hotmail.com](mailto:rwagenmaker@hotmail.com).

**Love in Action:** Saturday, December 16 is Simply Give double match day at Meijer. For every \$10 card purchased, Meijer will donate \$30 to LIA's food pantry.

**Mom's Hiking Group:** We will meet on Wednesday December 13 at 12:30pm at Hofma Park. We will meet at this entrance: 13894 168th Ave. Questions, contact Amy Anderson.

**SWAN's:** Save the date for a festive Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 13 at 3:30pm at Barb Hammond's home, 10785 Lakeshore Dr. West Olive, MI. If possible, bring a favorite Christmas treat. Please RSVP to Carole Ruiter at 616-502-2015 if you wish to attend. Meet at church at 3:10pm if you want to carpool.

**VBS 2024:** Mark it on your calendars to dive into a thrilling undersea adventure at SCUBA! Calling all kids from ages 4 years old to 5th grade to join us on July 8 to 11, from 9:45 am to 11:45 am. Through this immersive experience, children will uncover the truth that God is a faithful friend who loves them endlessly. Also, we're seeking enthusiastic minds to join our think tank and help elevate this experience for the kids. Interested in contributing ideas? Reach out to [Rob Wagenmaker](#) or 616.638.0976 for more information.

## Volunteer Schedule

### December 10, 2023

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

**Ushers:** Ron Brouwer (Team 6), Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

**Coffee Hosts:** Dawn & Jim Sacks, Brian & Barb Sikkenga

**Nursery:** Ruth Marotti, Kerry Bierma

**Little Lambs:** Cherise VanderHeide, Claire Clapp

**Walk Out Worship:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Frankie Folkert

**Greeters:** Rick Clapp, Evan & Lois Reinders

**Offering:** Crossroads Prison Ministry

### December 17, 2023

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Harley Dyk

**Ushers:** Dale Schuitema (Team 7), Kraig Brolick, Cathy Brolick, Gary VandenBerg

**Coffee Hosts:** John & Marie Rycenga, Tony & Linda Razzini

**Nursery:** Kim VanStratt, Onika Beswick

**Little Lambs:** Jenn Steigenga, Reed VanStratt

**Walk Out Worship:** Sheri Van Duyn, Yasmin VanderHeide

**Greeters:** Deborah Erickson, Joe & Paula Risselade

**Offering:** Faith Promise - Naji Umran & Anne Zaki w/ World Missions

## Calendar

### **Sunday, December 10**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

### **Monday, December 11**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1:30 PM—Ping Pong Group

### **Tuesday December 12**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

### **Wednesday December 13**

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

12:30 PM- Mom's Hiking Group

1 PM—Knitting Club

7PM—Chaos

### **Thursday, December 14**

9 AM-1PM—Office Hours

12:15 PM—Advent Midday Prayer

### **Friday, December 15**

### **Saturday, December 16**

LIA Double Match Day

### **Sunday, December 17**

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

6:30 PM—Focus

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## **Connect with Second CRC**

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