



Worship Service for
First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

We Believe...in God the Father

Prelude “Listen for His Coming”

arr. Hayes

The Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever!”

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord!

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
We will give thanks and praise his name forevermore!

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

LUYH 492 vs. 1-4

***The Welcome**

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity:
Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***The Song of Worship** “Behold Our God”

Sovereign Grace

We Believe...in God the Son

The Call to Repentance

We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 John 5:18–21

The Prayer for the Forgiveness of Sins

O Holy God, we confess that our earthly vision has been clouded. We have failed to fully grasp the wonder of your truth, and we have fallen short of the holiness you call us to.

O Holy, mighty God, who sent your Son to share in our humanity, we confess our weakness in service, our hesitation in proclaiming your name, and our reluctance to follow the perfect pattern of His sacrifice and love.

O Holy, merciful Father, who through your Spirit makes us holy, we confess that we have grieved your comforting presence within us through our pride, our indifference, and our failure to extend your mercy to those around us.

The Proclamation of Pardon

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

***The Song of Assurance** “Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

LUYH 796 vs. 1,3

We Believe...in the Holy Spirit

The Advent Blessing

Liturgist 1: We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. 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.

Liturgist 2: 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.

The candle is lit

**Lord, show us your love and mercy, for we have put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope; let us never be put to shame. Amen**

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They are dismissed at 11:20am from their classrooms located in the lower level near the nursery.)

The Scripture Reading "Isaiah 40:1-31"

p. 599

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

The Sermon "We Believe One God"

The Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

LUYH 540 vs.1,3,4

We Believe...in one holy Church

***The Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

**he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary, and was made human.**

**He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.**

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again with glory to judge the living
and the dead. His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Offering “City Heart Ministries”

The Offertory “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

arr. Tornquist

***The Sending Hymn** “Now Thank We All Our God”

LUYH 543, vs. 1,3

***The Benediction**

Postlude

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Liturgist: Erik Veker

Oboe: Sally Wagenmaker

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Advent Blessing: Evie Hoekzema, Onika Beswick

Prayers of the People: Joanne Query

Vocalist: Amy Goorman, Lydia Moya

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and sweet treats after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Today's Ministry Spotlight: City Heart Ministries has been serving families in Muskegon Heights since 1996 with many outreach programs including a weekly food pantry.

Walk-Out Worship: Worship Center I: During Advent, children will learn about who can show us the way to Bethlehem. Today the children will learn that prophets and angels show us the way.

Worship Center II: Today children will learn how the Israelites fall prey to surrounding enemy nations. Nebuchadnezzar will take them captive, and when they return years later, with hope, they will begin to rebuild and dream of a great Messiah king.

Nomination Forms: 2026 Nomination Forms for Council positions are available in today's bulletin. The congregation is invited to prayerfully consider self-nomination or nominating others who they feel have the gifts and abilities for the available positions, listed on the form. Please return them by this Sunday November 30 at the Welcome desk.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for Mauricio Espinal & Elisa Alvarado as Mauricio's mother, Miriam, passed away on Monday November 24, in Honduras.

Please pray for David Ziegler. David and Jeanne are new to our church and David was recently diagnosed with metastatic melanoma.

Please keep Sharon Ottens in your prayers as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

Please continue to pray for Lou Baker as he recovers from shoulder replacement surgery.

Please keep Chuck & Jeanne Schuch in your prayers.

Ron Kuiper has requested a weekly meal train, due to recent health issues. Please sign up to bring him dinner: <https://mealtrain.com/gzvvv3>

Church Announcements:

Art Gallery: *"Connections. Pause. Reflect. Wonder."* will be showcasing until the end of January. Please invite your family and friends to visit the Atrium Gallery during regular office hours. Also, a list of pieces for sale is available in the office.

Angel Tree: We are supporting the Christmas Shoppe at Love in Action. The Angel Tree is in the Atrium along the windows decorated with gift tags. Our donations will brighten Christmas for LIA's Housing Guests and families of those in their "Financial Fitness" program. Please consider taking a tag or two from the tree and place the items unwrapped under the tree by next Sunday, December 7. Thank you! ~ The Outreach Team

Christmas Service: Please mark your calendar for the Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday December 24 at 5:00pm.

Christmas Cards: As the holidays approach, spread some love and Christmas cheer to some of our members by sending them cards. Starting this Sunday there will be boxes in the church's narthex and in the atrium near the office for the cards. Please leave the envelopes unsealed to allow for easier opening, put cards in alphabetical order, and tie them together. Cards can be placed in the boxes by Sunday December 14. We are collecting cards for: *Claudia Alphenaar, Evelyn Baker, Lou & Joan Baker, Jack & Marcia Brace, Conrad Brandsen, Donna DeVries, Hank DeYoung, Judy Doezema, Eileen Harnden, Jill Holman, Fran Kieft, Dave & Sandy Klaassen, Donna Kuiper, Shirley Kuiper, Vic & Jean Nienhuis, Jack & Ruth Smant, Jan Veenstra, Jean VerStraete, Ruth Wallinga.*

Friendship Club: The congregation is warmly invited to attend the Friendship Club Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

Little Lambs Playgroup: We're hosting a mom and toddler playgroup at church on Thursday, December 4 from 9:00-12:00pm. All Moms with young children are welcome to attend. Bring your own coffee, kiddos and come for fellowship and playtime in the North Hall. Questions, please ask Jenna Brian or email [Amy Wolffis](mailto:Amy.Wolffis).

Missionary Christmas Cards: There's a table in the Atrium with Christmas Cards for our missionaries for you to wish them a blessed Christmas. Please sign them by Sunday, December 7.

Ping Pong: We continue on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

Swan's: Please join us at 3:00pm on December 9 for a fun and festive Christmas Tea at Barb Hammond's home! (10785 Lakeshore Drive, West Olive, MI.) If you requested a ride, we will call you so we can co-ordinate rides. Questions, call Barb at 616-485-7595 or Carole at 616-502-2015.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: We will meet Saturday, December 6 from 8-9am. We will then conclude the fall session on December 20. Questions, call Tony Razzini at (614) 753-2164.

Volunteer Schedule

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Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Ken Terpstra, Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

Coffee Hosts: Dave Vander Wall; Ralph Veldboom; John Rycenga; Amy Wolffis

Nursery: Rosemary Geertsma, Ruth Marotti

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Jenna Brian

Walk Out I: Barb Fritz, Marie Rycenga

Walk Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Tony Razzini, Craig & Cathy Brolick

Council in Parlor: Dale Schuitema, Dennis Schaaf

Offering: City Heart Ministries

Sunday December 7, 2025

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Gary Roelofs, Paul Marotti, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Team 4: Rick & Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

Coffee Hosts: Steve & Ruth Marotti; Jim & Sheila Warners

Nursery: Laura Knochenhauer, Kerry Bierma

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Jane DeGroot

Walk Out I: Carla Byma, Cheryl Diephouse

Walk Out II: Cindy Brace, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Dale Schuitema, Mike & Lori Buitendorp

Council in Parlor: Dennis Schaaf, Ken Terpstra

Offering: Crossroads Prison Ministry

Calendar

Sunday, November 30

10:00 AM–Worship Service

Monday, December 1

9 AM -1PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, December 2

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM- Friendship Club

Christmas Program

7 PM – Leadership Board

Wednesday, December 3

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM - Knitting/Craft Group

Thursday, December 4

Friday, December 5

Office Closed

Saturday, December 6

8:00 AM – Tool Time

Sunday, December 7

10:00 AM–Worship Service

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