



Worship Service for  
Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14, 2025

## We Believe...in God the Father

**Prelude** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”  
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. Callahan  
arr. Hopson

### The Call to Worship

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

**We give thanks, for you have become our comfort and our salvation.**

Behold, God is our salvation; we will trust and will not be afraid.

**For the Lord God is our strength and our song, and he has become  
our salvation.**

Based on Isaiah 12.1-2

### \*The Welcome

### The Mutual Greeting

**\*The Hymn of Praise** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LUYH 521

### \*The Opening Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance  
and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your  
mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient  
toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world,  
we may be found a people acceptable in your sight;  
for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**\*The Opening Song** “How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

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## We Believe...in God the Son

### The Call to Repentance

Come, let us confess our sins to God, the Father Almighty.

### The Prayer for the Forgiveness of Sins

Dear God, we cast ourselves at the foot of the cross, bemoaning our exceeding sinfulness and unprofitableness deeply, most deeply aggravated by the infinity of your mercies toward us.

**We plead your precious promises, and earnestly pray to you to shed abroad in our hearts more love, more humility, more faith, more hope, more peace and joy;**

in short, to fill us with all the fullness of God, and make us worthy to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light.

**Then we will also be better in all the relations of life in which we are now so defective, and our light will shine before men, and we will adorn the doctrine of our Savior in all things. Amen.**

W. Wilberforce

### The Proclamation of Pardon

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

Luke 24.45–47

## We Believe...in the Holy Spirit

### WOW Kids Choir "Magnificat"

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

### The Advent Blessing

Liturgist 1: Father, of majesty unbounded, we await the coming of your Son.

All: Lord, come and help your people.

Liturgist 2: Your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Liturgist 1: You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

*The Candles are lit*

**All: We wait for your light to break forth and drive away the darkness.**

Liturgist 2: When you took our flesh to set us free, you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

Liturgist 1: You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**All: Come then, Lord, and help your people.**

Liturgist 2: You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Liturgist 1: Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,

Liturgist 2: And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

**All: May your eternal glory shine in our hearts, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**The Scripture Reading "Matthew 6:9-13"**

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**The Sermon "God the Father"**

**The Prayer of Response**

**\*The Song of Response "Before the Throne of God Above"**

LUYH 682

**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 Offering** *Calvin University*

**The Offertory** “In Dulci Jubilo (Now Sing We, Now Rejoice)” arr. Manz

**\*The Sending Hymn** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LUYH 965

**\*The Benediction**

**Postlude** “Let All Together Praise Our God” arr. Manz

#### **Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Erik Veker  
**Organ:** Jean Schuitman  
**Piano:** Mauricio Espinal  
**Advent Blessing:** Mary Winkle, Kyla Zuidema  
**Vocalist:** Patrice Frantz, Rob Wagenmaker  
**WOW Kids Choir:** Annie Hoekzema, Joan Tandler  
**WOW Kids Accompanist:** Kari De Lange

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:** Calvin University challenges students to think deeply, to act justly, and to live wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world. Their mission is "equipping students to be agents of renewal, ready to step into the public square and renew all things for the glory of Christ."

## **Walk-Out Worship:**

Worship Center I: Today our children will follow the way to Bethlehem. Who will show us the way? Prophets, an angel, Mary and Elizabeth, and shepherds.

Worship Center II: Today our children will continue hearing about God's people longing for a king. Not only did their years of waiting multiply, so did their expectations and their hopes. They longed for a Messiah who would be a prophet, priest, and king. Praise God for bringing this longed for Messiah to show us the way like a great light shining in the darkness.

## Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

**Pastor Tim** had successful hip replacement surgery on Wednesday and is reovering at home. If you have an **urgent pastoral need**, please contact **Amy Wolffis**, Office Manager at (616) 402-8881 or email [admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org](mailto:admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org) as she will be coordinating care and ensuring all needs are met. (In anticipation of Pastor Tim's speedy recovery, our facilities team has made the necessary modifications to the [pulpit](#). We look forward to when he will rise to it again—even if assisted).

Please continue to pray for Patti Steigenga and her family. Patti had a procedure last Sunday and is recovering at home.

Please keep Vic & Jean Nienhuis in your prayers. Vic is at Freedom Village for rehabilitation.

Please pray for Cheryl Diephouse who will be having hip replacement surgery on Wednesday December 17.

Please continue to pray for David Ziegler who was recently diagnosed with metastatic melanoma.

Ron Kuiper has requested a weekly meal train, due to recent health issues. Please sign up to bring him dinner: <https://mealtrain.com/gzv3v3>

### Church Announcements:

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

**Holiday Office Hours:** The office will be open Tuesday December 23 from 9am- 12pm and Tuesday December 30 from 9am-12pm. If you have any questions or pastoral concerns, please contact Amy Wolffis at (616) 402-8881 or email [admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org](mailto:admin@secondcrcgrandhaven.org)

**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.

**Handbell Choir:** We will rehearse on Sunday, December 7 at 11:30am in the choir room. Questions, contact Jean Schuitman at [morbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:morbaroque@gmail.com) or by text at (231) 750-6676.

**Little Lambs Playgroup:** We're hosting a mom and toddler playgroup at church on Thursday, December 18 from 9:30-12:00pm. 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).

**Men's Bowling:** We continue Tuesday December 16 at 9:15 to 11:30am at Northway Lanes, 1751 Evanston Ave., Muskegon. Take US-31 North to Laketon exit. Questions, please talk to Bruce Drukker, Ralph Veldboom, Art Bolt or Dale Schuitema.

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

**Sanctuary Choir:** Rehearsals continue on Thursday, December 18 at 7pm, in the choir room. Questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at [morbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:morbaroque@gmail.com) or text (231) 750-6676.

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

PS. In anticipation of Pastor Tim's speedy recovery, our facilities team has made the necessary modifications to the pulpit. We look forward to when he will rise to it again—even if assisted.

## Volunteer Schedule

### December 14, 2025

**Projection:** Eric Wolffis

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

**Sound:** Mike Katje

**Ushers:** Team 5: Dan Braak, Jeff Erickson, Joe & Paula Risselade

Coffee Hosts: Jim & Mary Winkle; Char TerHaar, Kathy Hardy

**Nursery:** Mary Wierenga, Victoria McCarthy

**Little Lambs:** Cherise VanderHeide, Vivienne McCarthy

**Walk Out I:** Marie Rycenga, Kyla Zuidema

**Walk Out II:** Joslyn Wagenmaker, Rio Gasser

**Greeters:** Dennis Schaaf, John & Kathy Buitenhuis

**Council in Parlor:** Ken Terpstra, Steve Marotti

**Offering:** Calvin University

### December 21, 2025

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Harley Dyk

**Sound:** Rick Clapp

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

**Coffee Hosts:** Jan & Doug Zuidema; Joan Tandler; Shirlee Achterhof

**Nursery:** Kari DeLange, Kathy Westveld

**Little Lambs:** Onika Beswick, Jenna Brian

**Walk Out I:** Lori Buitendorp, Maelyn Wagenmaker

**Walk Out II:** Betsy Blackmon, Gabe Schaaf

**Greeters:** Ken Terpstra, Chris & Jenna Brian

**Council in Parlor:** Jay Knochenhauer, Jim Warners

**Offering:** Love in Action-Auto Ministry

## Calendar

### **Sunday, December 14**

10:00 AM—Worship Service

11:30 AM—Bell Choir

### **Monday, December 15**

9 AM -1PM – Office Hours

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, December 16**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

### **Wednesday, December 17**

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

1:00 PM - Knitting/Craft Group

### **Thursday, December 18**

9:30-12 PM- Little Lambs

Playgroup

7 PM – Sanctuary Choir

### **Friday, December 19**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, December 20**

8 AM - Men's Tool Time

### **Sunday, December 21**

10:00 AM—Worship Service

11:30 AM—Bell Choir

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## Guest Registration:

