

We Believe...in God the Father

Prelude “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus/ Oh, Come, Oh Come Emmanuel” arr. Krentz
“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” arr. Moglebust

The Call to Worship

Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight his path.
Every valley shall be exalted, every hill made low;
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all mankind will see it, shall see it together.
Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight his path.

Choral Introit “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Rowan

*The Welcome

***The Hymn of Praise** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” LUYH 76 vs 1-3

*The Opening Prayer

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us;
and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us,
let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

***The Opening Song** “Glorious Light” Getty

We Believe...in God the Son

The Call to Repentance

Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in thee.

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

From, Come, Thou Long Expected

The Prayer for the Forgiveness of Sins

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my wrong-doing.
Wash away all my offenses and cleanse me from my sin.

**Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Surely you desire truth in my heart; you teach wisdom deep within me.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a faithful spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and give me a willing spirit,
to sustain me.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings;
but the sacrifice of a broken and humble spirit, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 51

The Proclamation of Pardon

Hear the Good News!

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked,
following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air,
the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once
lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind,
and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—

by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show
the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:1-9

We Believe...in the Holy Spirit

The Advent Blessing

Liturgist 1: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

Liturgist 2: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

The Candles are Lit

**All: But he was pierced for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

Isaiah 53:1-5

(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 “Colossians 1:15-20”

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

The Sermon “The Eternal Son”

The Prayer of Response

***The Song of Response** “All Glory Be to Christ”

Kensrue/Gardner

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 *Love in Action~ Auto Ministry*

The Offertory Anthem "Behold A Day Is Coming"

P. Drennan

***The Benediction**

***The Sending Hymn** "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

LUYH 93

Postlude "Jubilate Deo (Rejoice in God)"

G.F. Handel

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Mr. Erik Veker

Flute: Karen Katje

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ & Choir Director: Jean Schuitman

Piano & Accompanist: Julie Hordyk

Advent Blessing: Jan Zuidema, Maelyn Wagenmaker

Vocalist: Joslyn Wagenmaker, Robin Kieft

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: *Love in Action's Auto Ministry*, which is entirely supported by our church. In 2024, 14 clients were served, and 29 car repairs were made. They are thankful for the provision of dependable transportation to people in our community.

Walk-Out Worship:

Worship Center I: Today our children will learn and wonder about the humble place Jesus was born.

Worship Center II: Today our children will hear the Christmas story through word and illustration, stepping into the awe and wonder of the very first Christmas.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Ron Kuiper will turn 90 on December 27. We will have cake to celebrate on Sunday, December 28th during the coffee hour.

"We want to thank say 'Thank You' for the beautiful holiday and get-well cards. We are blessed to be part of the Second CRC. May God bless each and everyone." ~ Dave & Sandy Klaassen

Jane DeGroot had an appendectomy on Friday, December 19. Please pray for a complete recovery.

Please pray for Cheryl Diephouse who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

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

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

Please continue to pray for Patti Steigenga and her family.

Church Announcements:

Christmas Eve Service: Please mark your calendar for the Christmas Eve Service this Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00pm. You are invited to arrive at 4:45pm to enjoy festive music of the season.

Holiday Office Hours: The church office will have limited hours over the holidays. It will be open on 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

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 21 at 11:30am in the choir room. Questions, contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com or by text at (231) 750-6676.

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

SWANs: Let's start our New Year by having breakfast at the Pine Street Cafe in Ferrysburg on January 20 at 9:30. Reservations are needed, please call Barb at (616)-485-7595 or Carole (616) 502-2015. Carpooling from church can be arranged.

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Guest Registration:



Volunteer Schedule

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

December 24, 2025

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Harley Dyk

Sound: Jim Warners

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

Nursery & Little Lambs: Kari DeLange, Sheila Warners

Greeters: Jay Knochenhauer, Todd & Amy Cunningham

Council in Parlor: Jim Warners, Anne Zuidema

Offering: World Renew/Love in Action/GH Chr.School, WMC

December 28, 2025

Projection: Paul Marotti

Video: Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Jay Brace, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Todd Cunningham

Ushers: Roger Hordyk (Team 8), Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

Coffee Hosts: Amy & Eric Wolffis; Ron & Joan Morse

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Victoria McCarthy

Little Lambs: Manette deJonge, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out: Annie Hoekzema, Reed VanStratt

Greeters: Jim Warners, Jane DeGroot/ Reka Buitenhuis

Council in Parlor: Anne Zuidema, Alan VanDyke

Offering: Mosaic Counseling

Calendar

Sunday, December 21

10:00 AM–Worship Service

11:30 AM–Bell Choir

Monday, December 22

Office Closed

1:30 PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, December 23

9 AM-12 PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, December 24

Office Closed

5:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 25

Office Closed

Friday, December 26

Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28

10:00 AM–Worship Service

Monday December 29

Office Closed