

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."  
Luke 2:10

December 15, 2019

## **Order of Worship**

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements \*Please stand if you are able  
CH = Celebration Hymnal (Gray) PH = Psalter Hymnal (Blue)

### We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Song ~ CH 271 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

\*Call to Worship ~ (Psalm 100:1-2; 95:1; 126:3)

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him  
with joyful songs.

**People: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let  
us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!

**People: And we are filled with joy!**

\*Song ~ CH 278 Angels We Have Heard on High

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

Song of Praise ~ CH 279 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

### God's Will for Our Lives

Confession

Leader: God loved his people so much that He gave  
them a road map of life – The Ten  
Commandments. He did not provide these to make  
us fail, but that we may indeed have eternal life with  
Him. . . . and God said:

**People: You shall have no other gods before  
me.**

Leader: You shall not make any graven images or bow  
down to them.

**People: You are not to take the name of God in  
vain.**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

**People: Honor your father and mother.**

Leader: You shall not kill.

**People: You shall not commit adultery.**

Leader: You shall not steal.

**People: You shall not bear false witness against  
your neighbor.**

Leader: You shall not covet.

**People: You shall love the Lord your God with all  
your heart, and with all your soul, and with all  
your mind.**

Leader: You shall Love your neighbor as yourself.

What a joy to know that in Jesus, all your sins have  
been forgiven.

**People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let  
earth receive her king.**

Assurance

Leader: He will provide those who grieve a crown of  
beauty instead of ashes, to those who mourn he will  
give the oil of gladness, and upon those who live in  
sorrow and despair he will pour out a spirit of praise.

**People: As the soil makes the sprout come up  
and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the  
Lord will shine forth upon us and bring to us  
and our world everlasting joy.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Joy

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord. Today we light  
the candle of joy. We celebrate the joy that we have  
in Jesus, our Savior; joy that we are redeemed and  
belong to the family of God.

**People: To him who is able to keep us from  
stumbling and to present us before his glorious  
presence without fault and with great joy, to  
the only God our Savior be glory, majesty,  
power and authority, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!  
Amen.** (Jude 24-25)

Song ~ CH 270 v 1, 2, 3 Joy to the World!

Message for Children

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

\*Song ~ CH 244 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 2:21-34

Message ~ A Longing and a Dream

Prayer

\*Song ~ CH 277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

We Depart to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song ~ CH 270 v 4 Joy to the World!

**RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – December 15, 2019**

**Nursery** is provided in the Educational Building for children up to age three.

**Attendants today:** Laurie Morley, Marilyn Hoolsema, Tori Tremblay, and Ethan Hoolsema

**Next week:** Jane Berkompas, Joanne Folkersma, Colee Cheney, and Meagan Postma

**Junior Worship** is provided in the Educational Building for 3, 4, and 5 year olds not yet in school. They will be dismissed before the morning sermon.

**Helpers today:** Joe Hadfield, Tate Besteman, and Bryce Mitchell

**Next week:** Laurie Morley, Tori Tremblay, and Leah Beelen

**Sunday School and Catechism** will **not** meet today due to the congregational meeting.

**Offerings today:**      **A.M. – General Fund**                      **P.M. – Christian School**

**Next week:**              **A.M. – General Fund**                      **P.M. – community concert**

**2019 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$3473.**

**December 8 Offering:**

**General Fund: \$3057.**

**THIS WEEK – December 15 – December 21**

**TODAY:**

- The annual Congregation Meeting will be held after the morning service.
- The **Candlelight Service** will be at 5:00 pm. Donations of cookies and goodies for after the service would be appreciated.

**MONDAY:**

- **“Sewing and More”** will meet at 10:00 am. Bring whatever projects you are working and enjoy the fellowship of other crafters.
- **Happy Birthday** to Rick Zuidema!
- **Youth Group** will meet at 7:00 pm.

**TUESDAY:**

- **Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy ~ Study group** will meet at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hope you can join us.

**THURSDAY:**

- **Council** will meet at 7:00 pm.

**FRIDAY:**

- Youth Group movie night at 5:00 pm.

## **FAMILY NEWS**

Our annual congregation meeting will be held today immediately after the morning service to elect elders, deacons, and adopt the budget for the upcoming year. Elder candidates are Jeff Case, Mike Hoolsema and Ray VanSloten. Deacon candidates are Glenn Cheney, Ben English, Ted Folkersma, Billy Mitchell, and Jerry VanSloten. Voting procedure will be to vote for one candidate with highest vote getter elected, second candidate will be drawn from remaining nominees. Please prayerfully consider your choice for these offices. Our outgoing elders are Bruce Berkompas and Ken English, deacons are Loren Hoolsema and Justin Hoolsema.

For the month of December there will be a box in the narthex for food donations to the New Hope Food Pantry. Please consider donating to this community need.

### **Advance notice:**

~ Rudyard Community Choir Concert will be held here on Sunday, December 22, at 7:00 pm. Come out and enjoy some beautiful music and refreshments after the program.

### **From the Christian School:**

~ The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 pm.

~ If you made a Read-A-Thon pledge, the students need to turn in the money when they return from Christmas Break.

### **Rudyard Home Activities this week:**

~ Monday – Jr-Sr High School Winter Christmas Concert at 7:00 pm

~ Tuesday – Rudyard Elementary Christmas Concert at 6:30 pm

~ Tuesday – Boys Basketball at 5:45 pm

~ Thursday – Elementary Boys Basketball at 5:00 pm

~ Friday – Girls Basketball at 5:45 pm

Please join our prayer team in the library every Sunday from 9:00 – 9:20 am as we pray for our church, our Council, and our church family.