

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son."
John3:16

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 249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Call to Worship ~ (based on Psalm 50:1-3, 6)

Leader: The mighty God summons the earth from the
rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

People: Our God comes and will not be silent.

God calls, and we respond to his love.

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness.

People: We tell out God's glories!

Leader: Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

**People: And our God will hear us, save us, and
stay with us forever.**

*Song of Praise ~ CH 92 O How I Love Jesus

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Moment for Missions ~ Liturgy for Commissioning

Song of Praise ~ CH 258 Go Tell It on the Mountain

God's Will for Our Lives

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be
loved, but also our reluctance to love.

**People: We confess our readiness to accept
your forgiving love, but also our refusal to
forgive.**

Leader: We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer
of redeeming love, but also our resistance to follow
you without question. In this Advent time, forgive
us our failure to respond as we should.

**People: Come to us anew, and by your grace,
help us to receive you**

Leader: with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as
Simeon; with faith and obedience, as Mary;

**People: with love, as you have loved us. Even
so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance ~ John 3:16-17

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his
one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall
not perish but have eternal life. For God did not
send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Love

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord. Today we light
the candle of love. We celebrate the love born in the
heart of God. He entered the world with arms and
legs, fingers and toes, so that we could know God.
He spoke with authority, healed the sick, and freely
offered his life for mine. He is the undeserved gift of
love to me, and to you.

**People: What marvelous love the Father has
extended to us! Just look at it—we're called
children of God! That's who we really are. This
is how God showed his love for us: God sent
his only Son into the world so we might live
through him. Thanks be to God for his
indescribable gift! (I John 3:1; 4:9)**

Song of Response ~ CH 256 Love Has Come!

Message for Children

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ Fullness of Grace (Getty/Townend)

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 2:36-38

Message ~ Anna's Prayer

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 281 What Child Is This?

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ CH 270 v1 Joy to the World!

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – December 22, 2019

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

Attendants today: Jane Berkompas, Joanne Folkersma, Colee Cheney, and Meagan Postma

Next week: Wanda Mitchell, Linda Hoolsema, Tate Besteman, and Carrie Hoolsema

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: Laurie Morley, Tori Tremblay, and Leah Beelen

Next week: Katie Rice, Andrew Borowski, and Meagan Postma

Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today.

Offerings today: A.M. – General Fund
P.M. –

Next week: A.M. – Building Fund, Missions, and Benevolence Fund
P.M. – General Fund

2019 Amount Budgeted Weekly for

General Fund: \$3473.

December 15 Offerings:

General Fund: \$3422.40; Christian School: \$407.

THIS WEEK – December 22 – December 29

TODAY:

- Join us at 7:00 pm for the Community Chorus Christmas Concert. There will be refreshments after the concert.

WEDNESDAY:

- **Merry Christmas!** The Christmas Day service will be held at 10:00 am. Offering will be for the Salvation Army.

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Phil Kostelyk and Charlotte Folkersma who were united in marriage yesterday.

Congratulations to David English on graduating Summa Cum Laude from Michigan Technological University on Saturday, December 14.

The election results of the congregation meeting last Sunday are Jeff Case and Ray VanSloten elected as elder and Glenn Cheney and Billy Mitchell elected as deacon. The budget was also passed.

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday, December 29, during the morning service.

From the Christian School:

~ Christmas Break has started. School resumes January 2.

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

~ The Board is seeking volunteers and/or nominees to serve on the School Board. If you are interested and willing to serve, please contact Katie Rice. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 19.