

“Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

December 29, 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 196 O Come, Let Us Adore Him

*Call to Worship ~ from Psalm 89:1-2

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your
faithfulness to all generations.

**People: I declare that your steadfast love is
established forever; your faithfulness is as firm
as the heavens. Praise the Lord!**

*Song of Praise ~ PH 304 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

God's Will for Our Lives

Call to Confession

Leader: When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, he
became like us in all things but sin. May we who have
been reborn in him be free from our sinful ways. Let
us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of love, all year long we pursue power and
money, yet you come in weakness. All season long we
seek material gifts, when you alone offer what is
lasting. Through the work of this Lord Jesus, who
comes among us full of grace and truth,

People: forgive us, heal us, correct us.

Leader: Open our lips, that we may sing your praise
with the angels. Renew our lives, that we may be a
witness to your transforming love.

People: Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance (based on Isaiah 52:9-10; Luke 2:14)

Leader: Burst into songs of joy together, for the
Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed
them, and all the ends of the earth will see the
salvation of our God. People of God, through the
coming of Jesus Christ, whose birth we just
celebrated, the Lord has comforted and redeemed us
too!

**People: In Christ we receive the salvation of our
God. Glory to God in the highest!**

Song of Response ~ CH 293 Praise the One

Message for Children

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 597 v 1, 2, 6 Take My Life

Scripture Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 1:25-31

Message ~ A Reason to Boast

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 591 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ CH 270 v 1, 4 Joy to the World

Order of Worship

5 PM Service

Prayer

*Call to Worship & God's Greeting

*Song of Praise ~ Blessed Be Your Name

Faithful Through the Ages ~ Past

Leader: In the Beginning, God created the heavens
and the earth. . . (Genesis 1:1)

**People: In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets at many times and in
various ways,** (Hebrews 1:1)

Leader: For everything that was written in
the past was written to teach us, so that through the
endurance taught in the Scriptures and the
encouragement they provide we might have hope.
(Romans 15:4)

Testimonies of God's Faithfulness in the Past

Song of Praise ~ CH 686 O God, Our Help

Faithful Through the Ages ~ Present

Leader: Godliness has value for all things, holding
promise for both the present life and the life to come
(I Tim 4:8)

**People: I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He
said to me, "You are my son; today I have
become your father. Ask me, and I will make
the nations your inheritance, the ends of the
earth your possession.** (Psalm 2:7-8)

Leader: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation. The stone the
builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our
eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us
rejoice today and be glad. (Psalm 118:21-24)

God's Faithfulness Today

Song of Praise ~ CH 688 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Faithful Through the Ages ~ Future

Leader: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday

and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

People: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:37-39)

Offering & Resolutions

Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Song ~ CH 139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – December 29, 2019

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

Attendants today: Wanda Mitchell, Linda Hoolsema, Tate Besteman, and Carrie Hoolsema

Next week: Donell Beelen, Krystal English, Tristin Smith, and Madisyn Besteman

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: Katie Rice, Andrew Borowski, and Meagan Postma

Next week: Wanda Mitchell, Eve Cheney, and Austin Hoolsema

Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today.

Offerings today: A.M. – Building Fund, Missions, and Benevolence Fund

P.M. – General Fund

Next week: A.M. – General Fund

P.M. – Christian School

2019 Amount Budgeted Weekly for

General Fund: \$3473.

December 22 Offering:

General Fund: \$4506.

December 25 Offering:

Salvation Army: \$2015.

THIS WEEK – December 29 – January 4

WEDNESDAY:

- **Happy New Year!**

FRIDAY:

- **Happy Birthday** to Marilyn Postma!

FAMILY NEWS

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the morning service.

Church decorations will be taken down this Saturday at 10 am or this week when you have time. Thanks for your help.

From the Christian School:

~ School resumes January 2 and there will be class on Friday, January 3.

~ 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.

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.