

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."  
Luke 2:10

December 6, 2020

## **Order of Worship**

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

### We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

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

\*Call to Worship (from Luke 1:68-79)

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel!

**People: For he has raised up salvation for us!**

Leader: Praise be to God, who has remembered all his promises.

**People: All of God's vows are "Yes!" in Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**People: Praise be to God, the bright and morning star, shining on us and guiding us toward peace.**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Songs of Praise ~ CH 277 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing  
CH 262 Away in a Manger

### Message for the Children

#### Lighting the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: Today we light the candle of joy, knowing that the coming of the gospel message through Jesus is the only way we can know true joy and happiness.

Reader 2: We read from Luke 2:8-12.

**People: This candle is lit as a symbol of the joy that the angels spoke of, the joy of knowing the Christ.**

### We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession (from Malachi 3:1-4)

Leader: O Lord God, who among us can endure the day of your coming? Who among us can stand when you blaze before us in all your terrible holiness? We confess, O Sovereign God, that we have sinned. We have not loved you above all, and thus we have found it the more difficult to love our neighbors, who bear your image. Purify us from all unrighteousness.

**People: Pour upon us your refiner's fire; wash us by your Holy Spirit. By your grace alone make us acceptable again in your sight, that we might stand with you in the blazing holiness of Jesus, our Lord, in whom we pray, Amen.**

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

Blessing (from Philippians 1:3-11)

Leader: May your love abound and increase day to day. May God himself, through Christ, make you blameless and pure until the day of Christ. May you be filled with the fruit of righteousness through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever, Amen.

### Congregational Prayer

#### God's Word for Us

Video ~ Mary Did You Know?

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 1:26-38

Message ~ Walking by Faith

Prayer

\*Song ~ CH 281 What Child Is This?

### We Depart to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing

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

**RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – December 6, 2020**

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

**Attendants today:** Emily Hoolsema, Wanda Mitchell, Paige Postma, and Kyle Postma

**Next week:** Jane Berkompas, Jodie Postma, Leah Beelen, and M.J. Beelen

**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:** Laura Schippers, Ethan Hoolsema, and Liam Hoolsema

**Next week:** Kathy Borowski, Emma Mitchell, and Raya Morley

**Sunday School and Catechism** will meet today at 10:45 am.

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

**Next week:** A.M. – General Fund

**2020 Amount Budgeted Weekly for**

**General Fund: \$3745.**

**November 29 Offerings:**

**Salvation Army: \$2235; General Fund: \$270; Missions: \$50.**

**THIS WEEK – December 6 – December 13**

**TUESDAY:**

- Revelation Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm. We will be spreading out for social distancing.
- **Happy Birthday** to Ken English!

**WEDNESDAY:**

- **GEMS** (Grades 1-8) will meet at the church from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- **CADETS** (Grades 1-8) will meet at the church from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

**THURSDAY:**

- **Happy Birthday** to Doug Schippers!

## **FAMILY NEWS**

There will be no regularly scheduled evening services November 29 through December 27th.

There will be a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 6 PM.

Congregational meeting will be December 20 after the morning service. An absentee ballot and materials will be posted online at <https://rudyardcrc.org/church-council> and available in the church narthex. In addition to voting for elders and deacons we will be voting on a proposal to hire an administrative assistant, and to approve the 2021 budget. Absentee ballots must be returned by 10:30AM on December 20 and be in a sealed envelope with the member's signature and address on the outside. A box for depositing ballots will be available in the narthex of the church or they can be handed to any member of council.

Nominees for Elder are: Kim Cheney, Mike Hoolsema, and Kevin Postma

Nominees for Deacon are: Ted Folkersma, Darrel Hoolsema, Doug Schippers, and Tim Hoolsema

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.