

"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."  
John3:16

December 13, 2020

## **Order of Worship**

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Song ~ CH 196 O Come, Let Us Adore Him

\*Call to Worship (from Isaiah 12:2-6)

Leader: God is our salvation! We trust in him and are not afraid.

**People: The Lord is our song and our strength. Him alone do we worship.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name!

**People: We sing to the Lord, for he has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**People: Let us shout aloud and sing for joy, for great is the Holy One who has come into our time and space!**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

\*Songs of Praise ~ CH 249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Message for the Children

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: Today we light the candle of love, knowing that Jesus is the ultimate expression of the love of God. We know what love is because Jesus shows it to us.

Reader 2: We read from 1 John 4:7-12.

**People: This candle is lit as a symbol of Christ's love that has come into the world.**

Song ~ CH 92 v 1, 2 O How I Love Jesus

### We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God of grace, we hear the Baptizer's cry, and we repent. Forgive us for words spoken that should have remained unspoken, and for words we kept to ourselves that could have brought cheer to someone's heart. Forgive us for doing deeds that harmed and for leaving undone deeds that could have helped someone.

**People: Forgive us through Jesus our Lord. By your Holy Spirit, produce in our lives fruit in keeping with repentance. Cultivate in the garden of our hearts a generous spirit, an honest life, and a deep desire to glorify you. Through the Christ, Amen.**

Song of Assurance ~ CH 256 Love Has Come!

Blessing (from Zephaniah 3:14-20)

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord take delight in you and quiet you with his love. May you rejoice in the Lord even as God rejoices over you, filling you now and always with his peace, Amen.

### Congregational Prayer

### God's Word for Us

\*Song ~ CH 266 That Beautiful Name

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 1:26-38

Message ~ The Incarnation of Jesus

Prayer

\*Song ~ CH 250 v 1, 2, 3 O Little Town of Bethlehem

We Depart to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Song ~ CH 250 v 4 O Little Town of Bethlehem

**RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – December 13, 2020**

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

**Attendants today:** Jane Berkompas, Jodie Postma, Leah Beelen, and M.J. Beelen

**Next week:** Kathy Borowski, Donell Beelen, Sara Beelen, and Bryce Mitchell

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

**Next week:** Stef Lubben, Lauren Borowski, and M.J. Beelen

**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.**

**December 6 Offerings:**

**General Fund: \$3923; Missions: \$125; Benevolence Fund: \$701.94.**

**THIS WEEK – December 13 – December 20**

**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.
- **Happy Birthday** to Rick Zuidema!

**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