

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them."
Luke 1:68

December 27, 2020

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Song ~ CH 105 We Will Glorify

*Call to Worship ~ from Psalm 95:1,2; Exodus 15:2

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

**People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has
become my salvation.

**People: He is my God, and I will praise him, my
father's God, and I will exalt him.**

*Song of Praise ~ CH 277 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Psalm of Praise ~ from Isaiah 25

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your
name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful
things, things planned long ago. You have been a
refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their
distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the
heat. The LORD Almighty will prepare a feast for all
peoples . . . he will swallow up death forever. The

Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely
this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This
is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad
in his salvation."

Song ~ Cornerstone

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession

Leader: When Jesus was born, he became like us in all
things but sin. As we have been reborn in him, we are
freed from our sinful ways and confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of love, in our pursuit of power and money,
we forget that you come in weakness. In seeking
material possessions, we neglect to place you first when
you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of
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 hearts and lives, that we may
witness to your transforming love.

People: Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Leader: Break forth together into singing, for the Lord has
comforted his people, he has redeemed them. The
Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the
nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the
salvation of our God. People of God, through the

coming of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate, 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 ~ His Mercy is More

Congregational Prayer

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 1:67-79

Message ~ Song of Zachariah

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 258 v 1, 2 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Song ~ CH 258 v 3 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

**RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN –**

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

Attendants today: Natalie Hoolsema, Hannah Beelen, Meagan Postma, and Jenelle Hoolsema

Next week: Marilyn Hoolsema, Laura Schippers, Ethan Hoolsema, and Liam 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: Donell Beelen, Eve Cheney, and Kyle Postma

Next week: Wanda Mitchell, Andrew Borowski, and Jenelle Hoolsema

Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today.

Offerings today: A.M. – General Fund

Next week: A.M. – General Fund

2020 Amount Budgeted Weekly for

General Fund: \$3745.

December 20 Offering:

General Fund: \$1590.

THIS WEEK – December 27, 2020 – January 3, 2021

FRIDAY:

- **Happy New Year!**

FAMILY NEWS

The election results of the congregation meeting last Sunday are Kevin Postma and Mike Hoolsema elected as elders and Doug Schippers and Tim Hoolsema elected as deacons. The budget was also passed.

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.