

“Be strong and take heart, all you who **hope** in the LORD.”
Psalm 31:24

November 28, 2021

Order of Worship

Morning Service

1st Sunday of Advent - Hope

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

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

*Call to Worship ~ based on Philippians 4:4-5

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: I will say it again: Rejoice!

Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

People: The Lord is near.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming. Let us worship God!

*Song of Advent ~ CH 245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Baptism of Abigail English

Song ~ CH 548 As the Deer

Advent Reading ~ Time to Go Home

Leader: Luke 21:25-36

Reader One: We have endured these past few years and know that there is more to face before us. We don't know if we have the strength to withstand what might be around the next corner. And we wonder who will stand with us, who will have our back, who will occupy our corner.

Reader Two: Who is with us? That is what we begin to wonder these days. Who will light our way and chart our

course? Who is on our side, who will welcome us home again?

Reader One: Home. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a branch that will be raised. Jesus spoke of a Son of Man that will descend. Both point to a hope. A hope that calls us home. Our true home, where we're welcomed and loved and included. Where there is justice and equality and peace. It's time, this Advent season, time to go home.

Reader Two: We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our strong hope that there is a way to go home. To the home in Christ, and it starts with us, and it starts here, and it starts now. It's time to go home.

Light the first candle on the Advent wreath

Song ~ CH 244 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Our Confession

Leader: Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find good news of the child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming, bring us home.

People: O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

Our Assurance

Leader: Jeremiah 33:14-16

People: Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness, our

hope. In Christ, we are made right with God. Thanks be to God!

Video Song of Response ~ Living Hope (Phil Wickham)

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 250 v1, 3, 4 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading ~ Isaiah 40:1-2

Message ~ Our Comforter Comes

Prayer

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ In Christ Alone

Order of Worship

5 PM Service

Call to Worship & Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise ~ CH 640 Sweet Hour of Prayer

*Profession of Faith ~ Apostle's Creed

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Video ~ Life Changing Prayer – Jim Cymbala

*Benediction

*Parting Song ~

CH 793 v1, 3, 4, 5 For the Beauty of the Earth

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – November 28, 2021

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

Attendants today: Donell Beelen, Natalie Hoolsema, Andrew Borowski, and Colleen Rice

Next week: Dana Rogers, Marilyn Hoolsema, Meagan Postma, and MJ 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: Dana Rogers, Lauren Borowski, and Lila Tuzinowski

Next week: Wanda Mitchell, Eve Cheney, and Colleen Rice

Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today.

Offerings today: **A.M. – General Fund** **P.M. – Salvation Army**

Next week: **A.M. – General Fund** **P.M. - HEART**

2021 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$3638.

November 21 Offerings:

General Fund: \$2529.30; Benevolence Fund: \$382.34; Missions: \$34.71; Crisis Pregnancy Center: \$562.

THIS WEEK – November 28 – December 4

TODAY:

- The **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** will meet at the church at 6:30 pm.
- **Happy Birthday** to Woody Bandstra!

MONDAY:

- Women's Bible Study will meet at 10:00 in the fellowship room. Lesson 6 “They don’t always listen”

TUESDAY:

- The Genesis Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY:

- **Women’s Prayer Group** will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.
- **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.

SATURDAY:

- **Happy Birthday** to Jan Essenburg!

FAMILY NEWS

It is time to update our church directory. There are printouts on the tables in the narthex. Please take a minute to review the information we have for you and make any changes needed. Thank you.

Advance notice:

- ~ Christmas Carol Sing at the Bible Church will be December 5 at 7 pm. Let Pastor John know if you have a special number to share.
- ~ Community Choir Concert will be December 12 at 7 pm in our church. Please bring a snack/dessert to share after the concert.
- ~ Christmas Candlelight Service will be December 19 at 5 pm.
- ~ There will be no Christmas Day service. We will be celebrating it the following day on December 26.

From the Christian School:

The Christian School program will be on Friday, December 10, at 5:30 pm with a Chili/soup supper immediately following. Cost for the supper is by donation. Come to hear some great Christmas music and enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship.

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.