

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord.”
Luke 2:11

December 26, 2021

Order of Worship Christmas Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Reading of the Christmas Story ~ Luke 2:1-20

*Song ~ CH 277 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*Call to Worship ~

Leader: Let us go in heart and mind, to see what has come
to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

People: Let us go to find the Savior!

Leader: Let us go with the wise men:

People: Let us go find God's promise, born for us!

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

**People: Let us go find our King, born in a lowly
manger.**

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of
the nations. Come, let us worship; come let us adore
him:

People: Christ the Lord!

*Song of Advent ~ CH 249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Message for the Children

Song of Advent ~ CH 278 Angels We Have Heard on High

Advent Reading ~ Welcome Home

Leader: Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader One: This day is a day to remember. A time when
home broke in on us. A day when we were not forgotten
or alone or abandoned. This day is the time when here
and there became one, when past and future combined in
a breathless present. This is a day when we are home, in
ourselves, in this family, in the God who loved us enough
to walk beside us.

Reader Two: We gather today to proclaim the light. We
shrug off despair and embrace hope. We set aside conflict
and choose peace. We push away despair by claiming joy.
We overcome hate by rising into love. Because this day
we know, even in the shadows of our doubts, we know
that we are loved. That's what it means to be home.

Reader One: We light these candles, hoping to become
the light, hoping to radiate light by how we live. We light
these candles to create a space called home in this place,
in our place, in inner places. We light these candles to
declare that unto us a Savior is born, who is Christ the
Lord. Welcomed by angels singing and shepherds
kneeling. Welcomed home in hearts by those like us who
have worshiped for thousands of years. Welcomed home
again today in our hearts, right here, right now, in us.

Reader Two: It's time to be home.

Special Music ~ Away in a Manger

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer Of Confession ~

Leader: O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation
was born, the object of your loving care. In the fulness
of time you spoke, and Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of
your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we
stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.

**People: Forgive us, your people, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love. Help our unbelief.**

Leader: This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas
happen for us again.

**People: We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Our Assurance ~ from Luke 2:10-11, John 1:12

Leader: I bring you good news of great joy that will be for
all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has
been born for you; he is Christ the Lord.

**People: To all who receive him, to those who
believe in his name, he gives the right to become
his children. Thanks be to God.**

Video Song of Response ~ King of Kings (Hillsong)

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ In Christ Alone

Scripture Reading ~ Hebrews 10:5-10

Message ~ Mission of the Manger

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 270 v 1-3 Joy to the World!

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

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

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – December 26, 2021

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

Attendants today: Cynthia English, Allison Cheney, Emma Mitchell, and Liam Hoolsema

Next week: Amber Tuzinowski, Emily Hoolsema, Lauren Borowski, and Raya Morley

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: Colee Cheney, Meagan Postma, and Bryce Mitchell

Next week: Natalie Hoolsema, Ethan Hoolsema, and MJ Beelen

Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today.

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

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

2021 Amount Budgeted Weekly for

General Fund: \$3638.

Dec 19 Offerings:

General Fund: \$3491.81

THIS WEEK – December 26 – January 2

SATURDAY:

- **Happy New Year!**

FAMILY NEWS

Advance notice:

~ The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 2, after the morning service. The meeting is held to approve a new budget for the church and to elect Elders and Deacons. The nominations for Elder are: Al VanSloten, Bob Miller, and Bruce Berkompas. The nominees for Deacon are: Carl Jensen, Darrel Hoolsema, and Jerry VanSloten. Ballots, Budget and Agenda are available at the back of the church for the January 2nd meeting.

From the Christian School:

~ The Rudyard Christian School will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 8, from 8:00 – 10:30 am. Cost is by donation. Come and eat pancakes and sausage and enjoy some great fellowship! We will also have preorders available for your Valentine flower-grams so start thinking of how many you want for your sweetie.

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.