

“ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,
the Beginning and the End.”
Revelation 22:13

January 2, 2022

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song ~ CH 11 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Call to Worship ~ A New Day ~ from Jeremiah 3:22-25

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will be glad and rejoice in it.

Leader: This is the year that the Lord has begun.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not
consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new
every morning.

People: Great is your faithfulness.

Leader: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,
to those who seek him.

People: Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

*Song of Praise ~ CH 139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Litany ~ A New Name and A New Song

Reader: Isaiah 62:1-4, 11-12; I Peter 2:9-10

Leader: Through the work of Jesus Christ, we belong
to him.

**People: Through Jesus' work on the cross, God gave
us a new name.**

Leader: Let us discover anew and accept with new
assurance that we are who God says we are—holy and
redeemed people who belong to him.

**People: Thank you, our Father, for changing our
name.**

Leader: We shall no longer be called Wounded, Outcast,
Lonely, or Afraid.

**People: Our new name shall be The Holy People, the
Redeemed of the Lord, Sought After.**

Leader: People of God, let us take up our new name with
new confidence to live this year as the people of God we
are called to be, so that we may indeed be "Sought
After." May others seek God's face because of us in this
coming year.

**People: We sing to the Lord a new song, for he has
done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy
arm have worked salvation for us.** (from Psalm 98:1)

Reader: Ephesians 5:18-20

Video Song of Praise ~ Who You Say I Am

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession ~

Leader: Holy God, Author of life and Source of all hope,

**People: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier: hear our
prayer.**

Leader: As we begin a new year in the shelter of God's
love, let us be truthful about our lives, about our living,
and about our limits. We know that the blank slate of a
new year seems so promising – We haven't done
anything too awful, not yet.

**People: And we know that the blank slate of a new
year is also an illusion; time continues, and our
lives flow from one day to the next, from one year
to the next.**

Leader: In this time, we know we are sometimes
remarkable and generous, bearing light to the shadows,
and we know we are sometimes full of despair and
selfishness, hoarding light and goodness for ourselves.
**People: We invite you on our journeys, O God. We
seek your presence with us in the darkness and the
light; in our remarkable moments and our awful
ones. We seek your presence, and bask in your
love, through Christ. Amen.**

Our Assurance ~

Leader: God has called us to live a new way, to persevere
in faith. Hear these words from Hebrews 10:19-25

Song of Response ~ CH 8 v1, 4 Come, Thou Almighty King

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 712 v1, 2 Be Still, My Soul

Scripture Reading ~ Esther 8

Message ~ Walls Came a Tumbling Down

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 353 Victory in Jesus

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

Leader: God says: "Behold, I am making everything new!"
In this new year, let us move forward with the confidence
our new name gives, with a new song in our hearts and
on our lips, with the new way before us, and with our
eyes fixed on the horizon when Christ will return and
make a new heaven and a new earth. Here this promise
of Christ: "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of
the age."

*Closing Song ~ CH 270 v1 Joy to the World!

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5 PM Service

Gathering in the Presence of God

Prayer

*Song of Worship ~ CH 196 O Come, Let Us Adore Him

*Call to Worship ~

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Celebrate the new life that has been born among us.

People: Thanks be to God, we are born anew in Jesus Christ, the hope of all the world.

Leader: We come to God, to praise him for his faithfulness throughout our days and to pray for guidance in the coming year.

People: We come to God, our Creator, Redeemer, who formed us and molds us, who healed us and makes us whole. We place ourselves before God, whose care we know and whose help we seek.

*God's Greeting

*Song ~ CH 21 v1, 2, 5 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Renewal

Leader: Eternal God, who can make all things new, we humbly bring before you the record of our lives in the year now ending.

People: Where life has been good to us, we give you thanks and praise. Where we have been good to others, may our reward be your smiling face. Where we have fallen short of your good pleasure, forgive us and free us from our sinful past.

(Remembering and confessing in silence)

Leader: Holy God, cleanse us by your mercy, guide us by your truth, fill us with your love, and lead us forward in hope, through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Song ~ CH 343 Amazing Grace

Scripture Reading ~ John 14:12-14

Prayers reflecting on our lives in the past year and praying for each other

—an outstanding blessing

—a significant sorrow

—hopes for the coming year

Hearing God's Word for Us

Scripture Reading ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-14; Ephesians 5:15-17

Meditation ~ What Time Is It?

Video Song & Offering ~ King of Kings (Hillsong)

Prayers of the People

Prayers for Our Neighbors Near and Far

(Name persons, places, and situations in our neighborhood and around the world where the hope of Christ is needed; concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Departing to Serve the Lord

*Parting Blessing

Leader: In this new year, the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: May Almighty God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—bless, preserve, and keep us this night and for evermore.

People: Amen

*Parting Song ~ Doxology

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – January 2, 2022

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

Attendants today: Amber Tuzinowski, Emily Hoolsema, Lauren Borowski, and Raya Morley

Next week: Wanda Mitchell, Jane Berkompas, Colee Cheney, and Ashlyn 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: Natalie Hoolsema, Ethan Hoolsema, and MJ Beelen

Next week: Marilyn Hoolsema, Emma Mitchell, and Raya Morley

Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today.

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

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

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

Offerings:

General Fund: \$

THIS WEEK – January 2 - 9

TODAY:

- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held this morning after the service.
- The **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** will meet at the church at 6:30 pm.

MONDAY:

- Women's Bible Study will meet at 10:00 in the fellowship room.

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.

THURSDAY:

- **Happy Birthday** to Carl Jensen!

SATURDAY:

- The Ruyard Christian School will be hosting a pancake breakfast 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.
- Anyone willing to help take down the Christmas decorations should meet at the church at 10 am.

FAMILY NEWS

Jean Talsma wishes to thank the congregation for the cards, food, and prayers. She is very thankful for her church family.

Monica is preparing the end of year statements. If there are any errors on your statement or if you would like to start receiving a year end statement, please contact a deacon.

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.