

"As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more."
Psalm 71:14

Order of Worship

Morning Service

November 27, 2022 1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song ~ CH 245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Call to Worship ~ (based on Psalm 130:5-7)

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O people, put your hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption.

People: There is no darkness with you, O Lord. Our hope is in you.

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*Song of Praise ~ CH 244 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Profession of Faith ~ Katrina Folkersma

Song ~ CH 548 As the Deer

Advent Reading ~ The Angel's Message of Hope

Song ~ O Come All You Unfaithful (L. Clow & B. Kauflin)

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Hope

Leader: Today we light the first Advent candle, the candle of hope. We look forward to the coming of Jesus, who is our hope now and forever.

People: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope. (I Pe 1:3)

Leader: In this hope we look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth on Christmas, and we look forward to Jesus' coming again.

Prayer ~ Dear God, as we light this candle, we pray that you will shine the light of your hope into our hearts and into our world. Amen.

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession ~ from Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

People: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, You are always with us; yet we confess that we do not always prepare for your Advent. We forget to hope in miracles; we ignore the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season and of our lives.

People: Forgive us, God. Grant us a simple wonder in your coming, patient faith and courage in your Word, that we may journey to Bethlehem and find hope in the Christ child born for us.

Leader: Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen

Assurance of Pardon ~ from Psalm 130, Hebrews 10

Leader: If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

Leader: Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

People: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Song of Response ~ King of Kings (Hillsong)

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 526 v 1, 3 The Solid Rock

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 1:5-25

Message ~ Gabriel's Message of Hope

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 250 v 1, 3, 4 O Little Town of Bethlehem

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ CH 270 v1, 2 Joy to the World!

Order of Worship

5 PM Service

Call to Worship & Greeting

*Song of Praise ~ CH 414 O Word of God Incarnate

Profession of Faith & Songs of Praise ~

Offering

Teaching: Scripture

*Benediction & Parting Song ~ Ancient Words

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – November 27, 2022

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

Attendants today: Donell Beelen, Colee Cheney, Austin Hoolsema, and Becky Borowski

Next week: Natalie Hoolsema, Dana Rogers, Jenelle Hoolsema, 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: Marilyn Hoolsema, Bryce Mitchell, and Colt Lubben

Next week: Laura Schippers, Liam Hoolsema, and Quinn Rogers

Sunday School and Catechism will not meet today.

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

Next week: A.M. – General Fund
P.M. – Christian School

2022 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$3690.

November 20 Offerings:

General Fund: \$4106.74; Christian School: \$200; Missions: \$315.

THIS WEEK – November 27 – December 3

MONDAY:

- The Hiawathaland Community Chorus will be meeting for practice at 6:30 pm.
- Happy Birthday to Woody Bandstra!

TUESDAY:

- **Bible Study** will meet at 6:30 pm. We will be studying "Acts, Seeing the Spirit at Work" by John Stott.

WEDNESDAY:

- **Women's Prayer Group** will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.
- **Women's Bible Study** will meet at 11:00 in the fellowship room to study Lessons 6 & 7 in our study book (pgs 35-38)

FAMILY NEWS

Thank you to all who donated shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Upper Peninsula shipped a total of 8703 boxes with our area providing 952 of those.

Advance News:

~ The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on December 18 where election of Elders and Deacons will take place. The yearly budget will be presented for approval.

Christian School:

~ Take some of the stress out of that holiday baking! The Christian School has a variety of frozen cookie dough for sale. There is an order form on the buffet in the narthex.