

"God so loved the world
that He gave His one and only Son."
John 3:16

Order of Worship

Morning Service

December 4, 2022 2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song ~ CH 92 O How I Love Jesus

*Call to Worship ~ (based on Psalm 50:1-3, 6)

Leader: The mighty God summons the earth from the
rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

**People: Our God comes and will not be silent.
God calls, and we respond to his love.**

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness.

People: We tell of God's glories!

Leader: Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

**People: And our God will hear us, save us, and
stay with us forever.**

*Song of Praise ~CH 259 Angels from the Realms of Glory

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Advent Reading ~ The Angel's Message of Love

Solo ~ Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Love

Leader: Today we light the candle of love. In 1 John 4
we read, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for
love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been
born of God and knows God.

**People: Whoever does not love does not know
God, because God is love."**

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

Prayer ~ Dear God, we love you because we know that
you loved us first. As we light this candle, help us to
love each other and tell others about the love of Jesus.
Amen.

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession ~ from Psalm 5:7,8; 6:4

Leader: But I, by your great love, can come into your
house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy
temple. Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness. . .
Turn Lord and deliver me, save me because of your
unfailing love.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be
loved, but also our reluctance to love.

**People: We confess our readiness to accept your
forgiving love, but also our refusal to forgive.**

Leader: We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of
redeeming love, but also our resistance to follow you
without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our
failure to respond as we should.

**People: Come to us anew, and by your grace, help
us to receive you**

Leader: with joy, with gratitude, with faith and
obedience,

**People: with love, as you have loved us. Even so,
come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance ~ John 3:16-17

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one
and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his

Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save
the world through him.

Song of Response ~ CH 262 Away in a Manger

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 281 What Child Is This?

Scripture Reading ~ Luke 1:26-38

Message ~ What Child Is This?

Prayer

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ CH 249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – December 4, 2022

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

Attendants today: Natalie Hoolsema, Dana Rogers, Jenelle Hoolsema, and Raya Morley

Next week: Marilyn Hoolsema, Laura Schippers, Meagan Postma, 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: Laura Schippers, Liam Hoolsema, and Quinn Rogers

Next week: Kathy Borowski, MJ Beelen, and Elsie Mitchell

Sunday School and Catechism will meet today at 10:45 am.

Offerings today: **A.M. – General Fund** **P.M. – Bible Church Christmas Sing-a-long**

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

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

November 27 Offerings:

General Fund: \$2830.54; Building Fund: \$500; World Renew: \$244;

Thanksgiving collection for World Renew: \$700.

THIS WEEK – December 4 – December 11

TODAY:

- All are invited to join the Bible Church for their annual Christmas Sing-a-long at 6 pm.
- **Happy Birthday** to Jan Essenburg!

MONDAY:

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

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. It is not too late to join us.....see Sue for a book. We will begin our study this time with Lesson 7, page 37.

THURSDAY:

- **Happy Birthday** to Ken English!

FAMILY NEWS

Christian School:

~The Christian School is having their annual children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 11 @ 4pm. Come for the program and stay afterwards for some fellowship and Chili/Soup supper immediately following the program. Dessert donations for the supper are greatly appreciated. See any board member for questions.

~The Christian School is going to be having their "Parent's Night Out" events at the RAS gym on Saturday, January 7 and 21 from 4-8pm. We are looking for volunteers to help supervise and play with the children or donate snacks. Look for the sign-up sheet. See any board member for questions.

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.

~ The Hiawathaland Community Chorus Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 17, at 7:00 pm.

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.