

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."  
Luke 2:11

December 25, 2022  
Christmas

## **Order of Worship**

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

### We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Song ~ CH 284 The Birthday of a King

\*Call to Worship ~ based on Isaiah 9:2

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a  
great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of  
death a light has dawned.

**People: Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his  
name, we come to worship God!**

\*Song of Praise ~ CH 273 Good Christian Men Rejoice

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

Special Music ~ Away in a Manger ~ Becky Borowski

Advent Reading ~ Isaiah 9:3, 6-7

Leader: You have enlarged the nation and increased  
their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at  
the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the  
plunder.

**People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is  
given, and the government will be on his  
shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful  
Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end. He will reign on David's  
throne and over his kingdom, establishing and  
upholding it with justice and righteousness from that  
time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.

**People: The candle lit today represents Christ,  
the light of the world, God with us.**

Leader: (Prayer) ~ King of kings and Lord of lords, we  
rejoice and are glad on this bright Christmas morning,  
for truly you have come, full of grace and truth. Even  
now, come into our hearts again. Show us the path of  
truth. Comfort us in our mourning. Save us from our  
sin. Open wide our way to heaven. Turn our darkness  
into light. End our sad divisions and be our King of  
peace, so that every creature in heaven and on earth  
will join in a chorus of praise, and shout with joy to  
you, our Lord. Amen.

Special Music ~ Gail Berkompas

Message for the Children

### We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession

Leader: When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, he  
became like us in all things but sin. May we who have  
been reborn in him become free from our sinful ways  
and so confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation  
was born, the object of your loving care. In the  
fullness of time you spoke, and the 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. Forgive us when our faith  
is weak and our love is lacking.

**People: Let us see anew the miracle and mystery  
of Christmas, God Incarnate. We wait upon you  
with ready hearts, Lord Jesus, God with us.  
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon ~ based on Isaiah 52:9-10, Luke 2:14

Leader: Break forth together into singing, you ruins of  
Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he  
has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy  
arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends  
of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. People  
of God, through the coming of Jesus Christ, whose  
birth we celebrate, the Lord has comforted and  
redeemed us! In Christ we receive the salvation of our  
God.

**People: Glory to God in the highest!**

Song ~ CH 258 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

\*Song ~ Joy Has Dawned (Getty & Townend)

Scripture Reading ~ Zephaniah 3:14-20

Message ~ Sing O People of God!

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 25, 2022**

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

**Attendants today:** Cherie Rice, Katie Rice, Ethan Hoolsema, and Quinn Rogers

**Next week:** Alison Cheney, Amber Tuzinowski, Emma Mitchell, and Lila Tuzinowski

**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:** Stef Lubben, Lila Tuzinowski, and Becky Borowski

**Next week:** Leah Beelen, Ashlyn Mitchell, and Colleen Rice

**Sunday School and Catechism** will not meet today.

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

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

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

**December 18 Offerings:**

**General Fund: \$3633; Benevolence Fund: \$200.**

**THIS WEEK – December 25 - 31**

**TODAY:**

- **Merry Christmas!**

**FRIDAY:**

- Youth Group will have a movie night from 4-11 pm at the church. Pizza and lemonade will be provided.

**FAMILY NEWS**

Congratulations to Jason and Lyndee Zeigler on the birth of their daughter, Jovial Mercy, on December 20!

**Christian School:**

~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.

~The Christian School is having a school society mid-year meeting immediately following the service on January 1, 2023. Please stay to attend.

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.