

And he who was seated on the throne said,
"Behold, I am making all things new."
Revelation 21:5a

January 1, 2023

Order of Worship

Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements

We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song ~ CH 811 Another Year Is Dawning

*Call to Worship ~ based on Isaiah 9:2, Psalm 103:1

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!

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

*Song of Praise ~ Joy Has Dawned (Getty & Townend)

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Psalm of Praise ~ from Isaiah 9 and Psalm 103

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

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: King of kings and Lord of lords, we rejoice and are glad, for truly you have come, full of grace and truth. Even now, come into our hearts again.

Leader: Show us the path of truth and turn our darkness into light. End our 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.

Special Music ~ Away in a Manger ~ Becky Borowski

Message for the Children

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession ~ Psalm 32:5

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon ~ from Psalm 103

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

People: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

People: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Song ~ CH 686 v 1, 2, 3, 6 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

God's Word for Us

*Song ~ CH 270 Joy to the World!

Scripture Reading ~ Zephaniah 3:14-20

Message ~ Sing O People of God!

Prayer

*Song ~ CH 438 Jesus Saves!

We Depart to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Closing Song ~ CH 815 Doxology

RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – January 1, 2023

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. – to be determined**

2023 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$3878.

December 18 Offerings:

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

THIS WEEK – January 1 - 8

MONDAY:

- Youth Group will meet at 7:00 pm.

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 Hebrews Part III: The Power of His Grace, pg 43-46. It is not too late to join us.
- **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:

- **Building Committee** will meet at 6:30 pm. New members welcome.

FRIDAY:

- **Happy Birthday** to Carl Jensen!

SATURDAY:

- Anyone willing to help take down Christmas decorations should meet at the church at 10:00 am.

FAMILY NEWS

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

Do you have skills or talents you want to share or an interest to learn more? We are looking for volunteers to join the church tech team. The tech team is responsible for the design and maintenance of the church audio and visual system, setting up the slides used during the service, running the sound and video system during services, setting up the live stream, maintaining the church network, maintaining and updating the church website and social media account, and keeping other church software and technology tools and licenses up to date. Contact Nate for more information or to volunteer. Training will be provided for new volunteers based on interest.

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

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.

Advance News:

Sanctity of Human Life Prayer Service:

The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday multi denominational service will be held on Sunday, January 15th, at 2 pm. This year's service is being hosted by the First Church of Christ located at 300 Spruce St. Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a day for all Americans to focus on the value of each and every human life. The service will include prayer, scripture, gospel message, and worship. Snacks and fellowship will follow. Chippewa County Right to Life and Care Net Pregnancy Center will be co sponsoring this event. There will be a free will offering for Care Net Pregnancy Center as well.

LSSU Pro-Life Student Group to host March for Life:

Students from the LSSU chapter of "Protect Life Michigan" will host a March for Life on Saturday, January 21st. The march will commemorate the 50th anniversary of Roe vs Wade. The march will start at noon at the corner of Ashmun and Portage and proceed down the sidewalk on Ashmun to Easterday and back. Everyone is invited to participate even if you can only walk a short distance, or ride in a car if you are not able to walk. The march will demonstrate that regardless of proposal 3 we will continue to fight for the right to life of unborn babies and be a voice for the voiceless. Pro-life signs will be available to carry. Participants are encouraged to consider making their own personal signs as well. Please join us.

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.