

"A people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Isaiah 9:2

# CHRISTMAS

9:30am Service December 24, 2023



# **HOSPITALITY NOTES**

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides. To participate in this service online, join us at wrclive.org or on Facebook Live.

If you need to use a restroom, they are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary.

A quiet room is available through the left-hand door as well.

Childcare and Sunday School will not be offered this morning. See an Usher if you'd like a Busy Bag for your little one.

Bold sections will be read aloud together.

\* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit.

Want to get connected, learn more, or grow in your faith? Fill out the connection card at <a href="https://www.wyckoffreformed.org/connect">www.wyckoffreformed.org/connect</a>.

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# GATHERED BY GOD

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

"OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN" #78

#### WELCOME

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, Amen.

#### **ADVENT CANDLE**

ISAIAH 9:6-7 Chris and Janice Reynen

\*SONG OF PRAISE

"O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL" #76

#### PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

JOHN 3:19

"And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil."

Lord, remember us.

Have regard for your covenant.

We need your redemption.

Where hands have

brought about destruction, desolation, and desecration,

where words have

condemned, betrayed, and deceived,

where silence has

concealed, isolated, and ignored-

Come, long expected Jesus.

Shine light in the dark places;

speak peace; show mercy.

As we remember

your steadfast love and faithfulness, we wait expectantly;

we rejoice in your coming.

Amen.

#### PROMISE OF GRACE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'"

"COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS" #56 (TUNE #351)

#### \*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! And also with you.

#### **FAMILY MOMENT**

Sara Christie

JOHN 3:16-17

#### **OFFERING**

Giving our offerings is an important action that symbolizes the gift of our whole lives to Christ in gratitude for all He has given us. We give cheerfully and joyously, not out of guilt or shame. You may give your offering by placing it in the plate as you receive it from your neighbor and pass it down your row. You may also give online at www.wyckoffreformed.org/give, or text an amount to 201-849-1436. If you give electronically, consider placing an electronic giving card in the plate as a symbol of your gift!

#### **OFFERTORY**

"THERE IS NO ROOM" By J. Peterson

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him, above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# LISTENING TO GOD

JOHN 1:1-14 Jenny DeRosa

\*CAROL "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING" #80

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20 Elizabeth and Maddie Marino

\*CAROL "WHAT CHILD IS THIS" #95

HEBREWS 2:5-18 Carol Mutch

\*CAROL "GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE" #98

LUKE 2:1-20 Tim Watson

**CAROL** "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" #82

# RESPONDING TO GOD

# \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\*SONG OF SENDING

"JOY TO THE WORLD" #92

\*SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30am for worship! There is childcare and Sunday school available for children every week. We also have plenty of opportunities to grow in your faith and serve others. There is room for you here!

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## **CONGREGATIONAL NOTICE**

On January 7, we will be ordaining and installing the following Elders and Deacons, who were elected by the congregation on December 17:

Patty Baker – Elder '26 (2<sup>nd</sup> term) Sonja DelBuono – Elder '26 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Rob Karklin – Deacon '26 (2<sup>nd</sup> term) Susan Litt – Deacon '26

# **CALENDAR**

**Christmas Eve** 

9:30AM Sunday Worship 5:00 PM Family Service 9:00 PM Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25-Tuesday, December 26
Office Closed

Friday, December 29

Office Closed

New Year's Eve

9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30AM Fellowship Hour

# **CONTACT US**

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