



# WYCKOFF

## REFORMED CHURCH

HOME WORSHIP

January 3, 2021

Thanks for joining us for this week's Home Worship! As you gather, we invite you to take a moment to set up your space differently. Sit at your dining room table or arrange chairs in your living room. Set out a candle, a bowl, and a small pitcher of water before you. If you've gathered with a group, you can take turns reading and praying so that everyone has a chance to help lead us in worship. The sections in bold can be read aloud together. These resources are also available at [www.wyckoffreformed.org/home-worship](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/home-worship)

*Begin to prepare your heart for worship by meditating on these words:*

*"For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."  
-Deuteronomy 30.9b-14*

## GATHERED BY GOD

### WELCOME

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

### LIGHTING THE CANDLE

Action: Light a candle

One: Jesus Christ

**All: is the Light of the World.**

One: The Light shines in the darkness,

**All: and the darkness did not overcome it.**

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

BASED ON ISAIAH 9:2

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.**

Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

## SONG OF PRAISE

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

He breaks the power of canceled sin  
He sets the prisoner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

Refrain:

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
O for a thousand years to praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace  
My great Redeemer's name

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb  
Your loosened tongues employ  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come  
And leap, ye lame, for joy  
*Refrain*

Glory to God, and praise and love  
Be ever, ever given  
By saints below and saints above  
The church in earth and heaven  
*Refrain*

## PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Lord, our hands are not clean. Our hearts are not pure. Our souls are not true. Our word is not kept. We are unworthy to stand in your holy place. Yet here we are, gathered by your Holy Spirit into your presence, washed in the blood of Jesus, and called to serve you. We are sorry for our sin and ever grateful for your grace! Continue to renew us in Jesus, so that we can live lives worthy of Him. Amen

## "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES"

To join in singing, click this link: <https://youtu.be/-tJID4Gbrlw>

## PROMISE OF GRACE

BASED ON ROMANS 8:15-17

Action: Pour water into the bowl and remember your baptism

In his letter to the Romans, Paul notes this: "You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.

## OFFERING

*We respond to the love and grace of Jesus by giving back our whole lives to God in worship. In this offering, we give our financial gifts as a symbol that all we have comes from God and is to be used for God's glory. Even though we aren't worshipping together, our ministry still continues! Please continue to support us! To give your gift online visit [www.wyckoffreformed.org/give](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/give) or feel free to mail your offering.*

## DOXOLOGY

May be said or sung together

**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

### SCRIPTURE

COLOSSIANS 1:9-23

### SERMON

"THE GIFT OF REAL HOPE"  
Keith Moody

Click here to watch this week's sermon: <https://youtu.be/vAL3JUOn9yE>

### DISCUSSION

*What did you hear? What are you going to do about it?*

# RESPONDING TO GOD

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

We join our voices together with Christians throughout the ages and across the world to proclaim these words:

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

*Spend time praying for*

*Yourself*

*Those you know and love*

*Your church*

*Your community*

*The world*

"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.

And 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"

To join in singing, click this link: <https://youtu.be/jO-DVGrS4EA>

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:

let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:  
let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

### **SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

NUMBERS 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his presence to you and give you his peace,

Now and always, Amen.

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