



WYCKOFF

REFORMED CHURCH

Worshiping God,
Making Disciples of Jesus,
Living Missionally

December 3, 2023

Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
to The Wyckoff Reformed Church!

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.

Restrooms 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.

Our classrooms are: Nursery (Birth-3), Kids (PreK-3rd grade), and Students (4th-7th grade). Nursery-aged children may be dropped off in the blue room of the Education Building before worship starts. Kids and Students will start the service with their family and be dismissed to their lessons after the Family Moment. Guardians: please check in your children on the iPad upon arrival. You'll receive two stickers. Your child must wear their nametag. You will save the guardian receipt and turn that into your child's Sunday school teacher upon picking them up. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

All students may be picked up from their classrooms in the Education Building. Please note that the doors to the Education Building will be closed from 9:30-10:30am for the safety of our students. A walkie-talkie is provided should you need to reach a teacher or director during this time. Thank You.

Prayer Cards are available in the backs of the pews and on the table as you enter. If you would like our community to be praying for something, please fill one out and place it in the offering plates in the middle of the service.

Communion is served this morning by intinction and with prepackaged elements. Two stations in the center aisle will be intinction, the station to the side will have pre-packaged and gluten-free elements. You will be offered bread to tear off a piece and a cup in which to dip the bread and then eat. The elders with prepackaged elements will make their way around the sanctuary to serve those in need of assistance after the others have been served.

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 www.wyckoffreformed.org/connect.

GATHERED BY GOD

GATHERING MUSIC "IN A DEEP UNBOUNDED DARKNESS"

WELCOME

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

ADVENT CANDLE

ISAIAH 40:1-5 (MSG)
DeGennaro Family

***SONG OF PRAISE** "O COME, O COME EMMANUEL" #61

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

In the thin places of grief and sorrow, of toil or despair,
our feet falter on the way,
our steps more timid and fearful-faith now hard.

In the desolate places, we come
to the end of ourselves and see
our desperate need, our sin laid plain.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Here, though hope seems only pin prick in the night,
a widening light comes. Your firm grasp
around us, carrying us
in the dark, respite at last.
Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to trust.

Here we labor and labor for a lifetime eager, weary.
Yet the light is here now-rest,
your peace, your bounty extended
beyond a lifetime.
In fact, an eternity of abiding warmth on
a cold, gray march.

Place on our lips, sew into our hearts-grace, peace, mercy.
Holy Spirit, come and make room in our darkness for these.

PROMISE OF GRACE

"YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN"

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

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

FAMILY MOMENT

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

"FAR AWAY IN A MANGER"

By K. Keil

Duet: Jeff Seise, Sandra Ondrof

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 137

SERMON

"IN DARKNESS, A LIGHT: EXILE"

Rev. Andy Kadzban

SERMON NOTES

RESPONDING TO GOD

*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.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion is served this morning by intinction and with prepackaged elements. Two stations in the center aisle will be intinction, the station to the side will have pre-packaged and gluten-free elements. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please ask an usher. If you are joining us from home, please feel free to join in communion as well! This is the table of Christ, and he welcomes ALL who are trusting in him for their salvation. Come, drink deeply and eat heartily, the body and blood of Jesus Christ!

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING SONG**

“PSALM 126”

***SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please join us after worship in Heneveld Hall for coffee, bagels and fellowship.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Nick Asilo, Norma Leonhard, Anne, Travis, Arlene DiSabatino, Darlene DiSabatino, Michael and Carla Grant, Patti Geffinger, Dottie Morreale, John, Amy Bowers Dill, Sheldon Platt, Joyce Wolff, Eileen Black, Rich Lynch, Susan Fox, Erika Bach, Janette Daehnke, Bruce Monroe, Chuck Austin, Brad Ritter, Cheryl, Larry, Rick, Melissa, Mike, David Murdock, Frank, Pam Ritter, Lauren, George, Jack Broderick, Donald Moore

WEEKLY EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY, Wednesdays at 9:00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91413616383?pwd=QmVKd3djNU5mdVYyQlNwQ3crbTNvQT09>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual congregational election meeting will be held on Sunday, December 17, right after worship. All are welcome to attend.

Slate of Nominees:

Patty Baker - Elder '26 (2nd term)

Sonja DelBuono - Elder '26 (2nd term)

Rob Karklin - Deacon '26 (2nd term)

Susan Litt - Deacon '26

Dianne Clark - Nominating Committee '26

Grace Schaus - Nominating Committee '26

Mary DeMona - Audit Committee '26

Stacey Cherry - Personnel Committee '26

Joseph DelBuono - Scholarship Committee '26

ADVENT DINNER

We will have an Advent Dinner on December 14 from 5:30-7:00pm in Heneveld Hall. The whole church family is invited to a soup potluck dinner! We'll share a meal together and then break into an adult and children's small group experience. This will mirror what the young families do each month and offer everyone a glimpse into our family ministries. We hope you'll join us and bring along your favorite soup or chili to share!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

For over a thousand years Christians have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas as a season of preparation. As they waited to celebrate Jesus' first coming, they practiced waiting for His second coming. As a result it is a season of great devotion when Christians often take on new Spiritual Practices, or Disciplines. It's in that spirit that we offer an Advent Devotional to the community every year: to create space for prayer, contemplation, and whatever else the Spirit brings. This year we would like to commend three options to you. Each one is a little different, but they all help "let every heart prepare him room."

- The Advent Project - Combining the traditional daily Scripture reading and devotional with art, music, and poetry, this option offers so many opportunities to contemplate the beauty of the Incarnation. A ministry of Biola University's Center for Christianity, Culture, and the Arts. Visit their website daily or sign up to receive each day's devotional by email. <https://ccca.biola.edu/advent/2023/>
- Pray As You Go - A daily audio devotional that will invite you to meditate more deeply on each day's assigned Scripture passage. Available on their website, by downloading the App, or by subscribing to the podcast. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
- Words of Hope - Carols and Lessons - An exploration of beloved Christmas Carols and connected Scriptures passages. Available in print in the Sanctuary narthex and online. <https://www.woh.org/carolsandlessons/>

DEACONS' COAT DRIVE THANK YOU

On behalf of the Deacons, I am pleased to report that this year we collected 75 coats and a few other useful articles of clothing, which were delivered to the Star of Hope Ministry in Paterson on Wednesday, 11/29. The team at SOHM were so grateful for the size of this donation. Thank you all for continuing to find ways to serve communities near and far. – Brian Kennedy

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Join us on Friday, January 26 to celebrate our Nursery School's 50th Anniversary!! The event will be held at the Brickhouse, beginning at 6:30pm. There will be dinner, music, dancing and a cash bar. Grab some friends and fill a table! We would really love to have a big church turn out to celebrate one of our longest ministries! Buy your tickets by 12/15 and Nursery School Board Member, Roger Lane, will buy you a drink at the event!

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://wrcns.org/50th-anniversary-party> Or, scan the QR code to go directly to the tickets sales. Email Chris Ward with any questions: christward@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Plants can be purchased in memory of, or in tribute to, a family member or loved one. You may then pick up your poinsettia from the sanctuary after Christmas Eve services for you to enjoy at home. Poinsettias are \$20 and can be ordered by calling the office or using the online form at: <https://www.wyckoffreformed.org/poinsettia-order-form>.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE CARILLON

Advent is around the corner! With this holy and joyful time comes a host of special music ringing from the carillon. This year, you can again sponsor your favorite Christmas Carols any day throughout Advent. The calendar for sponsorship and the list of carols can be found here: <https://www.wyckoffreformed.org/christmascarillon>.

FAMILY MINISTRY

VOLUNTEER AT CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER

December 5, 4-5pm - We will color, craft, and converse with residents! Contact Sara, sarac@wyckoffreformed.org, for more details.

BAKE SALE

Please join us on December 10 after worship in Heneveld Hall, where there will be a student-led bake sale for mission trip fundraising! Cash only, please.

STROLL THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS STORY

You won't want to miss our 4th annual Christmas walk on December 10 from 5:00-6:00pm! This beloved event features an interactive walk to hear about Jesus's mission, a live petting zoo, Bach to Rock music station, hot cocoa, cookies, and caroling at 6pm! The outdoor path will be lit and stroller-friendly. All ages are welcome; the more the merrier!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Registration is open for our June 30-July 5, 2024 youth mission trip! We can't wait to serve in Newark, NY. This trip is open to incoming 9th graders - college-aged students: <https://www.wyckoffreformed.org/trips/youthmissiontrip>

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wear your pajamas and bring a \$5 or less white elephant gift for our Christmas party on December 17 at 7:00pm! It'll be a fun, festive time so invite your friends! Youth Group will not meet on December 24 or 31. We look forward to starting 2024 together on January 7.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities for families and youth in December. Please sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/WRCFamilies>

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 5

4:00PM Family Min. at CHCC
7:15PM Youth Cmte Meeting
7:30PM Worship Cmte Meeting

Wednesday, December 6

9:00AM Zoom Bible Study
3:45PM Scripture & STEM
6:30PM Choir Practice
8:00PM Sr. High Girls Bible Study

Sunday, December 10

9:30 AM Sunday Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship Hour / Bake Sale
5:00PM Stroll through the Christmas Story
7:00PM Youth Group

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