



# WYCKOFF

REFORMED CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE  
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Thanks for joining us for worship! We're all spending too much time on screens and on Zoom lately, and it's easy to only half-heartedly engage. Do whatever you need to in order to show up fully. Maybe set up your space differently. Sit at your dining room table or arrange chairs in your living room. Maybe just take a moment to prepare yourself for worship.

If you have an advent wreath, have it near you and ready to light. This worship guide will lead you through the service and includes the words we will speak and sing together. The sections in bold will be read out loud together.

[Here is this week's Zoom link.](#) When you join us, you'll first enter a waiting room and then be let into the meeting where you can see everyone. If you arrive early, feel free to unmute and say hello to everyone. Once the service starts, we'll ask everyone to mute themselves so that everyone else can hear the leaders clearly. We encourage you to leave your camera on, if possible, so that we can see each other. We also encourage you to read and sing aloud, even if it feels weird to do so alone at home. Worship isn't something we watch others do; it's something we are called to offer to the King of the Universe: Jesus. We're so glad you've joined us!

## GATHERED BY GOD

### GATHERING SONG

#### 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

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.**

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE "OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN" VS 1-2,4-5

Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega-  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see

evermore and evermore.  
O that birth forever blessed,  
when a virgin, blest with grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race;  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heaven adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing:  
powers, dominions, bow before him  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to you, with God the Father  
and the Spirit, there shall be  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and the shout of jubilee:  
honor, glory, and dominion  
and eternal victory  
evermore and evermore.

### **PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

Redeemer of the world, who has vanquished death and rescued us from the depths of our sin, we cry out to you. We have come, in the layers of struggle and sorrow this year has heaped upon us, to know our need. All we calculated, relied upon--wealth, self-sufficiency, productivity, ambition, health--cannot stand against the powers of sin and death. We need a Savior. Embrace us as children and turn our weakened and fragile lives to joy and rejoicing. Open our eyes to see the gift such despair has revealed: in all our powerlessness, our vulnerability, and finitude, *you are Emmanuel*. You are mindful of us; you took on flesh so that ours would be redeemed. You love us with unbounded, steadfast love. You reign over a kingdom that has no end and you have extended us welcome.

### **PROMISE OF GRACE**

GALATIANS 4:4-7

"But when the fulfillment of the time came, God sent his Son, born through a woman, and born under the Law. This was so he could redeem those under the Law so that we could be adopted. Because you are sons and daughters, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba, Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son or daughter, and if you are his child, then you are also an heir through 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. Please continue to support us! To give your gift online visit [www.wyckoffreformed.org/give](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/give).

## **\*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**

### **SCRIPTURE**

GENESIS 3:1-21

### **SERMON**

''20/20 VISION' OR 'THE HOPES AND FEARS OF ALL THE YEARS''

Rev. Andy Kadzban

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

### **\*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.

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

“O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM” VS. 2-4,1

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **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.

## **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.

## **POSTLUDE**

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