

CHRISTMAS DAY
First Christian Reformed Church
December 25, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

* = please stand if you are able ~all songs will be on screens unless otherwise indicated

LUYH = "Lift Up Your Hearts" Red Hymnal · PFAS = "Psalms for All Seasons" Blue Hymnal

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE NEWBORN KING

Prelude: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Dick Sanderman
Denis Bédard

Welcome

*Opening Hymn: **LUYH #81:1,2,4,5 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

CHRISTMAS CALL TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship and Salutation

Pastor: All who come from near and far,

People: come and worship.

Pastor: All who thirst for God,

People: come and worship.

Pastor: All whose hearts overflow with gratitude and hope,

People: come and worship.

Pastor: All whose hearts may be filled with despair or grief,

People: come and worship.

Pastor: All who come with doubts or questions about life in Jesus,

People: come and worship.

Pastor: Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit,

People: come, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

*Hymn of Praise: **LUYH #76:1,3,4 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

JESUS OUR LIGHT HAS COME

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14

Hymn of Response: **LUYH #78:1,2,5 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"**

Prophecy Reading: Isaiah 60:1-3

Hymn of Response: **LUYH #103:1,4,5 "Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come"**

Lighting the Christmas Candle

*Hymns of Response: **Celebration Hymnal #275:1-3 "Sing We Now of Christmas"**
"Joy Has Dawned Upon the World" vs. 1-4 (with Gloria)

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20 (New Testament p. 71)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *THE SIGN*

*Hymn of Response: **LUYH #92:1-4 "Joy to the World" (PFAS #98D)**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: "I Saw Three Ships"

Offering: Sioux Falls Union Gospel Mission

Richard Elliott

*Hymn of Dedication: **LUYH #80:1-3 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leader: Dr. Jason Lief • Organist: Leendert van Beek •
Candle Lighter: Daryl Kruid • Readers: Kathy Fictorie, Jonathan Fictorie, Katie Haan •
Vocalists: Alyssa Koeleywn, Katy & Sarah Timmer, Kryn & Ross Vander Berg •
Trumpets: Sarah Timmer, Ross Vander Berg •
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*Following the service, cake will be served in the Fellowship Hall
in honor of Charles & Marlene Veenstra's 50th wedding anniversary.*