

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ December 1, 2024 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Amazing Love”*
“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

L. Leatherman
P. Manz
J. Wilson

Hymn of Preparation: **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LUYH #61:1,2**

Welcome

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Savior:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

People: O come, o come Emmanuel!

Reader 2: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of life.

People: O come, o come Emmanuel!

*God's Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: May the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

People: Amen!

*Hymn of Praise: **“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” Gray Psalter Hymnal #331:1-3**

(Alternate tune: ST. THEODOLPH)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession | Song of Response: **“Prepare the Way” LUYH #58**

Prayer of Confession | Song of Response: **“Prepare the Way” LUYH #58**

Assurance of Pardon | Song of Response: **“Prepare the Way” LUYH #58**

God's Will for Our Lives | *Song of Response: **“Comfort, Comfort, Now My People” LUYH #59:1-3**

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reading the Form

Baptism of Cecilia Rose Davelaar

*Song of Response: **“Be Thou My Vision” LUYH #859:1-4**

(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Luke 1:1-25 (New Testament p. 68)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: O COME, EMMANUEL: WAITING FOR THE SPIRIT

*Song of Response: **“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry” LUYH #70:1,4,5**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *“Jesus Loves Me”*

David Paxton

Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund, (2) Christian Education Fund

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” LUYH #478:1-3,5**

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: **“Glory Be to the Father” LUYH #961**

*Postlude: *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

P. Manz

** indicates that those who are able are invited to stand*

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Ellen Klompfen

Violin: Lisa Miedema | Readers: Barb & Alex Eekhoff | Advent Candlelighter: Daryl Kruid

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ December 1, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LUYH #56:1-4**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

People: we dwell in him and he in us.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

People: make known his deeds among the peoples.

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

People: and speak of all his marvelous works.

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

People: who was and is and is to come! —based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

*God's Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: May the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

People: Amen!

WE SING GOD'S PRAISE

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 25

Singing the Psalm: **“LORD, I Gladly Trust” PFAS #25B:1,2,4 (LUYH 354)**

Song of Praise: **“In the Day of the Lord” LUYH #485:1,5,6**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 3:1-3; 4:12-17 (New Testament p. 3)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 123 (*What We Believe Vol. 1, p. 70*)

Sermon: **YOUR KINGDOM COME**

*Song of Response: **“Hear the Call of the Kingdom” 3 vs.**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: **“Nearer, My God, to Thee”**

Adams / Mason

Offering: Samaritan's Purse

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending” Gray Psalter Hymnal #612:1-4**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Jessica Hummel

Vocalists: Mark & Sarah Sjoerdsma, Dylan & Alyssa Koelewyn | Accompanist: Tami Koelewyn

Reader: Barb Top

Prayer Leader: Leah Zuidema