

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MORNING WORSHIP ~ January 12, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Prélude sur l’Introït de l’Épiphanie”* Maurice Duruflé
Partita on “Jesu, der du meine Seele” (“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”) Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: **“Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come” LUYH #103:1,2,5**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Give the king your justice, O God,

People: and your righteousness to a king’s son.

Pastor: May he judge your people with righteousness,

People: and your poor with justice.

Pastor: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,

People: and the hills, in righteousness.

Pastor: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

People: give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Pastor: May he live while the sun endures,

People: and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

—Psalm 72:1-5

*God’s Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,
from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

*Hymn of Praise: **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LUYH #104:1-3**
(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God’s Will for Our Lives

*Song of Response: **“Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart” LUYH #618:1,3,5**

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 5-7 (New Testament p. 4)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *THE GREATEST SERMON EVER*

*Song of Response: **“We Are Called” LUYH #296:1,3**

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *Partita on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star,” Op. 102*

Jan Bender

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“How Bright Appears the Morning Star” LUYH #101:1,3**

*Sending and Benediction

*Doxology: **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Gray Psalter Hymnal #638**

*Postlude: *Siyahamba (“We are Marching in the Light of God”)*

Robert Buckley Farlee

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Carrie Groenewold

EVENING WORSHIP ~ January 12, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Let All Creation Dance and Sing”*
“Variations on Holy Manna”
Prelude on *“Gift of Finest Wheat”*

Michael Burkhardt
Raymond Haan
Charles Callahan

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: **“God Is Known Among His People” LUYH #284:1,3,4 (PFAS 76A)**

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

Pastor: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,

People: but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Pastor: Nations will come to your light,

People: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

—Isaiah 60:1-3

*God’s Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Grace, mercy, and peace are yours, from God the Father Almighty,
from the Lord Jesus, and from the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

WE SING GOD’S PRAISE

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 29

Singing the Psalm: **“Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures” PFAS #29C:1-5 (LUYH 114)**

Song of Praise: **“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” LUYH #26:1,2,6**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Genesis 22 (Old Testament p. 21)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *THE LORD WILL PROVIDE*

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER

Reading the Form

Receiving the Elements

While going forward to receive the elements, sing **“What Feast of Love” LUYH #96:1-3**

*Song of Response: **“Christ, Be Our Light” LUYH #908:1,2,5**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *“He Knows My Name” (LUYH 339)*

Offering: Benevolent Fund

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: **“You Are Our God; We Are Your People” LUYH #35:1-4**

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: *“Another Year is Dawning”*

Mary McDonald

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe

Organist: Emily Sybesma

Vocalists: Zoe Sjoerdsma, Aubryn Sikkema, Natalie Van Bruggen | Accompanist: Tami Koelewyn

Reader: Barb Top

Prayer Leader: Joel Sikkema

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