

*SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ January 19, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude: *“Prelude-Introit-Recitative for the Second Sunday after Epiphany”* Olivier Alain  
*“How Bright Appears the Morning Star (Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223)”*  
Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome

\*Hymn of Preparation: **“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” SANC #126:1,2**

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Jesus Christ appeared in the flesh,  
**People: was vindicated by the Spirit,**  
Pastor: was seen by angels,  
**People: was preached among the nations,**  
Pastor: was believed on in the world,  
and was taken up in glory.  
**People: May all the ends of the earth  
see the salvation of our God.**

—based on 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 52:10

\*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: **“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” LUYH #109:1,2,4 (PFAS 72A)**  
*(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

Choral Anthem: *“The Prayer of Saint Francis”*

René Clausen

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is injury, help me to pardon.  
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope.  
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is darkness, let me bring light.  
Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy.  
  
O Lord, master divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, To be understood, as to understand; to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive, and in pard’ning that we are pardoned. For in dying we are born to eternal life.  
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.

**GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 (New Testament p. 4)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *THE BEATITUDES: A PICTURE OF THE BLESSED LIFE*

\*Song of Response: **“Blest Are They” LUYH #117:1,3,5**

**WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”*

Bernard Renooij

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

**GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God” LUYH #953:1-2**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Doxology: **“To God Be the Glory” LUYH #956**

\*Postlude: *“Postlude-Cantique”*

Théodore Dubois

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe  
Organist: Leendert van Beek

**EVENING WORSHIP ~ January 19, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM**  
**First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: *“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”*  
*“Worship Medley (You are My All in All)”*  
*“God Himself is With Us”*  
*“O Worship the King”*

Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse  
Don Wyrzten  
Michael Burkhardt  
Neil Harmon

Welcome

\*Song of Preparation: **“Jesus Is Our King” LUYH #602:1,2,4**

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**People: Extol him, all peoples!**

Pastor: For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

—Psalm 117:1-2

\*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 36:5-10

Singing the Psalm: **“High in the Heavens, Eternal God” PFAS #36B:1-4**

Song of Praise: **“Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace” LUYH #7:1,2,4 (PFAS 150A)**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Luke 12:1-12 (New Testament p. 90)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *THE HOPE OF CHRIST*

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: **“In Christ Alone” LUYH #770:1-4**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: *“The Lord’s My Shepherd” (PFAS 23F)*

Offering: Building and Mission Funds

**WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*Statement of Faith: **Apostles’ Creed**

\*Hymn of Dedication: **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LUYH #772:1-4**

\*Sending and Benediction

\*Moment of Meditation

\*Postlude: *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

Gayden Sikes

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

*Worship Leader: Rev. Jesse Walhof*

*Elder of Service: Jerry De Groot*

*Organist: Carla Nibbelink*

*Pianist: Kim Vander Berg*

*Vocalists: Lydia Beutler, Kaelyn Sikkema, Sophia and Anastasia Fulkerson,*

*Ellie and Kailyn Roos, Natasha De Groot, Brylee Klein*

*Accompanist: Kim Vander Berg*

*Reader: Tim Klein*

*Prayer Leader: Wes Kroeze*