

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ November 30, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Hymn of Preparation: ***“Wait for the Lord” LUYH #480***

Welcome

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: Arise, children of the light, for the day of our salvation is near.

Reader 2: Today, we awaken to God’s promise anew.

Reader 1: Let us throw off the things of darkness and no longer wander in despair.

Reader 2: For the hope of Christ has come and He is our light.

Readers 1 & 2: We light the candle of hope, and the darkness scatters.

—from Romans 13:8-14

People: The Light has come. Walk in the light, not the darkness.

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

(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession (A Reading from the Old Testament): Isaiah 2:1-5

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The Passing of the Peace

*God’s Will for Our Lives (A Reading from the New Testament): Romans 13:8-14

*Psalm of Response: ***“I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say” PFAS #122B:1,4,5 (LUYH 508)***

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 24:29-44 (New Testament p. 33)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *KEEP AWAKE. BE READY. THE SON OF MAN IS COMING.*

*Song of Response: ***“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” LUYH #477:1,2,4 (to tune LANCASHIRE)***

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LUYH #730:1***

*Sending and Benediction

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

*Postlude

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Jessica Hummel
Advent Candle Lighter: Laurie Miller
Readers: Brommer Family
Violins: Kaeley and Emily Meyer

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ November 30, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***“With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim” PFAS #122F:1-3 (LUYH 66)***

*Call to Worship

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his Word I hope.
My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.

People: There is no darkness with you, O Lord.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plenteous redemption.

People: There is no darkness with you, O Lord.

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: There is no darkness with you, O Lord.

—based on Psalm 130:5-7

*God’s Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace are ours, 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 122 (Old Testament p. 702)

Singing the Psalm: ***“Rejoice, Rejoice, Come Sing with Me” PFAS #122A:1-2***

Song of Praise: ***“Rejoice in All Your Works” 3 vs.***

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture: Psalm 65 (Old Testament p. 649)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *ALL CREATION SINGS*

Statement of Faith: **Belgic Confession Article 2**

Prayer of Application

*Sermon Response: ***“Creation Sings the Father's Song” The Sing! Hymnal #72:1-3***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: ***“My Jesus, I Love Thee” (LUYH 366)***

Offering: Building and Mission Funds

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***“Let All Things Now Living” LUYH #5:1-2***

*Sending and Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Dr. Charles Veenstra

Organist: Jessica Hummel | Pianist: Alyssa Koelewyn

Reader: Kim Vander Berg | Prayer Leader: Charles Veenstra

Vocalists: Mark & Sarah Sjoerdsma, Alyssa Koelewyn, Dylan Koelewyn

Accompanist: Tami Koelewyn

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