

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MORNING WORSHIP ~ December 7, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *“Bringing Joy to the World”, “Raise the Son”, “Festival Fanfare for Christmas”*

Roy W. Kaighin, Rossano Galante, John Wasson

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

Welcome

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: People of the promise, our judge and prince has come. Not with weapons and warfare,
but with flowing streams, rivers; rains that shower the earth.

Reader 2: Our Lord comes to redeem the oppressed; to bring abundance to the poor.

Reader 1 & 2: We light this candle of peace and bless the Lord of Israel who alone is our Savior.
Glory to Him! —from Psalm 72

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: ***“Sing We the Song of Emmanuel” The Sing! Hymnal #727:1-3***

(Young children are invited to Children and Worship)

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession (A Reading from the Old Testament): Isaiah 11:1-10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The Passing of the Peace

*God’s Will for Our Lives (A Reading from the New Testament): Romans 15:1-13

*Psalm of Response: ***“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” PFAS #72A:1,3,4 (LUYH 109)***

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 (New Testament p. 3)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD. BEAR FRUIT WORTHY OF REPENTANCE.*

*Song of Response: ***“Comfort, Comfort, Now My People” LUYH #59:1-3***

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Offertory: *“Greensleeves”*

Alfred Reed

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 #730:2***

*Sending and Benediction

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

*Postlude: *“Christmas and Sousa Forever”*

Sousa/Giroux

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Leah Zuidema

Readers and Advent Candle Lighters: Geleynse Family

Dordt University Wind Symphony directed by Onsby Rose, Tori Ensink, Michael Johner

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EVENING SERVICE ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM ~ December 7, 2025 ~ 4:30 PM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude: *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*
“Joy to the World”
“Angels We Have Heard on High”
“What Child is This”
“O Holy Night”
“Mary Did You Know”

Welcome

*Opening Song: **“Once in Royal David’s City” LUYH #87:1-5** (Vocalists: v. 1; All: v. 2-5)

*Call to Worship

Pastor: God is here! The Messiah has come!
We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him.
We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King,
and to bring glory to God the Father.
In our worship we demonstrate the mind of Christ
in declaring to God that he is the supreme authority in our lives.
We bow before him in submission to our Lord and King.

People: Come, worship the Lord!

*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!

CREATION

Song: *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* (Youth and Children’s Choir) (Congregation joins on vs. 6)

FALL

Song: *“Come, Light Our Hearts”* (Youth and Children’s Choir)

REDEMPTION – ABRAHAM

*Congregational Song: **“The God of Abraham Praise” LUYH #39:1-3**

REDEMPTION – ISRAEL

Youth Choir: *“For to Us a Child is Born”* (Youth Choir)

REDEMPTION – MARY

Song: *“Mary’s Song”* (Youth Choir)

Offertory: *“O Children Come”* (High School Choir)

Offering: Guiding Star Siouxland

REDEMPTION – JESUS’ BIRTH

Song: *“Friendly Beasts”* (Children’s Choir)

REDEMPTION – SHEPHERDS HEAR THE NEWS

Song: *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* (Children’s Choir) (Congregation joins on vs. 3)

NEW CREATION

*Congregational Song: **“O Come, All Ye Faithful” LUYH #76:1-4** (Choirs) (Congregation joins on vs. 3,4)

*Closing Prayer and Blessing

*Postlude: *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

Robert A. Hobby

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Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe | Organist: Emily Sybesma

Pianists: Joshua Hummel, Noah Hummel, Marcie Van Otterloo, Abbie Van Otterloo, Amelia Van Otterloo, Cora Vander Tuin

Children’s Choir directed by Sarah Sjoerdsma | Accompanist: Tami Koelewyn

Youth Choir directed by Liz Van Maanan | Accompanist: Sandy De Groot

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