FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MORNING WORSHIP ~ November 29, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* Gerhardt Krapf
"Sing We Now" / "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Douglas E. Wagner / Wilbur Held, J. Fischer
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Introit: ***"My Soul in Stillness Waits" LUYH #63:1***

Welcome

*Hymn of Preparation: ***"Savior of the Nations, Come" LUYH #74:1,2,5,6***

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1: O Adonai, Lord of Might, and leader of the House of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

People: O come, O come Emmanuel!

Reader 2: O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

People: O come, O come Emmanuel!

*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

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 80:1-7
Assurance of Pardon
God's Will for Our Lives: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
*Song of Response: ***"O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock" LUYH #64:1-3*** *(PFAS 80C)*

WE CELEBRATE THE PROFESSION OF FAITH OF ANNEKE VAN BRUGGEN

Reading the Form
*Song of Response: ***"As the Deer" LUYH #503*** *(PFAS 42D)*

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
A Reading from the Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9 (Old Testament p. 849)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *O THAT YOU WOULD TEAR OPEN THE HEAVENS AND COME DOWN*
*Song of Response: ***"Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending" Grey Psalter Hymnal #612:1,2,4***

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People
Offertory: *"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"* Jack Schrader
Offerings: (1) First CRC Ministry Fund; (2) Christian Education Fund

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***"In the Day of the Lord" LUYH #485:1,4,6***
*Sending and Benediction
*Doxology: ***"Savior of the Nations, Come" LUYH #74:7***
*Postlude: *"From Heaven Above"* Wilbur Held

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

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Monroe
Organist: Carla Nibbelink | Pianist: Kim Vander Berg
Saxophone Ensemble: Ochsner Family | Readers/Candle Lighters: Fulkerson Family

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EVENING WORSHIP ~ November 29, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM
First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Iowa

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

*Song of Preparation: ***"O Worship the King" LUYH #2:1,2,5*** *(PFAS 104F)*

*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: 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 119:105-112 (Old Testament p. 699)
Singing the Psalm: ***"Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path" LUYH #759:1-4***
Song of Praise: ***"Jesus Is Our King" LUYH #602:1,2,4***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading of Scripture: Psalm 145:1-2,10-13a; Colossians 1:9-13 (OT p. 714; NT p. 244)
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 48 (*What We Believe Vol. 1, p. 70*)
Sermon: *YOUR KINGDOM COME*
*Song of Response: ***"Seek Ye First" LUYH #899:1-3***

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Congregational Prayer
Offertory
Offering: Center for Financial Education

WE ARE SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Dedication: ***"Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns" LUYH #261:1,2,5***
*Sending and Benediction
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude

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Worship Leader: Rev.Tim Ouwinga
Elder of Service: Jon Buiter
Organist: Jessica Hummel
Reader: Kim Vander Berg
Prayer Leader: Jim Bos

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