

MORNING ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 1, 2024 – 9:30 A.M. – Pastor Jon Spronk
2nd Sunday of Advent

CALLED TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Gloria De Bruin, organist; Shirley Van Donselaar, pianist
“In the First Light” (please see words on the insert) &
Come, Let Us Worship the King”

Welcome and Announcements

- *Call to Worship
- *God’s Greeting
- *Mutual Greeting
- *Songs of Praise: *“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”*
“Compassion Hymn”

Advent Reading
Song of Response: *“God So Loved the World”*
led by the Praise Team of Doug, Ki,
Ben & Luke Boender

CALLED TO GRATITUDE

Congregational Prayer
Children’s Message
Offering: Many Hands for Haiti
Offertory: *“Mary, Did You Know?”*
Prayer of Thanks

CALLED TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

- *Song of Preparation: *“My Soul in Stillness Waits”* LUYH #63:1-4
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7, pg. 1072
Isaiah 10:20-34, pg. 1075
- Sermon **“MIGHTY GOD”**
- Prayer of Application
- *Song of Response: *“We Sing the Mighty Power of God”*
LUYH #10:1-3

CALLED TO GO AND SERVE

- *Benediction
- *Parting Song: *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* LUYH #61:1
- *Postlude

EVENING ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 1, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Pastor Jon Spronk

SERVICE OF ADORATION

Prelude: Sue De Bruin, pianist
“Manger Medley”
(“Silent Night”, “Away in a Manger”, “Infant Holy”)

Welcome and Announcements

- *Call to Worship
- *Song of Praise: *“Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”*
- *God’s Greeting \LUYH #60:1-4

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Psalm Reading: Psalm 37:1-7 & 34-40 (read responsively)
Psalm Song: *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*
Congregational Prayer \LUYH #407:1-3

SERVICE OF THE WORD

- *Profession of Faith: *Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 14
- *Song of Preparation: *“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”*
LUYH #42:1, 2, 5
- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Reading: Exodus 9:13-10:29, pg. 100
- Sermon: **“THE RATCHETING PLAGUES”**
- Prayer of Application
- *Song of Response: *“Jesus Shall Reign”* LUYH #219:1-4

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

- *God’s Parting Blessing
- *Parting Song: *“Jesus Shall Reign”* LUYH #219:5
- *Postlude

Our offering this evening is for Missionary Support.

*All who are able are asked to stand.

Sunday, December 8, 2024

We warmly welcome all those who are worshipping with us today.
May we be blessed as we worship the Lord together.

SERVICE NOTES

Today is the second Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Program Practice: All K-8 students meet in the sanctuary right after church today for a full run through of the Christmas program during singing and Sunday School time. Sixth – Eighth grade girls please go immediately to the stage area to review our creative movement before the run through.

BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

Marion Vos has been transferred to the Oskaloosa Care Center for therapy.

Please keep the following members who are in Nursing Homes or Care Centers in your prayers:

- ~ **Elizabeth Boender & Marion Vos** (Oskey C.C.)
- ~ **Brant Bruxvoort & Anna Vande Wall** (Crystal Heights)
- ~ **Bert & Elaine Bandstra, Jim & Marilyn Brummel**
(Homestead)
- ~ **Keitha Troxel** (Ridgewood Specialty C.C. – Ottumwa)

NEXT SUNDAY – Dec. 15

AM PIANIST: Cheryl G PM ORGANIST: Ben S
PM STUDENT PIANIST: None – Candlelight Service
OFFERINGS: Missionary Support & IGNITE Youth Group

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY:

- 9:00a Prayer Group Meets
- 9:30a Morning Worship Service
- 10:40a Fellowship Time
- 10:45a Sunday School for all ages – K-8 Program Practice
- 3:00 Homestead Service: Matt C, Arlene M, Henry VA,
Laremy DG, **Dan F**, Bert B, Ellize C, Kendall B
Ken B, Chris P, Jeremy B
- 6:00 Evening Worship Service

MONDAY – FRIDAY:

- 9-11:30a Office Open

MONDAY:

- 6:30 Friendship Class

TUESDAY:

- 5:45 Coffee Break & Story Hour –
Potluck

WEDNESDAY:

- 2:15 – 7:00 GEMS Christmas Party
- 2:30 – 7:00 Cadet Christmas Party
- 5:30 – 7:00 Generation GEMS Christmas Party
- 7:00 IGNITE Youth Group –
Candlelight Practice

THURSDAY:

- 8:30a Morning Bible Study
- 9:00a Coffee Break Brunch
- 12:00 Bulletin & Supplement Deadline –
firstercosky@gmail.com

SUNDAY: (Dec. 15)

- 9:00a Prayer Group Meets
- 9:30a Morning Worship Service

NURSERY

- 12/8 AM – Joan K
Arianna J
Maggie Mc
- 12/15 AM – Amelia B
Anniston M
Dawson R

ACTS OF SERVICE

SOUND SYSTEM

Dec. 8 – Rich DB Dec. 15 – Dan F

LIVE STREAM

Dec. 8 – Luke B Dec. 15 – Trent DB

PROJECTION

1stCRCprojection@gmail.com

Dec. 8 – Lisa DB Dec. 15 – Renee VK

In The First Light

In the first light of the new day
No one knew He had arrived
Things continued as they had been
While a newborn softly cried
But the heavens wrapped in wonder
Knew the meaning of His birth
In the weakness of a baby
They knew God had come to earth

As His mother held Him closely
It was hard to understand
That her baby not yet speaking
Was the Word of God to man
He would tell them of His kingdom
But their hearts would not believe
They would hate Him and in anger
They would nail Him to a tree

But the sadness would be broken
As the song of life arose
And the firstborn of creation
Would ascend and take His throne
He had left it to redeem us
But before His life began
He knew He'd come back not as a baby
But as the Lord of ev'ry man

Hear the angels as they're singing
On the morning of His birth
But how much greater will our song be
When He comes again when He comes again
Hear the angels as they're singing
On the morning of His birth
(But) how much greater will our song be
When He comes again to earth
When He comes to rule the earth