

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

ADVENT READING & CANDLE LIGHTING (Erik DeVries)

SONG: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" PsH #328:1,2,4

WELCOME

*GOD'S GREETING

*MUTUAL GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE: (led by the Praise Team)

"In the Beginning"

"Draw Me Close"

[Children 4 yrs old-2nd grade are invited to join the Worship Center leaders in the back during the last song]

SONG: "Away in a Manger" PsH #348:1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

SONG: "That Beautiful Name" TCH #266:1,3

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

SONG: "That Beautiful Name" TCH #266:4

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SONG: "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" TCH #255:1,2

SCRIPTURE:..... Luke 2:1-7 (pg. 1590)

MESSAGE:..... THE BETHLEHEM JOURNEY

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*SONG: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" TCH #250:1,4

OFFERING: Hammond Warming Shelter

OFFERTORY: (Praise Team) Offering

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" PsH #354:5

*POSTLUDE

Dr. Bill Sytsma, Worship Leader; Phyllis Leegwater, Organist

PsH=Psalter Hymnal (grey); TCH=The Celebration Hymnal (red)

*If you are able, please stand

WELCOME to New Life Christian Reformed Church of Highland. If you are a guest today, please stop by our Welcome Center in the lobby to learn more about us and receive a welcome gift, and enjoy some coffee & fellowship after the morning service.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: The Bethlehem Journey

Sermon Text: Luke 2:1-7

Mary and Joseph were _____ to go to Bethlehem.

Christ often seems to be under the _____ of the world.

The story of Christ's birth is part of _____.

Jesus _____ the course of history.

Jesus _____ the sin of this world.

Our lives are _____ when we submit to Christ.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY

PARTNERS IN PRAYER meets in Room 4 in the East wing from 8:45-9:05 am each Sunday. Come join us any Sunday!

GREETERS: 9:30 AM–Dan & Judy Zandstra/Hank & Mary Otte

NURSERY: 9:30 AM–Deb Abbring & Matt Fulton

AM & PM SOUND OPERATOR: Ron DeYoung/Craig Menninga

AM POWER POINT OPERATOR: Sean Armendariz

WELCOME CENTER: Bob Wadkins

COFFEE SERVERS: Sam & Judy VanTil/Roger & Betty Yonkman

COOKIE SERVER: Beth Kortum

NURSERY CARE is available during our morning worship service for children 0-3 years of age. The nursery is located on our main floor in the east wing of the church at the end of the hallway.

WORSHIP CENTER Children's church for ages 4-2nd grade, located in the east wing Room 3. Teachers will escort children there during the AM service (see order of worship).

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:45-11:45 AM

- **SON-CATCHERS** (4 years old-4th grade) meet in Room 4 for snacks at 10:45. They will be escorted to the sanctuary for singing and then classroom time in Rooms 2 & 4.
- **CATECHISM CLASSES** (5th-12th grades) meet in classrooms in the basement. **Grades 5-8 in Room 9; Grades 9-12 in the old nursery.**

5:00 PM SERVICE: "The New Jerusalem"; Revelation 21

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Marilyn Sodo (78)–12/3; Jim Wiersma–12/4; Pat Menninga–12/7

Roy Bush (77) –12/8; Sylvia Rudenga (94) –12/9

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: "Dear Friends at New Life CRC: Ana María is a new believer connected to the church we are planting, New Life Presbyterian Church. Recently she wrote: "My son, Cristian, recently got hired at Oracle...I want to ask you what would be the most correct and adequate way to thank God. I have been reading the Psalms of praise...but I have not found a specific verse yet. If you could give me some verses to use to pray, I would be very grateful." Give thanks for Ana María's discipleship baby steps! Pray also for her husband, Mario, and son, Cristian, that they, too, would come to faith. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel in Mexico, including your most recent generous offerings in March, April, June, and August!"

–**Rev. Ben and Amy Meyer and family, Resonate Global Mission, Guadalajara, Mexico (bmeyer@crcna.org)**

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH CLOSING OUR DAY IN WORSHIP – 5:00 PM

December 3, 2017

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

*GOD'S GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE: (*stand for first and then be seated*)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" TCH #90:1,3,4

"Victory in Jesus" TCH #353:1-3

"When We All Get to Heaven" TCH #772:1,3,4

*CREEDAL STATEMENT: Apostle's Creed (*unison*) PsH p. 813

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*SONG: "Glory Be to the Father" TCH #813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING: *Ministry Opportunity Fund*

OFFERTORY

*SONG: "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" TCH #338:1-3

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21 (pg. 1937)

MESSAGE:..... **THE NEW JERUSALEM PRAYER**

*SONG: "For All the Saints" TCH #767:1,2,4

*GOD'S BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG: "Doxology" TCH #815

*POSTLUDE

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