

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

ADVENT VIDEO & CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME

*GOD'S GREETING (responsive)

*MUTUAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (led by the Praise Team)

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

“As We Gather”

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

[Children 4 years old-2nd grade are invited to join the Worship

Center leaders in the back during the last song]

SONG: Praise Him, All Ye Little Children” TCH #188:1-2

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

SONG: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” TCH #245:1-4

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SONG: “In the Beginning Was the Word Eternal” PsH #218:1-4

SCRIPTURE:..... John 1:1-4 (pg. 1645)

MESSAGE:..... THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*SONG: “Once in Royal David’s City” PsH #346:1,2,4

OFFERING: Hammond Warming Shelter

OFFERTORY

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY: “Once in Royal David’s City” PsH #346:5

*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 Purpose of Christmas

Sermon Text: John 1:1-4

Christmas reveals the _____ of God.

Christmas is grounded in factual _____ events.

Christmas draws us into a _____ with God.

Christmas _____ you to this world.

Christmas _____ our view of relationships.

Christmas brings a supply of _____ joy.

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–Arie & Yvonne Swets/Burt & Ardess VanProoyen

NURSERY: 9:30 AM–Deb Abbring/Makayla Hoeksema

AM & PM SOUND OPERATOR: Ron DeYoung/Jamie Kostelyk

AM POWER POINT OPERATOR: Cameron Zandstra

WELCOME CENTER: Shelley Boender

COFFEE SERVERS: Terry & Tamie Kuiper

COOKIE SERVER: Marlene Bush

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 years old-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 the basement. **Grades 5-7 in the GEMS room; Grades 8-12 in the old nursery.**

5:00 PM SERVICE: "Lessons from the Well"; John 4:1-45

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Nicole Jansma–12/3

Jim Wiersma–12/4

Pat Menninga–12/7

Roy Bush (78)–12/8

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH CLOSING OUR DAY IN WORSHIP – 5:00 PM December 2, 2018

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

*GOD'S GREETING

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

"O Worship the King" TCH #104:1,2,5

"That Beautiful Name" TCH #266:1,3,4

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" TCH #251:1,2,4

CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY: Our World Belongs to God (*responsive*)

Pastor: God remembered his promise

People: To reconcile us to himself

Pastor: He has come among us in Jesus Christ

People: The eternal Word made flesh.

Pastor: He is the long awaited Savior

People: Fully human and fully divine

Pastor: Conceived by the Spirit of God

People: And born of the virgin Mary.

Pastor: In the events of his earthly life

People: His temptations and suffering,

Pastor: His teaching and miracles,

People: His battles with demons and talks with sinners

Pastor: Jesus made present in deed and in word

People: The coming rule of God

SONG: "What Child Is This?" TCH #281:1-3

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING: *Ministry Opportunity Fund*

OFFERTORY

*SONG: "Spirit of the Living God" TCH #389:1,3

SCRIPTURE: John 4:1-45 (pg. 1651)

MESSAGE:.....**LESSONS FROM THE WELL**

PRAYER

*SONG: "My Savior's Love" TCH #348:1,4,5

*GOD'S BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG: "Now Thank We All Our God" TCH #788:3

*POSTLUDE

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