

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE:Fantasia on "Veni Emmanuel"-Rowley

Let All Mortal Flesh-Bedell; What Child Is This?-Manz

HANDBELL CHOIR: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

ADVENT VIDEO & CANDLE LIGHTING (Madeline Zandstra)

*SONG: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" v.1-3

*WELCOME

*GOD'S GREETING

*MUTUAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

*SONG: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" PsH #333:1,3

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

Center leaders in the back during this song]

SONG: "Let's Worship and Adore Him" TCH #247

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SONG: "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" TCH #255:1-3

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE:.....Micah 5:1-5 (pg. 1445)

MESSAGE:..... THE PROMISE OF BETTER DAYS

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*SONG: "Love Has Come!" TCH #256:1-3

OFFERING: Ministry Opportunity Fund

OFFERTORY: (Handbell Choir).....Away in a Manger

*GOD'S BLESSING

*DOXOLOGY: "The First Noel" TCH #265:6

*POSTLUDE:Hark, the Glad Sound-Cherwien

Dr. Bill Sytsma, Worship Leader; Bill DeYoung, 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.

THIS MORNING we have the privilege to witness the Profession of Faith of DREW EENIGENBURG. Please welcome him to our church family.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: The Promise of Better Days

Sermon Text: Micah 5:1-5

We often witness events that seem _____ with God's Kingdom vision.

We eagerly look forward to days of _____ when we are being _____.

Jesus comes _____.

God _____ lasting peace.

Peace will come with great _____ and _____.

God's peace will transform us into _____.

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—Rod & Jeana Otte/Herb & Lori Sitter

NURSERY: 9:30 AM—Shelley Boender/Nico Sytsma

AM & PM SOUND OPERATOR: Paul Armendariz/Craig Menninga

AM POWER POINT OPERATOR: Bonnie Ravesloot

WELCOME CENTER: Christina Eenigenburg

COFFEE SERVERS: Dan & Judy Zandstra

COOKIE SERVER: Larry Moes

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.**

THE MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE will meet today after the morning service.

5:00 PM SERVICE: "Sabbath Challenged"; John 5:1-17

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Sylvia Rudenga (95)—12/9

Shirleen Brown—12/13

Judy Van Til—12/15

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: "Thank you so much to the GEMS for coming and singing so well at the Holland Home on Wednesday. They sounded great and it was much appreciated!"—**Bob & Irene Huizenga**

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

CLOSING OUR DAY IN WORSHIP – 5:00 PM

December 9, 2018

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

*GOD'S GREETING

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

"Come, All You People, Praise Our God" *PsH #242:1-3*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" *PsH #340:1,3*

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *PsH #345:1-3*

*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" *PsH #635*

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: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" *PsH #543:1-3*

SCRIPTURE:John 5:1-17 (pg. 1653)

MESSAGE:.....**SABBATH CHALLENGED**

PRAYER

*SONG: "Lord of All Hopefulness" *PsH #558:1-3*

*GOD'S BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG: "By the Sea of Crystal" *PsH #620:3*

*POSTLUDE

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