

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

HANBELL CHOIR: .....Advent Hope

ADVENT READING & CANDLE LIGHTING (Judy and Jana Van Til)

WELCOME

\*GOD'S GREETING (responsive)

\*MUTUAL GREETING

\*SONGS OF PRAISE:

“Lift Up the Gates Eternal” v. 4-7

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” TCH #271:1-2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

HANDBELL CHOIR:.....Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

ADVENT VIDEO: “Witness His Majesty, The Mother of Mary”

SCRIPTURE: ..... Isaiah 1:1-25 (pg. 1059)

MESSAGE: .....RETURNING TO EDEN

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

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

\*PARTING BLESSING

\*CLOSING SONG: “Jesus, Name Above All Names” TCH #86

\*RETIRING OFFERING: Women’s Center of NWI

\*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! We are glad you are here today! If you are a guest, please enjoy some coffee and fellowship after the morning service. We pray you will be blessed as you worship with us and that you experience the love of Christ among His people.

SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE: Returning to Eden

SERMON TEXT: Isaiah 1:1-25

SERIES: “Advent in Isaiah”

Guilt and rebellion will lead to \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin should cause us to repent.

God’s people traded empty rituals for true \_\_\_\_\_.

Our true \_\_\_\_\_ is seen in our actions.

God’s Kingdom will bring:

1.

2.

3.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY**

**NURSERY:** Lindsey Lagestee/Jill Boender

**SOUND OPERATOR:** Ron DeYoung

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR:** Cameron Zandstra

**ROVING ELDER:** Bob Wadkins

**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 & YOUTH EDUCATION HOUR:** There will be no Worship Center or Youth Educational Classes today. They will resume next week.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WILL MEET TODAY** in the Fireside Room.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **LUKE and BETH (DAVIS) SYTSMA** who were united in marriage on Saturday, November 20. We pray that God will bless their marriage and their home.

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

Allan Simmons–11/30

Nicole Jansma, Marilyn Sodo (83) –12/3

Jim Wiersma–12/4

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS:** “I want to thank the member of New Life CRC along with Pastor Bill, the Consistory, and the Member Care Committee for their cards and prayers throughout the past 18 months when I was hospitalized 8 times (the last time being Covid). Also, a special thank you to Roger and Betty Yonkman who went above and beyond for me. God bless you all!” **-Bill Mc Queary**