

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

ADVENT VIDEO: "The Bethlehem Candle: Peace"

ADVENT READING & CANDLE LIGHTING

(Alex & Hallie Riemersma)

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

WELCOME

*GOD'S GREETING: (responsive)

*MUTUAL GREETING

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

"In the Beginning"

"Praise the God of Grace and Glory"

"Peace Has Come"

{Children 4 years old - 2nd grade are invited to join the
Worship Center leaders in the back during the last song}

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG: "O for a Heart to Praise My God" TCH #650:1-3

DEACON'S PRAYER

OFFERING: Coffee Break

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SONG: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" TCH #244:1-2

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 4:1-7 (pg. 1813)

MESSAGE: **GOD SENT HIS SON**

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*SONG: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" TCH #277:1-2

*PARTING BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" TCH #277:3

*POSTLUDE

Rev. Laryn Zoerhof, 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.

THIS MORNING, we welcome **REV. LARYN ZOERHOF** and thank him for leading our morning service. He is a retired pastor who served five congregations. He continues to serve the churches of Classis Illiana as the stated clerk.

SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE: God Sent His Son

SERMON TEXT: Galatians 4:1-7

1. Jesus was born "**when the time had fully come.**"
 - a. God decided in eternity to send his Son.
 - b. God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way.
 - c. The world conditions were right for his coming.
2. Paul tells us that "**God sent his Son.**"
 - a. Jesus was sent to perform a mission.
 - b. Jesus came willingly to accomplish that mission.
3. Jesus was "**born of a woman, born under the law.**"
 - a. God used a decree by Caesar Augustus to get Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.
 - b. God used angels to announce the arrival of Jesus to shepherds.
 - c. God used a star to guide the wise men to Bethlehem.
4. Jesus came "**to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.**"
 - a. Through his perfect life and atoning death, Jesus opened the door to let all the adopted children in.
 - b. "To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY

GREETERS: John Boender/Ry & Jan Brummel/Drew Eenigenburg

NURSERY: Lilly Armendariz/Traci Leep

SOUND OPERATOR: Craig Menninga

POWERPOINT OPERATOR: Jackson Armendariz

ROVING ELDER: Fred Leep

DEACON'S PRAYER: Tim Piatek

COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS: Kevin & Carla Van Til

NURSERY CARE is available during our morning worship service for newborn - 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 (**4 years old - 2nd grade**) meets in **Room 3**. Teachers will escort children there during the morning worship service (see order of worship).

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:45 - 11:45 AM

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** (3rd - 8th grade) meets in **Room 4**.
- **SENIOR CATECHISM CLASS** (9th - 12th grade) meets in the **Old Nursery (basement)**.
- **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** meets in the **Fireside Room**.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to **TED & RUTH BOOMKER** in the passing of Ted's sister, Celia DeBoer, on Friday, December 1.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Shirleen Brown (76)–12/13

Judy Van Til (79)–12/15

Dale Gard (81)–12/16

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: "My brother, Bill Wadkins, was released from the hospital on December 1. He still has a long recovery ahead of him. Thank you for all the prayers that were offered on his behalf." **-Bob & Sheila Wadkins**