

**2025**

**MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM**

*First Sunday of Advent*

# PRELUDE

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: “Hope”

## ADVENT VIDEO: "The Light of Christmas"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(responsive)*

**\*GOD'S GREETING**

\*MUTUAL GREETING

\*SONGS OF PRAISE:

## "The LORD God Reigns in Majesty" *PsH* #99:1-3

(sung to alternative tune: ELLAÇOMBE, *PsH* #378)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *PsH* #329:1-4

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)**

## GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(unison)*

## GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

\*SONG: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" *PsH* #327:1,2,3,5

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 40:1-11, 25-31*

SERMON SCRIPTURE:..... Mark 1:1-8 (pg. 1551)

**MESSAGE: THE ADVENT OF CHRIST IS THE GOOD NEWS OF THE SHEPHERD WHO BRINGS US HOPE**

## PRAYER OF APPLICATION

## DEACON'S PRAYER

**OFFERING: Major Improvement Fund**

\*PARTING BLESSING

\*SONG: ..... "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *PsH* #638

\*POSTLUDE

*Lynn Marshall, Worship Leader; Lori Hofstra, Organist; Hallie Riemersma, Pianist*

*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.

**THIS MORNING,** we welcome **LYNN MARSHALL** and thank him for leading our morning worship service. Lynn is an elder at New Life and a licentiate of Classis Illiana. He was formerly a licensed preacher/ordained minister in the PCA from 2005 through 2018.

**SERVING TODAY:**

**GREETERS:** Drew Eenigenburg/Bill Fulton/Alex Riemersma

**NURSERY:** Kendra De Vries/Erica Leep

**POWERPOINT OPERATOR:** Dale Ketelaar

**AM SOUND OPERATOR:** Brad Gossman

**ROVING ELDER:** Mark Hoeksema

**DEACON'S PRAYER:** Joe Jacobs

**COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS:** Sam, Judy, & Jana Van Til

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR TODAY

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

**Worship Center and Education Classes  
will not be meeting today.**

**We will not be having a combined evening service tonight.**

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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

Allan Simmons—11/30

Jim Wiersma (75)—12/4

Layton Schoen—12/6

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS:** “ReFrame Ministries thanks you for your recent gift, for your faithful support and prayers, and for warmly welcoming our Japanese ministry leaders during their visit in October. We are grateful for your partnership in ministry.”