**November 29 SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY 2026**

## MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

*First Sunday of Advent*

PRELUDE
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE
SONG: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" *PsH #328:1*
CHOIR:......"Prepare the Way"
WELCOME
*CALL TO WORSHIP
*GOD'S GREETING
*MUTUAL GREETING
*SONGS OF PRAISE:
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *PsH #329:1-4*
"Savior of the Nations, Come" *PsH #336:1,3,6,7*
*STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed *(unison)*
READING OF GOD'S LAW: *(responsive)*
SONG: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" *PsH #262:1-2*
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
SCRIPTURE:.....Luke 1:39-56 (p. 1588)
MESSAGE: **MARY'S REJOICING IN GOD'S SOVEREIGN MERCY PROVIDES OUR PATTERN OF PRAISE**
PRAYER OF APPLICATION
*SONG: "Tell Out, My Soul" *PsH #478:1,4*
DEACON'S PRAYER
OFFERING: *Major Improvement Fund*
OFFERTORY: *(Choir)* ....."Come, Messiah!"
*PARTING BLESSING
*CLOSING SONG: "Glory Be to the Father" *PsH #635*
*POSTLUDE

*Lynn Marshall, Worship Leader; Lori Hofstra, 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.

**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.

## SERMON POINTS:

1. God's Regard of the Lowly

2. God's Redeeming Work Among Men

3. God's Faithfulness to His Covenant

## SERVING TODAY:

**GREETERS:** Herb Sitter/Doug Van Til/Bob Wadkins
**NURSERY:** Shelley Boender/Summer Fulton
**POWERPOINT OPERATOR:** Kelly-Sue Stone
**AM SOUND OPERATOR:** Gabriel Marshall
**ROVING ELDER:** Don Hofstra
**DEACON'S PRAYER:** Cameron Zandstra
**COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS:** John & Jill Boender

## 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, EDUCATION CLASSES, AND EVENING WORSHIP WILL NOT BE TODAY.**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Allen Simmons–11/30
Jim Wiersma (76), Carrie Willett (87)–12/4

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**(GEMS Director of Finance)**