
We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" LUYH 69:4

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

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verb: Repair or renovate (a building, work of art, etc.) so as to return it to its original condition.

Psalm 80:3

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Davey Henreckson ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Soloist: Sara Ploegstra

Readers: Sanneke Kok, Barb Hoekstra ♦ Candle Lighter: Lauren Vander Plaats

Sound: Doug DeBoer ♦ Projection: Micah Goslinga

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God Gathers Us for Worship

- Opening Song and Candle Lighting: "Christ, Be Our Light" LUYH 908:1
- The Prophecy: Isaiah 64:4 p.1162
- *Song: "My Soul in Stillness Waits" LUYH 63:1,2
- *God Greet Us, We Greet One Another
- *Song: "O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock" LUYH 64:1,2

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

The Psalm and Our Prayer of Restoration: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

"Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; come and save us."

O promised Christ, we are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming.

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

"How long, Lord God Almighty,

will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,

and our enemies mock us."

We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;

our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it.

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

"Let your right hand rest on the man at your right hand,

the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name."

Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace,

for your pardon, and for your grace.

Even so: come, Lord Jesus.

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Amen.

Song: "God, Be Merciful to Me" LUYH 623:2,3

The Gospel: Luke 1:46b-55 p.1589

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Don't Be Afraid" LUYH 429

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9 p.1161

Sermon: "Advent: Judgment and Jubilee" Dr. Davey Henreckson

*Song of Response: "Savior of the Nations, Come" LUYH 74:1,6,7

We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer

We Offer our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the General/Building Fund. The General Fund helps keep our church operating and pay for a wide range of denominational ministries while the Building Fund offerings are used to cover major project expenses for the church.

We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

We Wait in Hope for Restoration

*Song: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" LUYH 69:1-3

*Words of Hope: "A New Heaven and Earth (Revelation 21:1-4)" LUYH 486