

We Are Sent with the Good News

*Song: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" LUYH 93:1,3
All who wish to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus," please gather at the front of church during the singing of this song. Music will be available.

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Hallelujah Chorus"

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are located at the entrances to the sanctuary, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.



CHRISTMAS DAY LIGHT

Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Brass: Sara Ploegstra, Steve, Brian, & Seth Vanden Berg
 Readers: Van Schouwen family
 Sound: Doug DeBoer ♦ Video: Tom Clark ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.



Isaiah 9:2,6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We Celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World

Welcome

*Call to Worship: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" LUYH 76:1,3,4

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Song: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" LUYH 80:1,3

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" LUYH 81:1-4

Jesus Reconciles and Renews Us

Prayer of Confession

O God, in the beginning, you spoke,
and creation was born, the object of your loving care.
In the fullness of time you spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of love.
We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love.
This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.
We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" LUYH 88:1,3,4

Words of Assurance: Titus 2:11 p.1859

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Thanks be to God.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LUYH 82:3

Leader & Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Kids & Helpers: And also with you.

Leader & Congregation: **God bless you as you worship.**

Kids & Helpers: God bless you as you worship.

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go 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 Reading: Luke 2:1-20 p.1590

Message: "Firstborn Among Many" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" LUYH 78:1,2,4

We Feast on Christmas Day

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

Here at Covenant, we believe that this is not the table of Covenant Christian Reformed Church; it is not the table of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, it is the table of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We therefore invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We also believe that this is a family meal and we welcome children to the table. This morning we will pass the elements. Please wait until all have received them and we will eat the bread and drink the cup together.

Sharing the Meal: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" LUYH 98

"Once in Royal David's City" LUYH 87

Prayer of Thanksgiving