

On that day we will see our Savior face to face,
sacrificed lamb and triumphant King, just and gracious.
He will set all things right, judge evil, and condemn the wicked.
We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior,
whose shed blood declares us righteous.

**We live confidently, anticipating his coming,
offering him our daily lives—our acts of kindness,
our loyalty, our love—
knowing that he will weave even our sins and sorrows
into his sovereign purpose.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

*Song: "I Will Wait for You"

**1. Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.**

**Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne?
Yet, full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.**

**Chorus: I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You till my soul is satisfied.**

**2. So put Your hope in God alone, take courage in His power to save.
Completely and forever won by Christ emerging from the grave.
His steadfast love has made a way, and God Himself has paid the price,
that all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice.**

**Chorus: I will wait for You, I will wait for You
through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, for Your love is my delight.**

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Joy to the Lord"

LUYH 92:1,4

Worship Participants

Pastor: Rylan Brue ♦ Piano: Mike Janssen, Will Breems ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries ♦ Drums: Tom Clark
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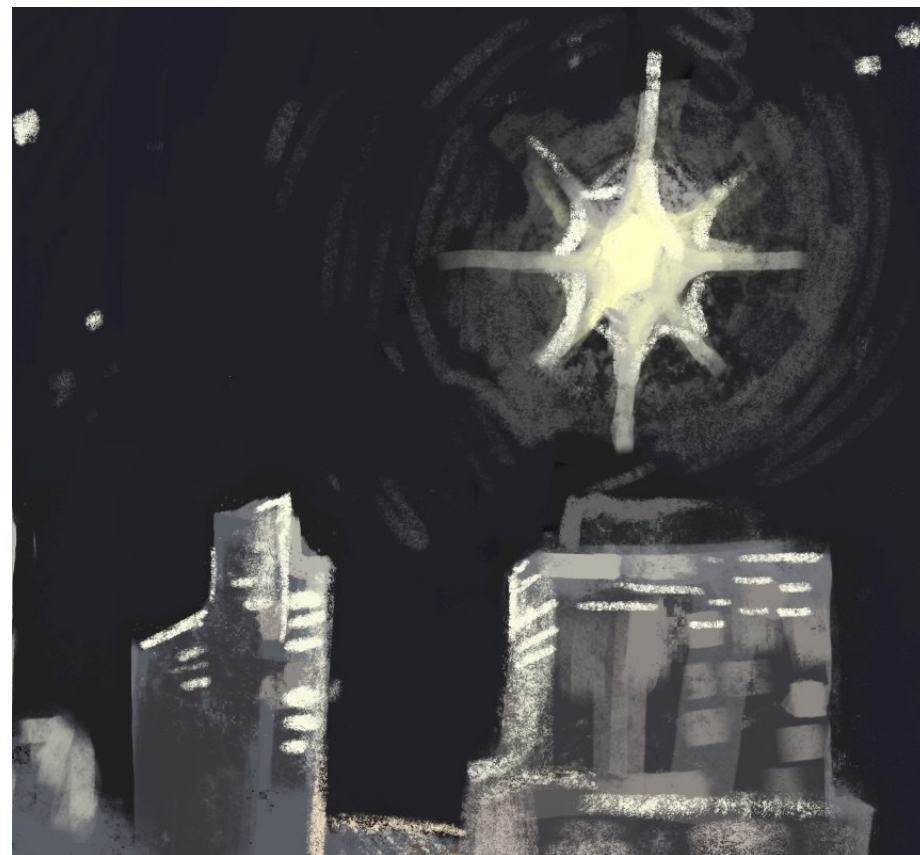
Hearing Assistance

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.



First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024



Psalm 74:12

But God is my King from long ago;
he brings salvation on the earth.

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Gathering

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LUYH 76:1-3

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: “The Day of the Lord (Psalm 37)”

1. It’s not long ’til the boastful are silenced and shamed.

It’s not long ’til the wealth of the wicked’s reclaimed.

And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord

will shine like the sun forevermore. It’s not long till the Day of the Lord!

2. Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land.

Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand.

When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong,

do not let the dark steal your song. It’s not long till the Day of the Lord!

Chorus:

It’s not long till the Day of the Lord, it’s not long till the Day of the Lord!

Everything that is broken will soon be restored.

It’s not long till the Day of the Lord!

3. Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war,

for the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor.

And our God comes with laughter, let him be your joy.

The power of the sword, he’ll destroy. It’s not long till the Day of the Lord!

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Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Lord, remember us. Have regard for your covenant.

We need your redemption.

Where hands have brought about destruction, desolation, and desecration,

where words have condemned, betrayed, and deceived,

where silence has concealed, isolated, and ignored,

forgive us for our part in such harm—O come, Emmanuel.

Shine light in the dark places,

speak peace in the lands haunted by violence and ransom your people.

As we remember your steadfast love and faithfulness,

we wait expectantly;

we rejoice in your coming. Amen.

Song: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LUYH 61:5,7

The Good News: Colossians 3:12-14

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Invitation to Giving

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 available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Word

Children In Worship Dismissal: “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

LUYH 102:1

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children and can gather in the fellowship hall with the helpers. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 74

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Message: “Christmas Means that God Remembers”

Rylan Brue

Response

*Song of Response: “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

LUYH 69

Prayers for the Church and World

*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God

Our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God’s rule will be crushed.

His kingdom will fully come, and the Lord will rule.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

We long for that day when our bodies are raised,

the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God.

We will take our place in the new creation

where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,

and the Lord will be our Light.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.