

December 25, 2025

Giving at Covenant

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.



Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Choir Director: Jill Friend

Worship Leaders: Sarah, Lizzie, Levi Hanley, Emily & Dylan Kramer ♦ Brass: Micah, Stephen, & Elijah Schreurs

Sound: Will Breems ♦ Video: Marty Vander Plaats ♦ 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.

John 1:14 (The Message)

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

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Gather & Praise

Welcome

*Sung Call to Worship: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" LUYH 76:1,2,4

*Lighting the Christ Candle

*Song: "Jesus, the Light of the World" LUYH 100:1-2

*Lighting the Advent Candles

Through Christ, God has made a way for Hope.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee, O Christ.

Through Christ, God has made a way for Peace.

All will be all, and all will be well. All manner of things will be well.

Through Christ, God has made a way for Joy.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Through Christ, God has made a way for Love.

Let every heart prepare him room. Heaven and nature sings.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

And we have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Scripture: Luke 2:8-14 p.1591

*Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LUYH 82:1,3

A Poem and a Prayer: "Come and Stand Amazed"

Song: "Here I Am to Worship" LUYH 567

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18 p.1645

Message: "Happy Life-Day to All" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" LUYH 78:1,3,4,5

Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues...)

Song: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LUYH 80:3

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.

Dying he destroyed our death. Rising he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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.

Communion Songs: "Once In Royal David's City" LUYH 87

"Soon and Very Soon" LUYH 482

The Thanksgiving

Sending

*Song: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" LUYH 93

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"