

Seymour Christian Reformed Church  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2017  
9:30 AM Worship

On this eve of world-wide recognition of Christ's birth, we warmly welcome you to the gathering of the saints at Seymour Church. As we worship here at Seymour, may we also have a sense of worshiping with believers world-wide. Our prayer is that those worshipping here, as well as all over the world, may be drawn to the only Savior for our sins.

If you are a newcomer to Seymour Church we want you to know that you are very welcome here. If you have any questions about our family of God or are interested in affiliating with our congregation, Pastor Brian White would be delighted to talk with you. Please leave your contact information on the Friendship Register or connect with him at 616-245-8726 or [brian@seymourchurch.org](mailto:brian@seymourchurch.org).

**BOLD PRINT:** Congregation participates audibly; \*congregation stands, if able.

*We Gather to Magnify the Lord*

Prelude: "Medley of Christmas Favorites"

"The Birthday of a King"

Neidlinger

Introit: "Glory to God"

(from *The Messiah*)

Sanctuary Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Revelation 19:11-13, 16

\*Call to Worship: from Joel 2

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

**sound the alarm on my holy hill.**

Let all who live in the land tremble,

**for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand.**

Come, let us worship God.

\*God's Greeting

\*Opening Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Red 81:1-4

(*Congregation, please be seated.*)

Congregational Life Announcements

\*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\*Songs of Worship: "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

*We Are Renewed in God's Grace*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**

**We have not loved you with a pure heart,**

**Nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness,**

**Or walked humbly with you, our God.**

*Quiet Reflection*

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.**

**In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within us.  
Do not cast us from your presence.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
And grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us.**

Invitation to Children: "Away in Manger" (Cradle Tune)

Red 86

*(Pre-k through first grade come forward for Children's Worship)*

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

### *We Hear His Word*

\*Carol of Preparation: "Once in Royal David's City"

Red 87

Scripture Reading: John 18:33-40

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "King—the Word Over Us"

Prayer of Application

\*Carol of Application: "O Holy Night"

### *We Respond to the Greatness of the Lord*

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offering: 1.) General Fund 2.) Christian Reformed Church Resonate Global Missions

*(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.)*

Offertory: "You're Here" (Battistelli)

vocal solo

\*Parting Blessing

\*Closing Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Red 80:3

\*Postlude: "Chorale"

Bach

### Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Brian White

Liturgist: Brad Hunter

Advent Candle Lighters: The Hunter Family

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Pianists: Sondra Minnema, Wendy Zwiers

Soloist: Maribeth Hoekstra

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Song Leaders: Worship Team, Seymour Brass

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