

Seymour Christian Reformed Church

Celebrating of the Glory of Christ's Birth

December 25, 2017

On this joyous Christmas Day, we extend a warm Christian greeting to everyone. We pray your worship today may enrich you in your walk with our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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

We Come into His Presence with Carols and Adoration

Prelude: "Glory to God in the Highest"
"Gesu, Bambino"

Caudill
Pietro Yon

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Child Candle

Introit: "Come, Let Us Adore Him" (Hallquist)

Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship: from John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Amen!

*Opening Carol: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Red 76

*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

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

*Carols of Christmas: "My Soul Magnifies the Lord"
"Light of the Stable"

Christmas Prayer

We Hear the Christmas Story and Sing the Carols of Christmas

(The scripture readings can be found on page 945 in the pew Bibles.

The scripture text for today's message is based on verses 8-20.)

Scripture: Luke 2:1-4

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Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Red 88:1-2

Scripture: Luke 2:5-8

Carol: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"

verses 1-2

Scripture: Luke 2:9-11

Carol: "The First Noel"

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verses 1, 5

Scripture: Luke 2:12

Carol: "Away in a Manger"

Red 86:1, 3

Scripture: Luke 2:13-14

*Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Red 82:1, 2

Scripture: Luke 2:15-16

Carol: "What Child Is This"

Red 95:1, 3

Scripture: Luke 2:17–19

Carol: "Silent Night"

Red 85

Scripture: Luke 2:20

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

We Unwrap the Gift of God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Message: "Jesus Is Born, So . . . Let's Go!"

*Carol of Response: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Red 93

We Give Thanks and Sing to the Glory of God

Offertory Prayer

Offering: 1.) General Fund 2.) Seymour Church Benevolent Fund

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)

Offertory Carol: "Christ Child Noel" (Raney) Sanctuary Choir & Rainbow Kids

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Carol: "Joy to the World"

Red 92:4

If you would like to participate in the Seymour Christmas tradition of singing the "Hallelujah Chorus," please go to the balcony at this time; scores are available.

*Glory to God: "Hallelujah Chorus"

Handel

*Postlude: "Festive Fanfare"

Bach

Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Brian White

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Pianists: Sondra Minnema, Wendy Zwiers

Song Leaders: Worship Team, Seymour Orchestra

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir. Rainbow Kids

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