

Seymour Christian Reformed Church
First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018

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 possible.

We Gather to Magnify the Lord

Advent Candle Lighting

Introit: "Prepare the Way"

Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship: Psalm 130

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his Word I put my hope

I wait for the Lord,
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
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**Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

*God's Greeting

*Opening Carol: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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Congregational Life Announcements

*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

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

*Songs of Worship: "Joy Has Dawned"

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

We Hear His Word

Invitation to Children: "The Prophets Came to Israel"

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

Advent Story: "The Creation Story"

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

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

Red 476:1, 2, 5

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "Joy Has Dawned: the Pineapple Principle"

Prayer of Application

*Carol of Application: "Joy to the World"

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We Respond in Thanks

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offering: 1.) General Fund 2.) Christian Education

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)

Offertory: "What Child Is This"

(Keuhmann)

Flute Solo

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Carol: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cries"

Red 70:4, 5

*Postlude: "Sicilian Mariner's March"

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Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Brian White

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Pianists: Wendy Zwiers, Sondra Minnema

Advent Candlelighters: Brent and Kari Ritzema

Song Leaders: Worship Team

Ministry of Music: Megan Vaandrager, flute; Sanctuary Choir