

Seymour Christian Reformed Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 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

Prelude: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel/In Dulci Jubilo" Caudill
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" (Plainsong) Whitworth

Advent Candle Lighting

Introit: "Glory to God" (from: *The Messiah*) Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

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—

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.**

*God's Greeting

*Opening Carol: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Red 61:1, 4, 5, 6

Welcome to Diemer Family: Dave, Holly, Joey, Abbe, Bryan, & Laudi

*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

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

*Songs of Worship

Invitation to Children: "Away in a Manger" Red 86:1, 2

Advent Story: "The Light of the Whole World"

Congregational Prayer

We Hear His Word

Ministry of Music: "Morning of Promise" (Martin)

Sanctuary Choir
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Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "Joy Has Dawned: Mary's Song"

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Red 59:1, 3
Red 79:1, 3, 4

We Respond in Thanks

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offering: 1.) General Fund 2.) Guiding Light Missions

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)

Offertory: "I Wonder as I Wander" (Appalachian Carol)

Schrader

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Red 78:5

*Postlude: "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" (from: *Christmas Oratorio*)

Saint-Säens

Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Shawn May

Liturgist: Mary Bouwma

Advent Candlelighters: The Diemer Family

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Pianists: Sondra Minnema, Wendy Zwiers

Reader: Lori Schreur

Song Leaders: Worship Team

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Seymour Trumpeters, Flutists & String Players

Cello Soloist: Sara White

Flute Soloist: Dawn Frambes

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