

Seymour Christian Reformed Church

Celebrating of the Glory of Christ's Birth

December 25, 2018

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 him as Lord of your life.

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" (French Melody) Caudill
"Good Things Medley" (Handel) Caudill

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Child Candles

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!

*God's Greeting

*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

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

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

Red 76

(congregation, please be seated)

Carol of Christmas: "Noel"

(Tomlin)

Vocal Duet

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 8-12.)

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” 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: “Joy Has Dawned: For All People”
Prayer
*Carol of Response: “Joy to World” Red 92:1

We Give Thanks and Sing to the Glory of God

Offertory Prayer
Offering: Benevolence
(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)
Musical Offering: “Sing Gloria, Sing 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 follow the choir to the balcony after the singing of our closing carol. Scores are available.*
*Glory to God: “Hallelujah Chorus” Handel
*Postlude: “Festive Fanfare” Bach

Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Brian White Liturgist: Shawn May
Organist: Ilene Woldhuis Pianists: Sondra Minnema, Wendy Zwiers
Vocal Duet: Maribeth Hoekstra, Wendy Zwiers Cellist: Sara White
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