

Seymour Christian Reformed Church

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Worship

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

Prelude: "Light of the Stable"
"King of Kings"
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Shepherds Candle

What does this third candle symbolize?

The Shepherds Candle emphasizes the joy of finding the Christ Child and sharing this joy with others.

The angels describe Jesus' birth to the shepherds as "good news of great joy" because he came to be our Savior!

The shepherds then went to Bethlehem and were the first to see the Messiah.

The shepherds became the first messengers to share their joy with others.

We light the Shepherd's Candle of Joy.

*Call to Worship: "Make Way"

*God's Greeting

*Opening Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City"

Red 87:1, 2, 4, 5

*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)"

Invitation to Children: "What Child Is This"

Red 95:1

(Pre-K through first grade come forward for a special Children's Message and Children's Worship.)

The Advent Story: "He's Here"

Congregational Prayer

We Listen

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5, 42:1-7

pages 641, 669

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "The King Who Brings Justice"

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: "Hark! The Herald Angels"

Red 80

We Respond

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offering: 1.) General Fund 2.) Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)

Offertory: "Light of the World" *(Daigle)*

Vocal Duet

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Red 81:5

*Postlude

*If you are visiting with us, please join us for
a time of coffee fellowship and one
of our after-church activities.
Check at our Welcome Center for details.*

Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Brian White

Liturgist: Jennifer VanAntwerp

Candle Lighter: Sara Wind

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Pianist: Wendy Zwiers

Song Leaders: Worship Team

Vocal Duet: Maribeth Hoekstra, Wendy Zwiers

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