

# Seymour Christian Reformed Church

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

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](mailto:brian@seymourchurch.org).

Bold Print: Congregation participates audibly; \*congregation stands, if possible.

### *We Gather*

A Musical Vignette: "What Child Is This"

"Silent Night"

"Away in a Manger"

"Glory to God"

Organ  
Psaltery, Dulcimer & Flute  
Cello  
Sanctuary Choir

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Angels' Candle

What does this fourth candle symbolize?

*The fourth candle reminds us of the angels and the part God gave them in preparing people for the coming of the Christ-Child.*

**Gabriel brought the wonderful news of the birth of the Messiah to a virgin named Mary.**

*An angel also prepared Mary's fiancé Joseph for the news of her pregnancy,*

**A "multitude of the heavenly hosts" celebrated the birth of Christ as they shared the news with the humble shepherds.**

Why is it also called a Candle of Peace?

**The message of the angels is "Peace on earth and good will toward men."**

*We light the Angels' Candle of Peace.*

\*Call to Worship: "Make Way"

Sing 176

\*God's Greeting: Romans 15:13

\*Opening Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Red 81:1-4

\*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

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

\*Songs of Worship: "My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

"While We Are Waiting Come"

Jesus Song: "Christmas Means Jesus"  
Advent Story: "The Light of the Whole World"  
Congregational Prayer

Rainbow Kids

## *We Listen*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53:1-8

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "The King Who Brings Forgiveness"

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Red 78:1-4

## *We Respond*

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offering: 1.) General Fund 2.) Wycliffe Bible Translators

*(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)*

Offertory: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *(Pethel)*

Seymour Brass

\*Parting Blessing

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

Red 78:5

\*Postlude: "In Excelsis Deo"

*Please join us for coffee fellowship after worship today.  
Join us again on Christmas Day as we celebrate the birth  
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

### Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Brian White

Advent Candle Lighters: Doles Family

Liturgist: Tommy Doles

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir, Rainbow Kids, Seymour Brass

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Pianists: Sondra Minnema, Wendy Zwiers

Cellist: Sara White

Flute and Psaltery Duet: Gail Sibma and Susan Traxler

Song Leaders: Worship Team

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