

Seymour Christian Reformed Church

Celebrating of the Glory of Christ's Birth

December 25, 2019

On this joyous Christmas Day, we extend a warm 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: "O Holy Night" Adam
"Glory to God in the Highest" Caudill
"Make Way" (Congregation, please join in singing)

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Choral Response: "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" (Handel) Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

*God's Greeting: Romans 15:13

*Opening Carol: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Red 76

*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

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

*Carol: "Silent Night" Red 85

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.

Today's message is based on these verses)

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Carol: "Emmanuel"

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High" Red 82

Scripture: Luke 2:15-20

Carol: "Christ Child Noel"

Sanctuary Choir and Rainbow Kids

Scripture: Luke 2:21

Carol: "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

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: "The True King"

Prayer

*Carol of Response: "King of Kings"

We Give Thanks and Sing to the Glory of God

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Benevolence

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)

Musical Offering: "Silent Night" "Away in a Manger"

Bell Choir

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Carol: "Joy to the World"

Red 92:3, 4

If you would like to participate in the Seymour Christmas tradition of singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" please go to the balcony after the singing of our closing carol. Scores are available.

*Glory to God: "Hallelujah Chorus"

Handel

*Postlude: "Receive Your King"

Handel

Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Brian White

Liturgist: Shawn May

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Pianists: Sondra Minnema, Wendy Zwiens

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir, Rainbow Kids,

Bell Choir (2nd & 3rd Graders), Seymour Instrumentalists

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