

Seymour Christian Reformed Church

December 29, 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.

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

We Gather

Prelude: "Silent Night"

"Be Thou My Vision"

"What Child Is This"

Brickman

Kerrick

Purifoy

*Call to Worship

Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

We shout the good news of God's mighty love!

Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

The Universe that God created sings its praise!

Praise the Lord!

Hallelujah! AMEN.

*God's Greeting

*Opening Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Red 92:1, 2, 4

*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

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

(congregation, please be seated)

Scripture: Psalm 23

Year End Remembrances

–remembering those who passed to glory

–rejoicing in new life (births & baptisms)

–professions of faith, new members

Prayer

*Songs of Worship: "Never Once" "Stronger"

We Are Renewed

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession and Assurance: based on Psalm 103

Gracious God, we thank and praise you

for you are good and your love endures forever.

Despite your goodness, both we and our ancestors have sinned.

We don't act justly or always do what is right.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever:
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting. Let all the people say,
"Amen!" Praise the Lord.

Congregational Prayer

We Hear His Word

Scripture Reading: Esther 4:1-17

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "The Now of the New Year"

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: "Lord, I Need You"

We Respond in Thanks

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

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

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)

Offertory: "Mary, Did You Know"

Tornquist

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "Soon and Very Soon"

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*Postlude

Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Todd Grotenhuis

Liturgist: Shawn May

Pianist: Wendy Zwiers

Song Leaders: Worship Team

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