

Matthew 1:18-25

Responding to the Word

Invitation to praise and prayer, intercession and commitment

The Lord's Supper

Offering our Gifts of Gratitude

***The Doxology**

******* The Sending *******

Announcements

***Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

(B 29)

***Blessing**

Organists:

(E) Jeanette Sluis

(L) Dean Knips

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

26 Erwin Kooiman

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Please, feel free to contact any of these elders with questions or concerns.



DECEMBER 22, 2019

Advent

***** **The Gathering** *****

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

***O Come All Ye Faithful**

(B 41)

***Opening Prayer**

(Fr. Henri Nouwen)

*Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.*

*We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice
each day.*

*We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming
among us.*

*We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of
your kingdom.*

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest?

(R 180)

Isaiah 7:10-16

***Prayer of Confession**

***Loving God, there is no greater sign of your love for us than the
birth of your Son Jesus, our Savior and Shepherd. Forgive us when
we pay more attention to satisfying our own needs, than seeking you
and your will for our lives—for being more interested in possessing
the material things of life, rather than your spiritual gifts. Turn our
lives around so that we are looking in the right direction - towards***

***you. Open our eyes to recognize your presence in our lives. This we
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***

Words of Assurance

*Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we have been enriched in every
way—in everything we say, and in everything we know. Through
God's grace we lack no spiritual gift as we wait with anticipation for
Jesus to be revealed. He will keep us strong to the end, so that we
shall be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 1:5-8)*
Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri: #579 Blue**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***** **The Word** *****

Offering Our Advent Prayers

Holy One, be the light in our darkness today.

Lord, hear our prayer.

*As we have lit the candle of hope, we pray for those who feel
hopeless...*

*As we have lit the candle of peace, we pray for all victims of
violence...*

*As we have lit the candle of joy, we pray for those whose hearts are
weighed down by sorrow...*

*As we have lit the candle of love, we pray for those who do not feel
loved, for those who struggle to love others...*

*Holy One, be the light in our darkness,
that we might reflect your light into the dark corners of our world.*

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Special Music

First Presbyterian Choir (L)

Sandy and Ashley Rahlfs (E)

Quietness

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