

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

All who come from near and far, **come and worship.**

All who thirst for God, **come and worship.**

All whose hearts overflow with gratitude and hope,
come and worship.

All whose hearts may be filled with despair or grief,
come and worship.

All who come with doubts or questions about life in Jesus,
come and worship.

Angels From the Realms of Glory (#354:1,5 PH)

Come and Behold Him (Screen)

Come and behold Him Come see His glory

Come with an honest heart To see all He is

We will discover All of His beauty

His light will burn away All the darkness we've known

(Chorus) Come and behold Him Come and behold Him

Come with an honest heart To see all He is

Come and behold Him Wait now before Him

Come with an honest heart To see all He is

Come and behold Him Come filled with wonder

Come see the Christ child here a Savior is born

In His redemption we find perfection

Come now believing our Messiah has come (chorus)

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What a Beautiful Name (Screen)

You were the Word at the beginning

One with God the Lord Most High

Your hidden glory in creation

Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us

So Jesus You brought heaven down

My sin was great Your love was greater

What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus
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Advent IV

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

The whole earth is full of his glory!

When Christ was born, the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy.

Advent Hymn (Screen)

Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the everlasting light
Son of righteousness arise
And triumph o'er these chains of mine

Come thou long awaited One
In the fullness of Your love
And loose this heart bound up by shame
And I will never be the same

(Chorus) So here I've waited hope of You
All my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near
And Daystar in my heart appear

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Until Your love in me is born
And joyless is the evening song
Until Emmanuel has come

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Children, ages 3 – 2nd gr. are dismissed, for their age appropriate worship, to the youth center downstairs.

Congregational Prayer

Offering Resonate Global Mission: Jeong & Misook Gho
(Next week: Sierra Salem)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 60 (p. 1155)

The Christ, the Fulfilment of Prophecy: "Christ Is the Awaited Conqueror"

Sending Out

Parting Blessing

Blessed be the God of Israel (Screen)

Blessed be the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.

My child, as prophet of the Lord,
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.

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Today

This morning Rev. Mark VanDyke will continue the Advent series called *The Christ: The Fulfillment of Prophecy* taken from the book of Isaiah. The Messiah wouldn't be a king who goes out to conquer other nations, but who draws the nations to himself. Today's sermon is *Christ is the Awaited Conqueror* from Isaiah 60.

Tonight Pastor Mark will read Ephesians 3:1-13. The message will be "Louis Berkhof: Making the Mystery of Christ Known".

Our Children in Worship program is for 3yrs old – 2nd grade children that meets downstairs in the youth ministry center during the morning worship service for age appropriate worship. Today's story is *The Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem (Advent 4)* and *Christmas – Meeting the Christ Child*.

Announcements

No plans for Christmas Day? There will be an opportunity to have dinner with members of our church and their guests on Christmas at 1:00. A sign-up sheet is at the welcome desk for names and number of people. Also, you can sign up for what part of the meal you would like to bring. Meat will be provided. You are welcome to stay for games following the dinner or leave when needed.

Thank You to all of you who purchased See's Candies or gave toward GEMS in your Thanksgiving envelopes. Because of you, our GEMS group received over \$3000 this November. We are especially thankful this season for you!

Thank you so much for all your beautiful donations for the Paradise Camp fire. After going up and visiting so many distributions centers I can tell you that it is exactly just what they are in need of. Thank you and God bless each and every one of you. Chris Leshner and her Partylight crew.

Church Family

Birthdays this week: 12/25 Heather Tavares 12/26 Ric Winters 12/27 Addison Tenente 12/29 Kim Mulder, Madelyn Yonker

Anniversary this week: 12/30 Jacob & Anne Foster

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 23	Morning Worship – 9:30am Beth Haven B & C – 10:45am Worship Team Practice – 10:45am NO Sunday School (K-8) – resumes Jan. 6 NO Catechism (9-12) – resumes Jan. 13 NO Adult Education Evening Worship – 6pm
Monday 24	
Tuesday 25	Christmas Day Service – 10:00am NO Men's Bible Study – will resume Jan. 15
Wednesday 26	WWW: No meetings until the Calvin January Series is completed. Next meeting scheduled for January 30.
Thursday 27	Worship Practice – 7pm
Friday 28	
Saturday 29	
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Almond Valley Mailbox Messages December 23, 2018

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date: RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at Immanuel CRC in Ripon. January 29, 3:00-7:00. If you would like to volunteer, or donate for the first time, contact Lisa at the Immanuel CRC office, 209-599-6163. Appointments can also be made at redcrossblood.org. Find a blood drive by zip code and find Immanuel on the list.

CRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Family Faith Formation Tip - On this fourth Sunday in Advent, retell the events leading up to Jesus' birth using the figures in your nativity creche. Don't have one? Use Lego or Playmobil people and blocks to make your own. Choose a narrator to read Luke 2:1-20 as the rest of you reenact the story. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

2019 JANUARY SERIES - the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin College's campus; others will watch the live feed at more than 50 remote webcast sites, while others listen online. For information about speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, go to www.calvin.edu/january

Calvin Symposium on Worship - Join us January 24-26, 2019, at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. The three-day conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshipers. Excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public. See worship.calvin.edu/symposium/ for information and registration.

CHRISTMAS REMIXED - Did you know the book of Revelation tells the Christmas story? It's true. Complete with dragons and intense drama. Study Revelation 12 with Groundwork see the cosmic perspective on Christ's birth and purpose revealed through the Apostle John's vision. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.