

Giving Our Offering Ripon Christian Tuition Assistance (Next week: General Fund)

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Welcome to Worship
January 2, 2022

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God Heals and Forgives

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Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

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TODAY

As the shepherds and magi worshiped the Word-made-flesh, we too gather to worship the Lord. Welcome, one and all.

Morning Worship: Mark 2:1-12, *The State of the Church 2021: The Church in America*

Evening Worship: Hebrews 13:17, Belgic Confession Article 31 & 32, *"Men Who Will Give An Account"*

Our Children in Worship program is for children 3 yrs. old - 2nd grade. It is a time of age-appropriate worship that meets during the morning worship service. Today the story is *Baby Jesus is Presented to God*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Profession of Faith: Next Sunday, January 9, we will gather for a special worship service wherein we will welcome new members to Almond Valley and celebrate communion. Our new members are Gerrit Visser and Clara Visser. In preparation for this service please pray that Gerrit & Clara would truly be welcomed and enfolded into our fellowship through the work of the Holy Spirit.

WWW: The Wednesday morning Bible Study will begin on January 12 at 9:00 AM. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

BLOOD DRIVE: The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Immanuel CRC will be on Tuesday, January 25, from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. To sign up online, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code, Ripon, in the "Find a Blood Drive" box. Please note that appointments will be required to give blood. For more information, please contact the church office at 599-6163.

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Things to Remember:

- Calvin University January Series beginning January 10-28 at Immanuel CRC, 9:30am also at www.calvin.edu/january
 - Ladies Bible Study starts January 18th. A Simply Bible study by Carmen Beasley—*The Gospel of John*. Book cost: \$15.
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CHURCH FAMILY

Birthdays: 1/2 Tiffany Kamper 1/6 Tim Bloemhof 1/8 Anika Wicker

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for the week of Jan. 2

Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship

6:00pm Evening Worship

Thursday

6:00am Ladies Bible Study

7:00pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship—Communion, Profession of Faith

10:45am K-5 Sunday School

10:45am 6-12 Education Class

NO Adult Education Class

6:00pm Evening Worship

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Jan. 2

Safety Contact: Paul Anema

Welcome Center Host: Cindy Vander Molen

Sound: Ray Bulthuis

Video: Alizey Patino

Projection: Dawn Eskes

Open/Close Church: Dusty Hoekstra

Usher: John Reyneveld, Rich Maliepaard

Nursery: Kim McMurray, Janeen Dykxhoorn, Madelyn Yonker

Children in Worship: Ashley Schuller, Ruth Visser

Coffee Servers: Vi Sikkema, Florence Moret-Butterman

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Orchard *Weekly*

DECEMBER 26, 2021

Upcoming Services

Christmas Day: John 1:1-14, *The Light of the World*

Sunday Morning Sermon: Ephesians 3:12, *What is Your Only Comfort*

Sunday Evening: Evening service has been cancelled.

New Year's Eve: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20, "*Who Is the Lord?*"

Join us at 6pm for a time of worship. We will have the opportunity to share what we have learned about the Lord and his Word during 2021.

Oh come, all ye faithful! Join us for worship on Saturday, Christmas morning at 10:00 AM . At Almond Valley our Christmas day worship service is a spiritual high point for the year. While we will sing Christmas carols and hear the Christmas story, this year's service will be slightly different than in past years. Due to exposure to COVID Pastor Mark will not be able to lead the service in person, but work is underway to create short video messages for the Christmas day and Sunday worship services. As COVID is spreading through our community, please be judicious in evaluating your health and deciding whether to join us in person or via livestream (<https://www.almondvalley.org/sunday/>) for this weekend's services.

Announcements

AV College Kids Night, Dec. 29th @ 6:30pm – Calling all college-age young people! This next Wednesday night Pastor Zac and Bailey will be hosting a get together at their house from 6:30-8:30pm (address: 906 Baker Dr., Ripon, CA 95366). This will be a great time to eat dinner, catch up with each other, pray together, and share an evening of fellowship. We hope to see you there!

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This Week

Saturday, Christmas Day

10:00am Christmas Morning Worship

Sunday, Dec. 26

9:30am Morning Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Church Office will be closed

Friday, Dec. 31

6:00pm New Year's Eve Worship

Sunday, Jan 2

9:30am Morning Worship

No Education Classes

6:00pm Evening Worship

Church Family

Birthdays: 12/26 Ric Winters, 12/29 Kim Mulder, Madelyn Yonker 1/1 Pam Brown, Lori Bulthuis, David Koolhaas, Dayna Koolhaas, Candice Lee, Doug Van Dyken 1/2 Tiffany Kamper

Anniversaries: 12/31 Jordan & Rachel Goslinga, Hans & Susan Oines

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Young at Heart having dinner at Jamestown Hotel after watching a play at Fallon House in Columbia.



Weekly Prayer Guide

Monday - "Mary pondered all these things in her heart." Do you ponder what God is doing around you? Mary did not understand her full mission in her life, but she listened, learned, wondered, and strove to serve her Savior. Pray that you may strive to reach your full potential in serving your Savior this coming year.

Tuesday - Mary loved her child, but also knew that she had to hold Him loosely, because He first belonged to God and His mission. Pray that we can hold our children "loosely", so God can hold them tightly. We can love them, but God can totally lead and protect them.

Wednesday - After Christmas comes Epiphany, when people realize what God is doing in this world and in their lives. Do you need an epiphany to re-start your relationship with your Savior? Recommit your love for Christ and your service to His kingdom.

Thursday - A new year brings new opportunities. Do you have good healthy habits from last year to build on, or do you need to create new habits to serve your Lord? Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you into holiness and righteousness as you enter this new year.

Friday - As we come out of a year of uncertainty and worry, may we refocus on the goodness and mercy of God. May we keep our eyes focused on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. May we totally trust Him and love Him with all of our hearts in this coming year.

Saturday - Pray for those who struggle in their faith and their relationship with God. We all know someone who needs encouragement and reassurance that God walks with them. Pray for them and be God's ambassador to them with acts of love and mercy.

Sunday - May God be glorified this new year in our church, our lives, our relationships, and our worship. Come Holy Spirit and lead us into all truth and holiness. May our love grow stronger day by day for You and for Your people.