

# FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

## EDGERTON, MINNESOTA

Christmas Morning Service - December 25, 2021

Led by: Pastor Scott Muilenburg

We welcome you to this celebration of our Savior's birth. May his peace and joy be yours during this season!

This service is "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols." This series of Scripture readings and carols is a tradition that developed in Great Britain. In the Bidding Prayer, a short introduction is given, followed by a list of prayer concerns for which the congregation prays silently. The Bidding Prayer is concluded by saying the Lord's Prayer in unison. The Collect for Christmas that concludes the service is a short, traditional prayer.

Prelude Hymn Sing: *"The First Noel"* (vv. 1, 6)

#353 *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* (vv. 1, 2)

#354 *"Angels From The Realms of Glory"* (vv. 1, 4, 5)

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candles - Tadd and Erica Prins and family

Musical Offering: *"Celebrate, Rejoice"* - First CRC Choir

God's Greeting

The Bidding Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Opening Song: #340 *"O Come All Ye Faithful"* (vv. 1, 4)

**The First Lesson** - Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

#337 *"Joy To The World"* (vv. 3, 1) - Please stand as we sing

**The Second Lesson** - Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

#328 *"O Come, O Come Immanuel"* (v. 4)

**The Third Lesson** - Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

*"His Glorious Name"*

**The Fourth Lesson** - Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

*"The Birthday Of A King"*

**The Fifth Lesson** - Luke 1:26-35

The angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary, foretelling the birth of Jesus.

#345 *"Hark The Herald"* (v. 2)

**The Sixth Lesson** - Luke 2:1-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus Christ.

#344 *"Silent Night"* (vv. 1, 2) - Please stand as we sing

**The Seventh Lesson** - Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds travel to the manger.

#347 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (vv. 1, 2, 3)

Children ages 3 years through 8th grade may come to the front during this hymn to sing "Go Tell It on The Mountain"

Christmas Message for the Children - Pastor Scott

**The Eighth Lesson** - Matthew 2:1-14

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

*"O Holy Night"* - Please stand as we sing

**The Ninth Lesson** - John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

*"Glorious Light"*

Prayer for the Offering

Offertory Song: #214 *"Glory To God"*

The Collect for Christmas

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: *"The Hallelujah Chorus"* - Those who'd like to sing may come forward

Postlude

**MEMBERS IN SERVICE**

**TODAY**

Nursery: Nicole Vis, Megan Bleyenburgh, Levi VanHofwegen, Logan Bleyenburgh

Ushers: Greg Talsma, Arlyn Schmidt, Micah Schaap, Ben Hanson

Medical Assistant: Brenda Kooi

Valet Parking: Mike Hulstein

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Nursery: AM: Evon VanHofwegen, Kim VanHofwegen, Kade Fey, Jonathan Sjaarda

PM: Kim Veldhuizen, Carrie Top, Lydia Talsma, Makenna Moss

Ushers: Greg Talsma, Arlyn Schmidt, Micah Schaap, Ben Hanson

Children's Worship: No lesson

Medical Assistants: Kim Veldhuizen

Valet Parking: Kirk Bleyenburgh