

# ***New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ December 13, 2020***

## **Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!**

As we gather together in response to our Lord's call to worship, may we hear His Word with gladness, respond with hearts of love and gratitude, and go forth from this place with renewed commitment to serve Him every day.

## **SCHEDULE**

**TODAY: 9:30AM: Morning Worship** - Today we celebrate communion. If you are truly sorry for your sins, sincerely believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, earnestly desire to lead a Godly life, and are a participating (professing) member in a Christian Church you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table Those who are worshipping at home and joining us via live stream, please have your elements available so you can join us at the table of our Lord.

**TODAY is the 3rd Sunday in Advent.** In the 3rd chapter of Ruth we find Naomi encouraging Ruth to seek rest and joy. Christ came to bring rest and joy. The angels announced good news of great joy for all people. We long for rest and joy, and yet we may find ourselves too easily satisfied with less than the real joy of Christmas.

**If you are at home** and would like to join us in worship via live stream click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJnzi7vpo5Hr9u3dxOULcA> after 9:20AM and you should be able to watch the service live. You should also be able to watch the service at a later time by clicking on the same link.

## **6:00PM: Evening Worship Gathering - TEXT: Revelation 5**

Join us for a time of Prayer, Praise and Listening to God's Word

**Wednesday: 7:00PM** - Executive Committee Meeting

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Joan Mulder** is in the hospital in Arizona with pneumonia.

**The families** and homes affected by COVID.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please remember to fill out a ballot** with your council nominations and return them in the mail, with an email, or drop them off at church **TODAY**, December 13.

**We express our sympathy** to Dan and Sandy Whitaker. Sandy's brother died on Friday Dec. 4.



**Morning Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk**

*The Third Week of Advent*

*"Under the Bethlehem Star "*

*"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10*

Prelude

**God Calls Us Into Worship**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Songs : ***"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"***

Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother--All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Advent Candle Lighting: **JOY**

Advent Prayer

\*The God Who Gives Us Joy Through Jesus Greet Us

\*Songs of Praise: ***"Meekness and Majesty"***

Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity, kneels in humility and washes our feet.

**REFERAIN:** Oh, what a mystery -- meekness and majesty;  
bow down and worship, for this is your God.

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence, yet learns obedience to death on a cross,  
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice, and, as they crucify, prays,  
"Father, forgive." (refrain)

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinite, stooping so tenderly, lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.  
(refrain)

PsH#337 :1, 2, 3, 4 ***"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"***

**To Give Thanks**

Congregational Prayer

## To Listen to His Word

### ***"Under the Bethlehem Star"***

Scripture - Ruth 3

Message - ***"Good News of Great Joy"***

## To Celebrate at the Lord's Table

We Prepare to be United with Christ

\*Song: ***"My Soul in Stillness Waits"***

***Refrain:*** For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you,  
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. (refrain)

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits; our thirsty hearts are yearning for your  
Word. Come, make us whole; be comfort to our hearts. (refrain)

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent draw us all to you,  
our hope reborn in dying and in rising. (refrain)

\*The Apostles Creed

We are Fed at the Lord's Table

\*Song: ***"How Great Our Joy"***

While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright  
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

There shall the Child lie in a stall, This child who shall redeem us all.  
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

This gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill.  
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

This gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill.  
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy! Joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

## To Go Out and Serve

\*God's Blessing

\*Sending Song: ***"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"***

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: joy! joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, And man is blessed evermore:  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!





