

New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ December 27, 2020

Welcome to all who are worshiping 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 is the last Sunday of 2020. It has been a memorable year for all. For many it has brought some challenges, but in the end we look back and see God's hand in control. We begin a series of sermons on the Beatitudes. As we enter another year may we discover what it means to be blessed. **Today:** Blessed are the Poor.

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

No evening gathering planned today. We will meet again next week, January 3.

THURSDAY Dec.31 - 2:00PM - Prayer Time at church. Join us as we thank God for the blessings of 2020 and ask for his presence and guidance as we begin the New Year!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Todd Goodrich has returned home following surgery and is doing very well.

Ben Malda has returned home and is receiving Hospice Care.

Shirley Van Drie is no longer receiving treatments for cancer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, January 3, we will install the newly chosen elders Bob Eekhoff and Mark Weesies, along with newly chosen deacon Jim Bush. Winton Adema, Greg Vriesman, and Jake VanderVelde have completed their terms as elders and deacon.

We want to express our sympathy to Paul Mulder, Dan and Mary Mulder, Don and Donna Byker and the rest of the family and loved ones of Joan Mulder. Joan passed last week Sunday morning.

Thank you so much everyone for the cards of condolences and phone calls following my brother's sudden and unexpected death. We are overwhelmed with emotion at all the caring people in our congregation. Seems like every day the mail brings another card to remind we are being thought of and prayed for. We are proud to consider New Era Christian Reformed Church as our church. We are so glad we found you.

Dan and Sandy Whitaker

Deacon Report -12-20-2020 Total Offering \$6,517.00

General Fund - \$6,426.00 Love INC - \$91.00

Today's Offering - General Fund

Also, the proposed Annual Budget for 2021 passed.

Morning Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship

*Opening Song : PsH#340:1, 3, 4 **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

*God Greets Us

*Songs of Praise: **"What Child is This?"**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherd's watch are keeping?

REFRAIN: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. (refrain)

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him. (refrain)

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heav'ns all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their king,
And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

God's Will for Our life

Assurance of Grace

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

Song: PsH#215:1, 2, 3, 6 ***"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"***

To Listen to His Word

"The Pathway to Blessings"

Scripture - Matthew 5:1-12 Text: vs. 3

Message - ***"Pure Joy"***

Prayer

*Song: PsH#355:1, 2, ***"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"***

To Go Out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: PsH#356:1, 3 ***"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"***

