

New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ December 6, 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: 9:30AM: Morning Worship -TODAY is the 2nd week of Advent. We worship in the light of the "Bethlehem Star" and celebrate PEACE. Naomi and Ruth have returned to Bethlehem from Moab. They are hoping to survive the bitter pill that life has given to them. True to his Word God provides abundant PEACE to Naomi and Ruth and to us when we turn to him in trust and faith.

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 3

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

Wednesday: 7:00PM - Executive Committee Meeting

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep the many individuals that have been diagnosed with COVID 19 in your prayers. Those that we have been asked to pray for this week are:

Mary Freye, Val Vincent, and Mary's mother.

Mary Vander Werp's brother Thom.

Sandy Whitaker's brother and sister-in-law.

Phil, Anna, and Eli Morse

Continue to pray for our community, nation, and world as we face the COVID pandemic. May God comfort those who have lost loved ones, heal those who are sick with COVID, protect those who are healthy, provide for those whose work has been interrupted, and strengthen, encourage, and offer hope for all of us who are growing weary. May God protect his church in this time and heal his world from the Corona virus.

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 by next Sunday, December 13.

Women's Fellowship. It has longtime been a Christmas tradition to send a monetary gift to our missionary families: Vermaires, Canches, and Schmidts. Although we are not currently in fellowship with one another with a Bible Study, we would like to continue the blessing for Christmas of 2020. If you would like to donate money to our special families, please put a check written out to Women's Fellowship of NECRC in Barb Young's church mailbox by Dec. 13. We will send our greetings to wish them a blessed Christmas and New Year. Thank you from Barb and Sharon Z.

Deacon Report

Thanksgiving Day - Total Offering - \$6,951.00

General Fund - \$6,851.00 Benevolence - \$100.00

11-29-2020 - Total Offering \$1,475.00 General Fund \$1,475.00

Today's Offering: General Fund

Dec. 13 - General Fund/Missions

Christmas - Personal Care Pantry

December 20 - Love INC

December 27 - General Fund

Morning Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk

The Second Week of Advent

"Under the Bethlehem Star"

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives. John 14:27a

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Songs : PsH#328:1, 2, 5, 6 **"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"**

Advent Candle Lighting: **PEACE**

Advent Prayer

*The God of Peace Greet Us

*Songs of Praise:PsH#340:1, 3, 4 **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**
PsH#345:1, 3 **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

God's Will For Our Life - Preparatory Form

*Song: **"Before the Throne of God"**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great high Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and
pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the king of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood; my life is hid
with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my savior
and my God.

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

To Listen to His Word

"Under the Bethlehem Star"

Scripture - Ruth 2

Message - "Before God's Face"

Prayer

*Song: PsH#214 **"Glory to God"**

To Go Out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: **"Song of Hope"**

May the God of hope go with us every day. Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

Refrain: Praying let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all. Working, for a world
that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

God will be our Shepherd as we go our way and will not forsake us when we go astray. Even
though the load of life is hard to bear, we must not forget that God is always there. Refrain.

