

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

9:30 AM

The Congregation Gathers:

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Keith Lefers*

Lighting the Advent Candles – *Marc & Charish Weeldreyer family*

For Praise:

✠Songs of Praise #132 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

#157 “Away in a Manger”

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

✠Words of Assurance

✠Ascription of Praise #623 “Gloria Patri”

✠Passing of the Peace

Ministry in Music – *Suzanna Subah*

For Reflection:

Children’s Message

Old Testament Lesson – Zephaniah 3:14-20 (pages 1466-1467)

Response Psalm – Psalm 126 (page 967)

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 16:13-20 (page 1524)

Message: “**Christ**”

Prayer of Commitment

✠Affirmation of Faith #717 “The Nicene Creed”

✠Hymn #131 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

For Response:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

✠Offertory Response #625 “Doxology”

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things that hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Church Family Ties

Congregational Prayer and “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

✠Benediction

✠Closing Song #133 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Postlude

✠*Please stand during these acts of worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The scripture and message will be posted on Facebook. You may view the worship service live in the kitchen, the Family Life Center, and the nursery.

Tithes and offerings may be designated for technology, helping hand, mission, memorial, or building funds. Undesignated gifts go to general fund.

Children may go to “Little Lambs” choir during the closing song. Christmas program practice will be held during the Sunday School time. **The program is Sunday, December 22, at 4:00 PM.** A special offering will be received for the Lennox Area Ministerial Association and for Center of Hope.

Baskets for mission fund gifts are in the serving window.

“Sewing for Others” will meet on Tuesday, December 17, at 1:00 PM.

All children are invited to join a bell ringing processional on Sunday morning, December 22, at the beginning of the worship services. Bells of all types and sizes may be used.

Greeter/Special Music coordinator and Coffee/Cookie server lists have been prepared. Contact Kristi Rops with any concerns or changes.

Boxes have been placed in the fellowship hall for donations for Christmas sacks and for gifts for Pastor Harlan and the two youth directors.

We invite everyone to submit a photo of their family to include in our Church Family Tree for the Christmas season. Place your photo on the tree or give a photo to Sandy Zwart, sandyzwart@yahoo.com.

Many thanks for all the gifts under the angel tree. If you wanted a tag but didn’t get one, gifts of personal hygiene or household items would also be greatly appreciated. Please place all items under the tree, unwrapped, by Sunday morning, December 15.

Updated phone numbers, emails, and postal addresses are needed for the new church directory. Please send your information to secondlennox@iw.net or leave a note in the church office.

Help spread the Christmas spirit! Christmas cards are on a table in the fellowship hall with a list of people who would enjoy receiving a card. Please return signed cards to the basket on the table by December 15. Thank you.

January newsletter information is due in the office by 9:00 AM on Monday, December 23.

Christmas Eve Worship on December 24 will begin at 5:00 PM. The service will include candlelight and the Lord’s Supper. A special offering will be received for Inspiration Hills and the Union Gospel Mission.

As a thank you for your commitment to serve the Lord, Verlaine and Pastor Harlan welcome the 2024 and 2025 consistory and spouses to an evening dinner at Johnny Carino’s on Monday, December 30, at 6:30 PM. Come, let us celebrate the peace and joy Christ brings. Please RSVP by text to Verlaine 605-366-8094, or Pastor Harlan 605-366-7853 by Dec 20.

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters will meet on Friday, Dec 13, at 2:00 PM at the Union Gospel Mission, 705 E 8th St., Sioux Falls. The love gift is new toys for the Christmas Wish List.

Contact Kristi Rops if you would like to start or stop using offering envelopes in 2025.

We are invited to a Soup & Dessert Social at St. Magdalen's today until 12:30 PM. Dine-in or to-go options available. Adult \$7; Youth \$4; 5 & under free. There will also be a country store and raffle tickets.

Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Greater Lennox and Turner County has been blessed to help more and more people, and appreciates the prayers and support from local churches. Volunteers are in the office at Faith Presbyterian Church in Lennox from 2:30-5:30 every Tuesday afternoon, but you may also leave a message at other times (605-647-4500) and someone will get back to you. The office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec 24th, for the Christmas holiday.

Go to www.secondreformed.com to join our email prayer chain group. Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section. Contact Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops for assistance.

Last Sunday we received \$1,822 for general fund (\$3,254 needed weekly to meet the general fund budget) and \$125 for the mission fund.

Contact Kent DeJong or Mary Schilling if you would like to give offerings by automatic withdrawals through Security Bank or American Bank & Trust.

TODAY:

Welcome to Second Reformed Church! We invite all visitors to sign the guest book and to join us for fellowship following worship.

Pianist: Diana Smit

Greeters: Pastor Harlan & Verlainne Hayunga

Coffee: Steve & Patty Sinning and Alex & Elizabeth Sinning

8:55-9:25 AM – Koffee Kiosk (bring your own covered mug)

9:30 AM – Worship Service

10:25 AM – "Little Lambs" Choir

10:30 AM – Coffee/Fellowship Time

10:40 AM – Christmas Program Practice

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday – 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30 PM

High School Youth at 7:40 PM

Friday – Bulletin information due by 9:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY:

Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM; Worship Service at 9:30 AM; Pianist – Helen Groen; Greeters & Special Music Coordinators – Helen Groen and Linda Olmstead; Coffee/Cookie Servers – Brian & Shellene Smidt; "Little Lambs" Choir at 10:25 AM; Fellowship/Coffee at 10:30 AM; Christmas Program Practice at 10:40 AM

PRAYERS:

Pray for Love INC as they expand services in the new year. A newsletter is available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

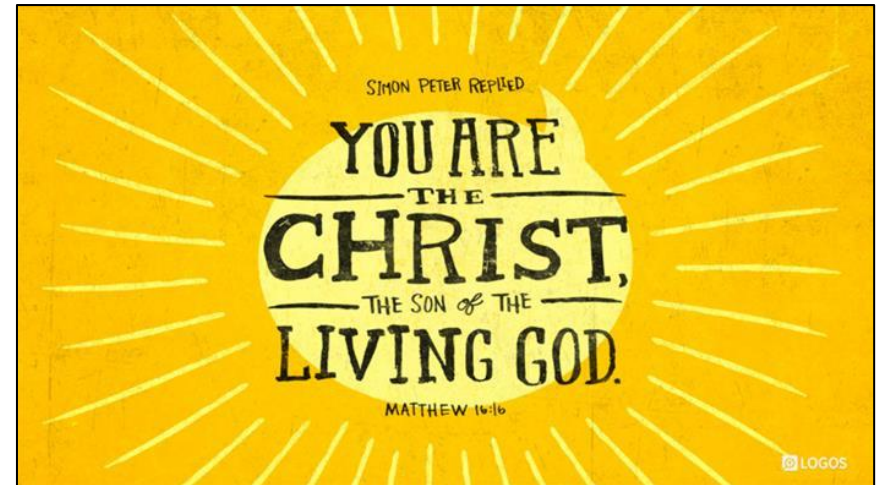
Glorify God

Renew Through Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth



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