



WYCKOFF

REFORMED CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE
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Thanks for joining us for this week's worship service. As you gather this morning, take a moment to notice God's presence around you. Give thanks to God for what you see, hear, smell, and feel. Give thanks for the opportunity to gather together again, even in this different way. Notice God's presence and welcome God in.

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides

To participate in this service online, join us at wrclive.org or on Facebook Live.

While we are all overjoyed to be together, please do not neglect our physical distancing guidelines. Six feet of separation should be maintained between individuals from different households. Masks must be worn when inside and when physical distancing outside is not possible. There are disposable masks and hand sanitizer on the tables at the entrance if you need either.

A children's lesson will be offered.

If your child would like to participate, please sign in as you enter worship.

Bold sections will be read aloud together

* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

GATHERED BY GOD

WELCOME

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

1 JOHN 4:16-21

"God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also."

***SONG OF PRAISE**

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Refrain:

Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
And fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender
Refrain

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Compassionate Savior, we need a Redeemer, for we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Drive out fear and self-interest that turn our hearts in on ourselves. Grow in us a love like yours and a faith to carry out your will for your glory and the flourishing of the world.

PROMISE OF GRACE

God is love and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. And this is God's love: *Hesed*.

OFFERING

We respond to the love and grace of Jesus by giving back our whole lives to God in worship. In this offering, we give our financial gifts as a symbol that all we have comes from God and is to be used for God's glory. Please continue to support us! To give your gift online visit www.wyckoffreformed.org/give, feel free to mail your offering, or leave it in the offering box near the entrance.

"MIGHTY TO SAVE"

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 1:18-25

SERMON

"CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS: JOSEPH"
Rev. Andy Kadzban

RESPONDING TO GOD

***APOSTLES' CREED**

We join our voices together with Christians throughout the ages and across the world to proclaim these words:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

NUMBERS 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his presence to you and give you his peace,
Now and always, Amen.

POSTLUDE

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