



# WYCKOFF

## REFORMED CHURCH

Worshiping God,  
Making Disciples of Jesus,  
Living Missionally

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December 17, 2023

Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
to The Wyckoff Reformed Church!

## HOSPITALITY NOTES

These resources are also available at [www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides).  
To participate in this service online, join us at [wrclive.org](http://wrclive.org) or on Facebook Live.

Restrooms are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary; a quiet room is available through the left-hand door as well.

Prayer Cards are available in the backs of the pews and on the table as you enter. If you would like our community to be praying for something, please fill one out and place it in the offering plates in the middle of the service.

**Bold sections will be read aloud together.**

\* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit.

Want to get connected, learn more, or grow in your faith?  
Fill out the connection card at [www.wyckoffreformed.org/connect](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/connect).

## NOTES FOR FAMILIES

Our classrooms are: Nursery (Birth-3), Kids (PreK-3rd grade), and Students (4th-7th grade). Nursery-aged children may be dropped off in the blue room of the Education Building before worship starts. Kids and Students will start the service with their family and be dismissed to their lessons after the Family Moment.

Guardians: please check in your children on the iPad upon arrival. You'll receive two stickers. Your child must wear their nametag. You will save the guardian receipt and turn that into your child's Sunday school teacher upon picking them up. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

All students may be picked up from their classrooms in the Education Building. Please note that the doors to the Education Building will be closed from 9:30-10:30am for the safety of our students. A walkie-talkie is provided should you need to reach a teacher or director during this time. Thank You.

# GATHERED BY GOD

## GATHERING MUSIC

"ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"

## WELCOME

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

## ADVENT CANDLE

PSALM 139: 7-12

The Kutcha Family

## \*SONG OF PRAISE

"O COME, O COME EMMANUEL" #61 V.1,5,6

## PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

You are Emmanuel, God with us.

Lord, we confess our hearts are busy with the tasks of the day; the festivities of the season; the burdens of sorrow and grief. We live whole days without realizing your hand at work; without turning to prayer; without seeking your face with love and thanksgiving. Lord you are nearer to us than we are to ourselves--always calling, always welcoming, always embracing. Awaken us to your presence, O God. Enliven your Spirit within us so we know the joy of your salvation, the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord is ours in Christ Jesus. We pray, always, in the strength and mercy of your name, Jesus. Amen.

## PROMISE OF GRACE

GENESIS 28:15

"Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

"LO HOW A ROSE 'ERE BLOOMING" #79

## \*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

## FAMILY MOMENT

Sara Christie

## OFFERING

*Giving our offerings is an important action that symbolizes the gift of our whole lives to Christ in gratitude for all He has given us. We give cheerfully and joyously, not out of guilt or shame. You may give your offering by placing it in the plate as you receive it from your neighbor and pass it down your row. You may also give online at [www.wyckoffreformed.org/give](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/give), or text an amount to 201-849-1436. If you give electronically, consider placing an electronic giving card in the plate as a symbol of your gift!*

## OFFERTORY

"AND THOU SHALL CALL HIM JESUS"

by J. Peterson

Soloist: Cynthia Hebner

## \*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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 28: 10-17

## SERMON

"IN DARKNESS, A LIGHT"

Rev. Andy Kadzban

## SERMON NOTES

### RESPONDING TO GOD

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

"COME THOU FOUNT" #521

\*APOSTLES' CREED

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.

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*SENDING SONG

"HANDEL'S MESSIAH: HALLELUJAH CHORUS"

### \*SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

### CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION MEETING TODAY

The election meeting will take place immediately after worship today.

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please join us after worship in Heneveld Hall for coffee and fellowship.

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## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Nick Asilo, Norma Leonhard, Anne, Travis, Arlene DiSabatino, Darlene DiSabatino, Michael and Carla Grant, Patti Geffinger, Dottie Morreale, John, Sheldon Platt, Joyce Wolff, Eileen Black, Rich Lynch, Susan Fox, Erika Bach, Janette Daehnke, Bruce Monroe, Chuck Austin, Brad Ritter, Cheryl, Larry, Rick, Melissa, Mike, David Murdock, Frank, Pam Ritter, Lauren, George, Jack Broderick, Donald Moore

*Flowers are given by Lisa and Barry McMackin, "In loving memory of our son, Kevin, our greatest gift and blessing. You are loved and missed every day."*

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

BIBLE STUDY, Wednesdays at 9:00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91413616383?pwd=QmVKd3djNU5mdVYyQlNwQ3crbTNvQT09>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Slate of Nominees:

Patty Baker - Elder '26 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Sonja DelBuono - Elder '26 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Rob Karklin - Deacon '26 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Susan Litt - Deacon '26

Dianne Clark - Nominating Committee '26

Grace Schaus - Nominating Committee '26

Mary DeMona - Audit Committee '26

Stacey Cherry - Personnel Committee '26

Joseph DelBuono - Scholarship Committee '26



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We can't wait to celebrate Christmas with you! As Christmas Eve is a Sunday this year, our worship schedule will be a little different. The services are listed below with brief descriptions so you know what you're in for:

9:30AM - Whether you're looking for a Sunday morning worship service or an early Christmas Eve service, this is the one for you. It won't be the same as our later services, if you want to worship on Sunday morning and celebrate Christmas Eve, but it will be enough Christmas Eve that if this is the only service you attend, you won't feel like you missed it. I guess it's the Donny and Marie Osmond of worship services—a little bit Sunday, a little bit Christmas Eve.

5:00PM - A Family Christmas Eve service planned for all ages, with an eye specifically toward children. Family Ministries Director Sara Christie is planning this service, which has plenty of space for even our littlest kids to step into the Christmas Story and worship Jesus.

9:00PM - This will be our typical Candlelight Christmas Eve service. We'll hear the Christmas story of light dawning in darkness, sing Christmas carols, and do our best to take in the wonder of God's love in human form.

As you make your plans to celebrate Christmas, we hope you'll join us for worship. We also hope that you'll take some time to think about who you can invite to join you here on Christmas Eve. Maybe it's a family member, a friend, neighbor, or co-worker. Who do you know that needs to hear about the Light of the World? Who needs a place to belong? Invite them to join us this Christmas Eve!

## END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Pastor Andy recently sent out a letter about end-of-year giving. Whether you're looking for another tax-deductible gift at the end of the year, want to bless others out of the overflowing of your heart at Christmas, or both, we'd love to receive your generosity and continue to bless our community. If you'd like to give your gift electronically, visit [www.wyckoffreformed.org/give](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/give), click "Give Online", choose "End-of-Year Gift" from the drop-down, or text an amount to 201-849-1436 and "EOY."

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

For over a thousand years Christians have used the four weeks leading up to Christmas as a season of preparation. As they waited to celebrate Jesus' first coming, they practiced waiting for His second coming. As a result, it is a season of great devotion when Christians often take on new Spiritual Practices, or Disciplines. It's in that spirit that we offer an Advent Devotional to the community every year: to create space for prayer, contemplation, and whatever else the Spirit brings.

This year we would like to commend three options to you. Each one is a little different, but they all help "let every heart prepare him room."

- The Advent Project - Combining the traditional daily Scripture reading and devotional with art, music, and poetry, this option offers so many opportunities to contemplate the beauty of the Incarnation. A ministry of Biola University's Center for Christianity, Culture, and the Arts. Visit their website daily or sign up to receive each day's devotional by email. <https://ccca.biola.edu/advent/2023/>
- Pray As You Go - A daily audio devotional that will invite you to meditate more deeply on each day's assigned Scripture passage. Available on their website, by downloading the App, or by subscribing to the podcast. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
- Words of Hope - Carols and Lessons - An exploration of beloved Christmas Carols and connected Scriptures passages. Available in print in the Sanctuary narthex and online. <https://www.woh.org/carolsandlessons/>

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

Join us on Friday, January 26 to celebrate our Nursery School's 50th Anniversary!! The event will be held at the Brickhouse, beginning at 6:30pm. There will be dinner, music, dancing and a cash bar. Grab some friends and fill a table! We would really love to have a big church turn out to celebrate one of our longest ministries! Tickets c here: <https://wrcns.org/50th-anniversary-party> Or, scan the directly to the tickets sales. Email Chris Ward with any questions: [christward@gmail.com](mailto:christward@gmail.com).



## **FAMILY MINISTRY**

### **BAKE SALE SUCCESS**

On behalf of our mission trip team, we want to thank everyone who supported our bake sale fundraiser last Sunday. Due to your generosity, we are on our way towards funding this year's trip to Newark, NY. We are constantly in awe of the love, encouragement, and support found in our church family. Thank you!

### **YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY**

"Elf" Themed Party and Movie Night, December 17, WRC Youth Room, 7-9pm. Rock your favorite "Elf" inspired outfit and join us for a festive party! College students and friends are welcome!

### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

We need families and youth to help serve lunches at North Reformed Church in Newark, NJ on December 31, from 12:30-3:30pm. We will prepare sandwiches after our church service, then pass out bagged lunches from within a church in a safe area of Newark. Can you think of a better way to end 2023 and usher in a new year? Please sign up online or contact Sara Christie:  
<https://shorturl.at/fgvU9>

### **YOUTH GROUP HOLIDAY BREAK**

There will be no Youth Group on Christmas and New Year's Eve. Please enjoy the time with your family. We will see you on January 7!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be no Sunday school on Christmas Eve. There will be Sunday School for children through 3rd grade on December 31.

# CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17

9:30 AM Sunday Worship/Election Mtg.  
10:30 AM Fellowship Hour  
7:00PM Youth Group

Christmas Eve

9:30 AM Sunday Worship  
5:00 PM Family Service  
9:00PM Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 20

9:00AM Zoom Bible Study  
3:45PM Scripture & STEM  
6:30PM Choir Practice  
8:00PM Sr. High Girls Bible Study

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