



# WYCKOFF

REFORMED CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE  
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In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, welcome to Wyckoff Reformed Church!

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To participate in this service online, join us at [wrclive.org](http://wrclive.org) or on Facebook Live.

If you need to use a restroom, they 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.

**Masks are strongly recommended for all those in attendance.**  
**Note that all those singing and leading from the front are fully vaccinated.**

Today is Family Sunday! There will be no nursery or Sunday school for children. Instead, we invite you to join us as a family to view The Chosen 'The Messengers.' Praise bags, books, and coloring sheets will be available for children of all ages. Merry Christmas!

**Bold sections will be read aloud together**

\* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit

## GATHERED BY GOD

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### 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.

#### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

FROM ISAIAH 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

Jesus Christ is our life and light.

In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

"GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE" #98

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:

Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born to day!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

"ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY" #87 VS. 1-2,4-5

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all;  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall:  
with the poor, and meek, and lowly  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love,  
for that child, so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heaven above:

and he leads his children on  
to the place where he has gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable  
with the oxen standing by  
we shall see him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
there his children gather round,  
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

### **PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

TITUS 2:11-14

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds."

*Silent Prayer*

### **PROMISE OF GRACE**

TITUS 3:4-7

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

### **SONG OF GRACE**

"HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING" #80

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!

Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.

*Refrain*

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.

*Refrain*

### **OFFERING OUR LIVES**

*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](http://www.wyckoffreformed.org/give) or feel free to mail your offering.*

### **\*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**

LUKE 1:46-55

### **MESSAGE**

"THE CHOSEN: THE MESSENGERS"

## **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.

## **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.

### **\*SONG OF SENDING**

"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN" #93

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

*Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

*Refrain*

Down in a lowly stable  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.  
*Refrain*

**\*SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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