

# ***New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ December 20, 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 is the fourth Sunday in Advent.** Christmas, the birthday of our King is only a few days away. Christmas may be different for many of us this year, yet there is one thing that never changes. Jesus came as Emmanuel, God with us, and he remains with us now and forever. For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son. On this 4th Advent Sunday we celebrate God's gift of LOVE.

**Today we will** be drawing lots for elder and deacon. We have 4 names for each office. Winston Adema and Greg Vriesman will be completing terms as elder and Jake VanderVelde will complete his term as deacon.

**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 6**

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

### **Friday 9:30AM - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!**

We will gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem. Praise the Lord for Emmanuel, God is with us. Please join us in person or live stream as we proclaim our joy to the world.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Todd Goodrich** had successful triple bypass open heart surgery in Grand Rapids on Thursday.

**Keep the Mulder** family in prayer. Joan has returned home where Paul and family can be with her while in Hospice Care.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations** to Evan and Kate Eilers on the birth of a son, Miles Christian on Monday. Kate and Miles have returned home.

**A Jan/Feb 2021 Today** devotional is available on the table by the Pastor's study.

**A new Mexico Minutes** newsletter has been posted on the Missions board.

**We want to extend our greetings of Good News and Great Joy to everyone this Christmas!** May the joy of Jesus overwhelm any disappointments COVID brings. Choose for yourself whom you will serve, but as for me and my house we choose to serve our Savior born in Bethlehem and now sitting on his throne.

**Merry Christmas! Jesus is born! Christ is King!**

Pastor Greg and Kay

### **Deacon Report**

12-13-2020 - Total Offering \$5,286.00

General Fund - \$4,786.00      Missions - \$500.00

**Today's Offering** - Love INC

**Christmas Day** - Personal Care Pantry

**December 27** - General Fund

**Because of COVID** we will not be placing Christmas bags with cards for our shut-ins in the narthex this year. If you would like to remember our shut-ins, here is a list of their addresses.

#### **Dave Brace**

3424 Fruitvale Road  
Montague, MI 49437

#### **Lois Bush**

2374 W. Hayes (M-20)  
New Era, MI 49446

#### **Bob De Jonge**

121 W. Spring St.  
Whitehall, MI 49461

#### **Ben Malda**

6141 S. 100th Ave  
Rothbury, MI 49452

#### **Brenda Kieft**

3971 W. Arthur Road  
New Era, MI 49446

#### **Alice Miller**

Addington Place  
1175 68th St. SE Rm #9  
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

#### **Paul and Joan Mulder**

5001 E. Main St. #1168  
Mesa, AZ 85205

#### **Ruth Newmyer**

Raybrook Manor  
Fourth Floor Nursing  
2121 Raybrook SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

#### **Dorothy Nienhuis**

Story point  
28855 10Mile Rd Apt #126  
Rockford, MI 49341

#### **Betty TenBrink**

1350 W. Hackley Ave Rm#113  
Muskegon, MI 49441

#### **Roger Westrate**

4246 W. White Lake Drive  
Whitehall, MI 49461

**Morning Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk**

*The Fourth Week of Advent*

*"Under the Bethlehem Star "*

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God.*

*And this is how God showed his love.*

*He sent his one and only Son into the world. IJohn4:7a, 9*

Prelude

**God Calls Us Into Worship**

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Songs : PsH#568:1, 2, 3

***"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"***

Advent Candle Lighting: **LOVE**

Advent Prayer

\*Songs of Praise: PsH#354:1, 3, 5

***"Angels from the Realms of Glory"***

PsH#340:1, 3

***"O Come, All Ye Faithful"***

God's Will for Our life

Casting of the Lot for Elders and Deacons

**To Give Thanks**

Congregational Prayer

**To Listen to His Word**

***"Under the Bethlehem Star"***

Scripture - Ruth 4

Message - ***"God's Love Appears"***

Prayer

\*Song: PsH#347:1, 2, 3

***"Angels We Have heard on High"***

**To Go Out and Serve**

\*God's Blessing

\*Sending Song:

***"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"***

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around, And glory shone around.

"All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace: Good will hence  
forth from heav'n to men, Begin and never cease, Begin and never cease."





