

New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ November 29, 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: 9:30AM: Morning Worship - Advent is upon us! In 27 days we will celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Advent is the season of waiting and anticipating the Messiah's coming. **We** wait for Jesus 2nd coming, and we do so with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This year our Advent journey will take us through the book of Ruth. **TODAY we look for hope when it seems there is no hope.**

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/UCsJnzl7vpo5Hr9u3dxOULcA> 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 3

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

TUESDAY: Because of the recent increase in COVID cases, it has been decided to suspend Coffeekbreak Bible Study at New Era Reformed Church until January. Stay safe and continue to Discover & Cherish God's Comfort.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Continue to pray for our community, nation, and world as we face the COVID pandemic. May God comfort those who have lost loved ones, heal those who are sick with COVID, protect those who are healthy, provide for those whose work has been interrupted, and strengthen, encourage, and offer hope for all of us who are growing weary. May God protect his church in this time and heal his world from the corona virus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Congregational Meeting will be happening differently this year. You should have received an e-mail or letter with the proposed budget for 2021 and a ballot with instructions on voting for elder and deacon nominees. Please respond with your votes via email, regular mail, or drop them off in the box in church by Sunday, Dec 13, 2020. We plan to draw names from the lot on Sunday December 20.

Women's Fellowship. It has longtime been a Christmas tradition to send a monetary gift to our missionary families: Vermaires, Canches, and Schmidts. Although we are not currently in fellowship with one another with a Bible Study, we would like to continue the blessing for Christmas of 2020. If you would like to donate money to our special families, please put a check written out to Women's Fellowship of NECRC in

Barb Young's church mailbox by Dec. 13. We will send our greetings to wish them a blessed Christmas and New Year. Thank you from Barb and Sharon Z.

Deacon Report

11/15/2020 - Total Offering to General Fund - \$826.00

11-22-2020 - Total Offering \$6,245.00

General Fund \$6,145.00 Missions - \$100.00

Today's Offering: General Fund or other designation.

Sunday Dec. 6 - General Fund

Dec. 13 - General Fund/Missions

December 20 - Love INC

Christmas - Personal Care Pantry

Dec. 27 - General Fund

AM Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk
The First Week of Advent
"Under the Bethlehem Star"

*"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.
It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions,
and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,
while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great
God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Titus 2:11-13*

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Songs : **"My Soul in Stillness Waits"**

Refrain: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you,
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. (refrain)

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits; our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word.
Come, make us whole; be comfort to our hearts. (refrain)

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent draw us all to you,
our hope reborn in dying and in rising. (refrain)

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage; we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain.
Open to us the pathway of your peace. (refrain)

PsH#568:1, 2, 3: **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Advent Candle Lighting: **HOPE**

Advent Prayer

*The God of Hope Greet Us

*Song of Praise: **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still The dear Christ enters in.
O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Emmanuel. A men.

*Confession and Assurance

*Song: - PsH#499:1, 2, 3, 4 **"My God, How Wonderful You Are"**

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

To Listen to His Word

"Under the Bethlehem Star"

Scripture - Ruth 1

Message - "Hope Against Hope"

Prayer

*Song: PsH#329:1, 2, 3, 4 **"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

To Go Out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: **"Song of Hope"**

