

"In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."  
John 1:1

December 28, 2025

## **Order of Worship**

Morning Service  
9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

### We Come to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Song ~ How Firm a Foundation CH#408

\*Call to Worship ~

Leader: O Christ, the prophets foretold your coming,  
the poor longed to see you.

**People: The heavens celebrated your birth;  
the apostles, the martyrs, and the faithful down  
through the ages repeated the song of the angels.**

Leader: Your church praises you in every human language,  
for she has seen your salvation.

Son of God, you humbled yourself and became a servant,  
raising us up to share in your glory.

We were in darkness and you have given us  
light and strength, peace and joy.

**People: Lead us according to your loving will;  
make us a people who follow you in holiness.  
Give us generous hearts to hear your Word,**

**and produce in us abundant fruit,  
through the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

Special Music ~ Stith Family

Psalm of Praise~ Psalm 119:10-18

Song~ Wonderful Words of Life CH #406

### We are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession ~

Leader: O God, we need Christ to renew our commitment.  
We confess that our lack of faith has made us fearful.  
May your angels sing again to us of peace for body and  
soul.

**People: We acknowledge that we have foolishly let  
our desires lead us astray.**

**May your star once more set our course firmly in  
your direction.**

Leader: We have turned our faith into a lifeless ritual.  
May your manger call us again to expressions of love and  
devotion.

**People: We have carefully kept our gifts  
and have not freely given our goods and our hearts  
to you. May the Magi show us the spirit of giving.**

**Lord, may your Spirit linger in our hearts  
and bring renewal in our lives. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon~

Leader: People of God, through the coming of Jesus Christ,  
whose birth we celebrate,  
the Lord has comforted and redeemed us too!

**People: In Christ we receive the salvation of our  
God· Glory to God in the highest!  
Thanks be to God!**

### Message for the Children

#### Congregational Prayer

#### Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

### God's Word for Us

\*Song ~Speak, O Lord

Scripture ~ Psalm 19:10-11

Message ~ Sweeter than Honey

Song ~ Ancient Words

Prayer

### We Depart to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Song ~ Thy Word CH#184



**RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – December 28, 2025**

**Nursery** is provided in the Educational Building for children up to age three.

**Attendants today:** Lauren Borowski, Natalie Hoolsema, Raya Morley and Tristian Hoolsema

**Next week:** Dana Rogers, Mary Robertson, Becky Borowski, and Halle Rogers

**Junior Worship** is provided in the Educational Building for 3, 4, and 5 year olds not yet in school. They will be dismissed before the morning sermon.

**Helpers today:** Leah Beelen, Quinn Rogers, and Lily Lubben

**Next week:** Krystal English, Raya Morley, and Noah Rice

**Sunday School and Catechism** will not meet today.

**Offerings today:** A.M. – General Fund

**Next week:** A.M. – General Fund  
A.M. - Building Fund

**2025 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$4338; Building Fund: \$1154.**

**Offerings:**  
General Fund: \$

**THIS WEEK – December 28 – January 3**

**TODAY:**

- The annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the morning service. The yearly budget will be presented for approval. The nominations for Elder are Bruce Berkompas, Bob Miller, Mike Hoolsema, Nate Beelen, and Ray VanSloten. The nominations for Deacon are Glenn Cheney, John Rogers, Tim Hoolsema, Billy Mitchell, Loren Hoolsema, and Darrel Hoolsema.

**WEDNESDAY:**

- **Women's Prayer Group** will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.

**THURSDAY**

- **Happy New Year!**

**FAMILY NEWS**

~ Monday Craft Day will begin on January 5 at 10:00 am. Bring your project and a sack lunch and join us for this time of fellowship (even if you just want to visit).

Please join our prayer team in the prayer room at the front of church every Sunday from 9:00 – 9:20 am as we pray for our church, our Council, and our church family.