**Morning Order of Worship**

December 22, 2013—9:30 AM

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

 HWC #134—*Emmanuel* (sung Acapella)

We Light the Fourth Candle of Advent—the Candle of Peace

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

**and all the people shall see God’s glory,**

**for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.**

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Worship

 HWC #136, vs. 1, 2, 5—*The First Noel*

## APPROACHING THE LORD

Advent Litany (see screen)

Advent Song of Response

 HWC #82, vs. 1, 2, 4—*O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the General Fund

(After the offering, the organist will play, *Jesus Loves Me*, and the children are then invited forward for a Children’s Message and for the Little Lambs/Children in Worship Dismissal.)

Children’s Message

Little Lambs/Children in Worship Dismissal (Ages 3-5)

 The Blessing—**Congregation—The Lord be with you**

 Children—And also with you

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

Song of Preparation

 HWC #127, vs. 1, 4, 5—*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

Scripture: John 1:14 (page 1027)

Message:  ***God’s Present Presence***

***(Series: The Presence of Christmas)***

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

 HWC #141—*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

### LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

 PH 337, vs. 1, 4—*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

\*Postlude

#### **Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan DePoy, Pastor Matt Riddle

Organist: Amy Wallenburg

Pianist: Grace Vander Pol

Trumpets: Steve Gerritsma, Sheila Johnston

Children’s Message: Pastor Matt Riddle

\* Please Stand

**Morning Message Outline**

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Pastor Matt Riddle

***God’s Present Presence***

John 1:14

1. His Heavenly Home
2. His Earthly Dwelling

III. His Present Presence

#### Praises and Petitions

December 22, 2013

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We praise the Lord for the birthdays of **Ruth Knap** and **Rena Petroelje**. Ruth will celebrate her 82nd birthday tomorrow and Rena will celebrate her 94th birthday on Wednesday. We praise the Lord for long life and pray for God to continue to bless Ruth and Rena with good health.

Please be in prayer for **Jim Gaunce** as he is scheduled to have surgery tomorrow to reattach a bag to his kidney to bypass fluids. Pray for the surgery to go as planned and for God to give grace to Jim and Doris in this difficult time.

Please be in prayer for **Dale and Marla Nienhuis** as they discern the best treatment option for Dale’s prostate cancer: surgery or radiation. Pray for Dale as he meets with doctors in the coming weeks to gather information. Pray for God to give clear direction and for God to provide the Nienhuis family with His presence.

We praise the Lord for the good news that **Steve and Karin Meeuwsen** share that they have received the paperwork they need to file for Abraham’s visa card. We praise the Lord for this good report! Pray now for Steve and Karin as they take the next step in the adoption process. Pray especially for the government in the Congo as they revamp their adoption program which is currently on hold. Pray for God to work in a special way to bring Abe home to their loving parents whom live on the other side of the world.

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Please be in prayer for Brent and Nikki Vander Zwaag’s brother, **Tim Vander Zwaag**, as he is at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids

recovering from a farm injury.  We praise the Lord that the doctors were successful in setting his broken femur and ankle last week. Continue to pray for the swelling in Tim’s leg to go down and for Tim to develop no infections. Pray especially for Tim’s wife, Teresa, and his children, as they care for Tim in this difficult time.

Please be in prayer for all those at Noordeloos Church that mourn the loss of loved ones during the **Holiday Season**. Pray for God to comfort them and remind them of His love for us.

Please pray as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior on **Christmas Day.** Let us also remember each other in prayer as many will be traveling on the days surrounding Christmas. Pray also for good health so that we can enjoy time with our families as we celebrate Christ’s birth.