



The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.
*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.
Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Variations on Hyfrydol"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP #179 "Joy to the World"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who is with us as we wait—
When we are weary from grief and worry, unable to see a way forward,
Advent God, strengthen our patience with renewed hope.

When our differences leave us disconnected and divided from others,
Advent God, stir up our courage to pursue peace.

When we are stuck in cycles of cynicism and suspicion,
Advent God, rekindle our capacity for joy.

When we are dismissive and disinterested
in the needs of our neighbors, near and far,
Advent God, reawaken our hearts to the fullness of your love.

A period of silence for personal reflection and confession..

As this advent light sparks and spreads each week,
**may your Spirit spark and spread
the hope of Christ’s presence through us
as we actively wait for the fullness of time.
In the name of Jesus, God with us, we pray . . . amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS "Dona Nobis Pacem"

*On one hand, this prayer for peace that the choir sings this morning has already
been fulfilled in Jesus, God’s love and our peace in body and blood. On the other
hand, we wait for the fullness of this peace in the world when all wrongs are
made right and all hurts are healed.*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

While we await the fullness of peace on earth,
we know that God’s peace is already ours in Jesus.
Let us share a sign of this peace with those around us.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

*SONG OF PREPARATION #178 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
sing twice

SCRIPTURE, STORY, & SONG "It’s Complicated . . . Jesus’ Family Tree"*
*Based on Matthew 1:1-25

Scene 1: Advent Program Practice at Second Reformed Church, Pella
Scene 2: Pharoah’s Royal Bean Counting Room, Egypt
Congregational Song: #154—vv. 1 & 4 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Scene 3: Advent Program Practice, Second Reformed Church, Pella
Scene 4: The Boaz Family Farm Break Room, Outside Bethlehem
Congregational Song: #199—vv. 1 & 2 "Carol at the Manger"

Scene 5: Advent Program Practice, Second Reformed Church, Pella
Scene 6: The Star Bar & Grill, Bethlehem
Congregational Song: #221—vv. 1 & 2 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Scene 7: Advent Program Practice, Second Reformed Church, Pella
Song: "Matthew’s Begats"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE "All Earth is Waiting"
Tune: TAULE #163

**All earth is waiting to see the Promised One!
Furrows lie ready, God’s sowing has begun.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty.
And cries for God’s justice to set all people free.**

**Thus says the prophet to those of Israel:
“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel.”
One whose name is ‘God with us;’ our savior shall be
the presence of God here for all the world to see.**

**Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared.
New highways opened; new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
Now open the gateways so all can find their place.**

**Low in the manger, the Promised One came near.
In flesh and body, Christ made God’s purpose clear.
We will wait for his coming for all not just some,
working for justice till God’s new world has come.**

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"
*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,
blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

*POSTLUDE

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ADVENT PROGRAM CAST & CREW

SCENES 1, 3, 5, & 7: ADVENT PROGRAM PRACTICE

CAST MEMBERS Rory Thomas, Miles Tjeerdsma,
Cohen Van Hemert, Rhemy Van Hemert
DIRECTOR Molly Van Hemert

SCENE 2: PHAROAH’S ROYAL BEAN COUNTING ROOM

HEAD BEAN COUNTER Chris Allen
ASSISTANT BEAN COUNTER Aston Allen
BEAN DELIVERY PERSON Sadie Wang

SCENE 4: THE BOAZ FARM BREAK ROOM

FIELD HANDS Micaiah Hardeman, Lark Thomas,
Evelyn Tjeerdsma

SCENE 6: THE STAR BAR & GRILL

FRIENDS Annie Foskett, James Foskett,
Rinnah Hardeman, Evie Hunt

SUPPORT CREW

SOUND WHIZ & SOLO Kellee Van Hemert
PROP & PEOPLE WRANGLERS Alyssa Hunt, Allie Thomas,
Julia Tjeerdsma
MUSICAL SUPPORT Lori Witt

THANK YOU!

*A GREAT BIG “THANK YOU!” to everyone listed above for playing a unique and
important role in sharing this story of GOOD NEWS and GREAT JOY with all people (or
at least the people present in worship and watching online)! We had so much fun in
practices with you these last few weeks and are grateful for your willingness to give of
your time and talents to lead the SRC community in worship this morning.
Pastor Elizabeth, Pastor Katie, & Pastor Mike*

THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A **SECOND**
Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF December 14, 2025

TODAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Happy Birthday, Jesus Christmas Party

TUESDAY

- 8:00 am Men's Group
- 2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service

Greeters: Doug & Karen Saubert, Sherril Graham, Mark & Kathy Thompson
Next Week:

Nursery: Neriah & Micaiah Hardeman, Keane Allen
Next Week: Neriah Hardeman, Annie Foskett

Storyteller: No Children & Worship - Advent Program
Next Week: Jackie Greenlee & Jaci Ray

Barista: Sara Hefflefinger
Next Week: Lisa Zylstra

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025 - 9:45 am