

Our Response

Tremble before the _____ of Christ our God,
and receive him as the _____.

Life Application Questions

- ❖ This Advent season, when and how can you reflect on the awesome mystery of Christ and his incarnation?
- ❖ How could the fear of God, joined together with confidence in his kindness and grace, make a difference in your life?
- ❖ Sinful behaviors are illegitimate efforts to meet legitimate needs. How do you wrongly try to fill the emptiness within?
- ❖ How can you receive Jesus as the bread of life who alone can fill your inner longings?

Sermon audio and notes are available online at
www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Ken Westrate is home and continues to improve.
- ~Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.
- ~Carol Riegling continues to deal with health issues.
- ~Sharon Dulyea for continued healing/pain management.
- ~Elaine Pierson is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~Dave Mundwiler – tumor is stable, continues treatment.
- ~Bill Boyd continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Ray Dulyea continued prayer his kidney “numbers” will not change.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Emily Bowers, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~Cheri DeGood (Don & Doris' daughter-in-law) back surgery on Dec 2.
- ~Nancy Kingma (cousin of Pomrankas) diagnosed with B-cell Lymphoma.
- ~Brandon Homrich (Newkirk's son-in-law) undergoing aggressive chemo.
- ~Kathy Lambers (friend of Bergman's) 6th battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~Barry Lambers (Kathy's husband) suffered spinal injury, paralyzed waist down.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Jan Lapp (Tyler's mom) has finished treatments, no significant improvement.

Welcome!

We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

Our worship service: Thanks for joining us today! We will begin the service with singing. Feel free to stand, sing, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words on the screen!

The message: This is a time of practical teaching from the Bible. Often, multi-media presentations are incorporated to supplement the message. There is space in the bulletin to take notes if you wish.

The offering: This is a time to share with the church how God has blessed us financially. If you are visiting, don't feel you have to contribute. The only thing we'd like from you is your connections card (bulletin insert).

Prayer time: We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the lobby after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary gift mug and welcome packet. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

Childcare: Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service! We love that our church is a welcoming place for families. We do have a nursery for children ages 0-3 years if you would prefer to use that. We also have a parent-infant room near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers. Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in Children's Worship, an age-appropriate worship and learning time. Children start service with their parents and will be dismissed part way through. If you are unfamiliar with this program, you are encouraged to accompany your kids the first time. They can be picked up after each service in Room 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

Formality: We have no dress code. Whether you are in jeans or a tux, we're just glad you're here! You are also welcome to sip your coffee or read along with scripture passages on your mobile devices. We just ask that you silence your phones as a courtesy to others.

To learn more about our ministries and beliefs, be sure to pick up a welcome packet in the lobby or visit our website: rockfordreformedchurch.org.

Vision: To always be a living reflection of Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the community.

Mission: To connect people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Him through worship and fellowship, so they will reach out to serve and disciple others for the glory of God.

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Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, December 4, 2016
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

We Have a Savior

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Angels From the Realms of Glory, What Child Is This

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE (LOVE) Shantz Family

O Holy Night

Children (ages 3 years - 3rd grade) are invited to KidLife Worship downstairs

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:5-11 (p.894)

MESSAGE

"A Christmas Carol: King of Kings!"

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Pastor Paul Bradford

Communion



COMMUNION

RESPONSE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lisa Vergouwe, Sarah & Olivia (11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Kennedy Huffman (11:00am) Jodi Becksvort, Kori Yurick

Next Sunday: "A Christmas Carol: Joy to the World!"
Psalm 98 (p.454); Luke 2:8-14 (p.783) • Pastor Tony Campbell



SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent

What's Going On?

Today:

8:20am: Prayer in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

10:00am: Sunday School for all ages:

- **Ages 3 – DK** meet in Classroom #111
- **Grades K-5th grade** meet in Classroom #101
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
- **High School** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults:** "Staying In Love," led by Kevin & Polly Johnson in Rm#253

6:30pm: High School Youth Group. Meet in the Youth Room #153

This Week:

Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting in the sanctuary.

Tuesdays, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Breakfast. Join us any time.

Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study – "Speaking Wisely," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

Wed, Dec 7, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Christmas Lunch. Lunch will be catered (donations appreciated to cover costs). RSVP w/Wilma @ 866-2389. Musical program by Tammy Bradford & friends following lunch.

Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club** (ages 3 years – 5th grade)

6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- "Christianity, Cults, & World Religions" – Co-ed class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm #253
- "Discovering God's Will" by Andy Stanley – Women's study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

Last Thursday/month, 7:00-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club. Fireside Rm #253.

Dec/Jan Book: *The Gate* by Dann A. Stouten. Next meeting is Jan 26.

Sat, Dec 10, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Lunch at Timbers Restaurant, then to Barb Ribbons's home for dessert and games. RSVP w/Carol Knox @ 866-4845.

Sat, Dec 10, 5:30-8:00pm: Parents Night Out. Drop off your kids (ages infant – 5th grade) Dinner & snack provided. RSVP w/Beth Jennings, beth@rockfordrc.org Donations benefit our youth for events/missions.

Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast. "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting – Jan 14.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Sun, Dec 11, 5:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting. Selection of Elders & Deacons and approval of the 2017 Budget. Child care provided. *Pre-view packets and Nominee information was emailed and is also available on the desk in the back of the sanctuary.*

Sun, Dec 11: Blood Pressure Screening after both services. Rm#211

Fri, Dec 16, 7-9pm: Rockford Christmas Celebration & Live Nativity in downtown Rockford. Christmas Caroling @ 6:45pm starts at N. Rockford Middle School & Rockford Baptist Church. Live Nativity @ Speed Merchants Bicycle Shop.

Fri, Dec 23: Christmas Candlelight Services at 4:00pm & 6:00pm

Sun, Dec 25: Christmas Day – ONE Service at 10:00am

Magi Tree in the lobby of RRC to benefit clients of North Kent Community Services. Needed items include Pajamas, Socks, Underwear, Bath Towels, Dish Towels, Bedding, Pillows, Winter Coats, Pants & Boots. Pick a "Star" off the tree for selected items (or your own ideas) and bring your unwrapped items back to church by Sunday, Dec 11.

On-line Giving: You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website www.RockfordReformedChurch.org



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

Sunday School at 10:00am: **MS** (Youth Room #153), **HS** (Rm #246)

MS meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, **HS** meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm

MS Girls: Christmas Cookie Party, Fri, Dec 9, 6:30-8:30pm @ church

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: beth@rockfordrc.org

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Director: laura@rockfordrc.org

KidLife Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade at 10:00am

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

Wednesdays: 6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Club

Wed, Dec 14: KidLife "Simply Christmas" Christmas Program

6:00pm Dinner in the gym, 6:45pm Program in the sanctuary

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 268

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,261.80

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$990.00

King of Kings!

2nd in Series: A Christmas Carol

Text: Philippians 2:5–11

Sunday: 12/4/2016

Intro

Lesson

① **Christ our God is _____ and _____, yet also _____ and _____.**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

② **Christ our God gives himself to us as _____**

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of Lords, in human vesture--in the body and the blood--He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

③ **Christ, the eternal light, enters our _____ to conquer _____.**

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanquish as the darkness clears away.

④ **Christ will _____ over all and be _____ forever.**

At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.