

Rochester Christian Reformed Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 28, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude *Andante* from Concerto in B-flat major, RV 547 A. Vivaldi

Savior of the Nations, Come (LUYH #74) harm. S. Calvisius
descant J. Laird

*Point to Ponder for Worship: "Our brokenness is always lived and experienced as highly personal, intimate and unique. I am deeply convinced that each human being suffers in a way no other human being suffers."
(Henri Nouwen)*

Advent Candle Lighting Litany

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

(Candle is lit.)

Leader: Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14 NIV)

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

Prayer of Invocation (Psalm 43:3-5)

Leader: Send us your light and your faithful care, let them lead us; let them bring us to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. Then we will go to the altar of God, to God, our joy and our delight. We will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

ALL: Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

Leader: We put our hope in you, God, for we will yet praise you, our Savior and our God. Amen.

* Greeting from God, affirmed by congregational "Amen"

* Hymn "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" No. 70

Call to Confession

Sung and Spoken Prayer "My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Band singers: 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.

Leader: O Lord, the darkness of sin and sorrow lives in us all, and in people all around your world.
Our only hope is in you. We wait in stillness. *(silence)*

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

Leader: O Lord, our spirits fail without the refreshing rain of your presence, your cleansing, and your love.
Our only hope is in you. We wait in stillness. *(silence)*

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

Leader: O Lord, in times of despair bring to life again our hope, and the hope of all the world,

as we die and rise with you.

Our only hope is in you. We wait in stillness. (*silence*)

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

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage; we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain.

Open to us the pathway of your peace.

Leader: O Lord, we yearn and we seek; grant us fulfillment in you. Our only hope is in you.

Hear us now as we all sing together:

All sing

Assurance of New Life and a Living Hope (I Peter 3-4a)

The Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us and given us new life and a living hope in Jesus Christ, we may be at peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:13-18

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD

All: Thanks be to God!

Proclamation

"Get Real"

Prayer of Application

* Hymn

"View the Present Through the Promise"

No. 470

Congregational Prayer

Offertory (Hebrews 13:16)

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

* Song

"Soon and Very Soon"

No. 482

vv. 1, 2 - ALL, v. 3 - band singers only, v. 4 - ALL

* God's Blessing, affirmed by congregational "**Amen**"

* Moment of Silent Reflection

Postlude

La Grâce

Telemann

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Rev. Anthony Selvaggio

Advent Candle Lighters: Derek, Amanda, Evelyn, Elijah and Adriana Bommelje

Pianist: Sue Bratt Cok

Children's Message: Mary Steensma

Singers: Ginny Kuryla, Jim Leunk, Jackie Fenton, and Lara Larsson

Instrumentalists: Kevin Smith, trumpeter; Trevor Smith, guitarist; Petra Rantanen, cellist; Katie Cok, flutist