

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE *Pam De Haan, organ*

SOLO "O Come All Ye Faithful"

CHRISTMAS EVE LITANY
The angel proclaims the good news:

**"to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord."**

Throughout the Advent season, we have waited with
hopeful expectation.

We've waited actively, joining God in God's work in the world.
We've waited worshipfully, magnifying the God who saves us.
**We've waited without fear, for God's love and justice will have
the final word.**

Now we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, the babe born in Bethlehem.
Jesus is our hope.
Jesus fulfills God's work in the world.
Jesus is worthy of our worship, the one who saves us.
Jesus drives away all fear, for he embodies God's love and justice.

**"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord."**

We gather to worship the Savior who's arrived.
O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

SONG OF WORSHIP "All Is Well"

THE WORD OF GOD

SONG OF PREPARATION "The Savior of the World"

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20

MEDITATION "Mother Mary: Treasuring & Pondering"

SONG "The Earth Stood Still"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING THE LIGHT

SONGS OF REFLECTION "O Holy Night"
"Silent Night"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Pam De Haan, organ*

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THE YEAR OF **THE SOLITARY POINSETTIA**

Due to the pandemic, ARC chose to purchase one poinsettia—a solitary poinsettia—and asked the congregation to submit their tributes in honor or in memory of their loved ones.

In Memory of **Phil & Marty Patton** from their children (Lynn & John Schneider and Greg & Denise Patton), their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren.

In Memory of **Ruth Holland** (longtime church secretary) from her ARC family.

In memory of ARC members and friends who passed away since last Christmas: **Dennis Punt, Gerard “Jerry” Reinders, Stanley De Haan, George Kleinhesselink, Donald Ford, and Lucille Wierda.**

In memory of **Bernard Michael Hardeman** from Mike & Elizabeth, Neriah, Rinnah, and Micaiah Hardeman.

In memory of **Jim Ramsey** from Barb and Jamie Ramsey.

In memory of our parents, **Alvin & Katherine Vieselmeyer** and **Lloyd & Mary Kepp**, from Bill and Kristy Kepp.

In Memory of **John & Arlene Van Es** from Jo Van Es.

In memory of **Ron Tett** from Carrie & Tom Truesdell and family.

In memory of my husband **Fulton Breen** and my sister **Frances Whetsel** from Betty Breen.

In memory of my husband, **Gordy Abels**, and brother **Art Van Riesen**, from Mary Abels.

In memory of **Andrea Van Beek** from Iva Fylstra and Marilyn Jiskoot.

In memory of **Ron Fylstra** from Iva Fylstra.



In memory of **Mary Van Es** from Jerry and Kim Van Es.

In memory of **Gavin Wrather** from Don & Mary Lou Vander Wel, Julie Vander Wel, Drake Wrather, and Brooke Vos.

In memory of **Rod Jiskoot** from Marilyn Jiskoot.

In memory of **Merlyn (Wally) & Luella Wallinga** from Rachel Wallinga and family.

In memory of our fathers, **Dr. Roy Hassebroek** and **Dennis Punt**, from Joel & Junia Punt.

In memory of **Dennis Punt** from Arlene Punt.

In memory of our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, **John & Nettie Van Leeuwen** and **James & Gertrude Intveld**, from Doc & Bonnie, Kyle, and Brent, Savannah, Madison & Jenna Van Leeuwen.

In memory of **Ron Kolenbrander** and **Paul Vander Kooi** from Kevin & Sara Huyser.

In memory of **Dr. Ed Grossmann Jr.** from Lynne Grossmann.

In memory of Philip's uncle, **Frank Devon Thomas**, from the Philip & Rosalyn De Koster family.