

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

December 30, 2018 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Sing We Now of Christmas"
"Christmas Night"

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Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

- * Call to Worship: based on Luke 2:15–20
- * Hymn: "Christians, Awake" PH 350
- * God's Greeting:

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Praise be to God!

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed his people.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

- * Prayer of the Day:

Father, help us to live as your holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy of your eternal home. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

- * Response: "Father, We Love You" PH 634

Father, we love you, we worship, we adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship, we adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship, we adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

Ephesians 5:8–14

Prayer of Confession:

When we allow darkness to overcome the light,
forgive us, Lord.

When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel,
have mercy on us, Father.

When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and hearing and touching,
let your grace consume us, O God.

When the wars around us are of no concern,
forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion for those who suffer.

When our caring is not extended to action,
move us to seek justice for our brothers and sisters. We come to confess our sinfulness before you and before each other. We are but dust without your love. Remove all barriers that divide us, and let there be no obstacle to our love for you and for one another. Amen.

Response: "Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

Refrain: Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.

Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor. (*Refrain*)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

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Assurance of Pardon:

Titus 3:4–7

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City"

PH 346

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 – grade K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Mark 3:31–35 (p. 993)

Sermon: *New Year's Values for Jesus' Family*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Christian Hearts in Love United"

PH 513

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "O Holy Night"

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* Confession of Faith: "In God the Father I Believe"

PH 518

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

People of God, as you enter a new year, where is your trust placed?

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you all.

Amen.

* Doxology: "By the Sea of Crystal"

PH 620

* Postlude: "Joy to the World"

Handel
