



Baldwin Christian Reformed Church

Rooted in God's Word, Growing in the Faith, Bearing Fruit in the World

Lord's Day 48, Sunday, December 09, 2018

Welcome to all who are gathered in worship today! *You are invited to **join us** for coffee, snacks and fellowship following the service. There are **worship bags** for your preschool children to enjoy, found next to the elevator in the back of the sanctuary. Please return them to the hooks after the service. A **nursery** is provided for your smaller children during the worship service. Please ask the usher or greeters if you have any questions.*

God Calls Us Together and We Come

Call to Worship

Opening Song: **How Many Kings**

God's Greeting

Song Praise: **How Great Our Joy** LUYH 90 All

We Light the Advent Candle

Children's Message and Candle Lighting

Song of Response: **This Little Light of Mine** (3 Verses)

God Invites Us to Confess Our Sins and He Renews Us to Serve...

Service of Confession and Assurance of Pardon - Responsive reading based on Isaiah 60

God's Word is Proclaimed and We Listen...

Scripture: Psalm 98 (page 935)

Message: Joy to the World

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: **Joy to the World** PH 337 All

We Respond to God

Congregational Prayer

Our Tithes and Offerings for the General Fund

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Song: **All People That on Earth Do Dwell** LUYH 1 (1,3,& 4)

THIS WEEK AT BALDWIN CRC

Today: 9:30 AM - Worship
10:45 AM - Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday: 6:30 PM - Friendship Christmas Party
Wednesday: 6:30 PM - Youth Group First Reformed Church

SERVING OTHERS

Greeters: Lloyd & Joann
Nursery Attendants: Ruthanne
Ushers: Marlys & Carol
Praise Team: Joe, Jim L. & Wendy
Sound Tech: Russ & Owen
Refreshments: Carol

TODAY

Lloyd & Joann
Ruthanne
Marlys & Carol
Joe, Jim L. & Wendy
Russ & Owen
Carol

NEXT SUNDAY

Marlys & Carol
Lois & Caleb
Lloyd & Joann
Joe, Ruthanne & Wendy
Ted & Jim P.
Tom & Mary

UPCOMING SERVERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
Dec. 23	Eric & Kelly	Sue H. & Carol V.	Marius & Raquel	Brad & Karen
Dec. 30	Dan & Sue	Billie Jo	Joe & Robin	Potluck

Happy Birthday this week to **LeAnn Larson (10th), Barb Van Someren (11th), Victoria Liston (13th) and Greg Wevers (15th)**. May our Lord continue to guide, comfort, strengthen and encourage you on life's journey.

Next Sunday, the offering will be received for the Baldwin Christian School.

With 2019 quickly approaching, prayerfully consider how you can help serve and use your talents in our church. Your time is greatly appreciated!

Monthly Receipt & Special Collection Report: Nov-2018

General Fund: \$12,095.25

Baldwin Christian School: \$239.00

Benevolent: \$214.00

Resonate: \$1,099.60

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship. We are glad that you have joined us today. As we gather to worship this morning, we come from various places and situations. We come with our joys, our successes, our victories, our anxieties, our doubts, and our fears. Know that God meets us where we are. God comes to us - offering us rest, hope, and peace. May you experience the reality of his presence as you meet him in worship today!

Prayer Reminders

- For our Care Center Residents: For Lois, Bob and Laverne, John, Nancy, Dorothy, Marie, Eugene, Myra, Rozella and Ron.
- That God will raise up new or renewed leaders in our fellowship.
- Pray for those lonely or missing loved ones during the holiday season.

Today we continue our Advent Series on the Psalms. Jerry Van Someren will lead us as we consider Psalm 98, "Joy to the World".

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

The Candlelight Service this year will be held at 5:00 on Dec. 23. Instead of the traditional "Lessons and Carols", we have arranged for the "Blessings Gospel Trio", a well-known gospel singing group from the Twin Cities area, to come to our church and help us celebrate. We will be joining them with carols and will end the service with a candle-lighting ceremony. It promises to be an inspirational evening. Plan to attend and invite your friends. Our Christmas Service will be Christmas morning at 9:30. We expect to include participation from the congregation in this service. Please make plans now to join us as we gather to celebrate Christ's birth through these special services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crafters: Our craft group is going strong into our third year! Please note, we are changing our schedule to run on Mondays opposite GEMS. In December, we will meet on Monday, December 3 and on December 17, but not the 31st. All crafts and women of all ages are welcome to come and share fellowship while keeping your hands busy.

Bible Study will be starting Sundays after church beginning in January. All are welcome.

Have an announcement? Simply email BCRCbulletin@gmail.com

Please note: All announcements must be received no later than noon on Thursday in order to be included in the upcoming bulletin