

Elder Assignments and Districts

Mike Ver Beek	2026	Youth Ministries	D. Arendsen – L. Christiansen
Steve Bosman	2024	Adult Ministries, Pulpit Supply	Cl. Compagner- D. Helder
Bob Dozeman	2025	Recording Clerk	Lisa Hertz -B. Kruithof
Andy Helder	2025	Membership Clerk, Fellowship & Service	K. Kruithof-T. Rietsma
Glenn Dozeman	2024	Worship	J. Rush – C. Van Dam
Mike Hoeksema	2026	Vice President, Missions & Evangelism	L. Van Dam - T. Zoerhof

Deacon Assignments and Districts

Anthony Nelson	2026	Building & Grounds	D. Arendsen – L. Christiansen
Josh Schrotenboer	2024	Chairman of the Deacons	Cl. Compagner-D. Helder
Neil Tanis	2025	Mission/Mercy Fund Treasurer	Lisa Hertz-B. Kruithof
Frank Taylor	2025	General / Building Treasurer	K. Kruithof-T. Rietsma
Mitch Van Dyk	2024	Assistant Treasurer/ Covenant Giving Plan	J. Rush – C. Van Dam
Mitchell Slagh	2026	Zeeland Diaconal / Growing Hope Globally	L. Van Dam – T. Zoerhof

Custodians	Randy and Barb Ver Beek – (616) 218-9956
Secretary	Jody Rietsma – (616) 688-5290

General Information

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated on the second Sunday of Feb., June, Sept., and Dec., and on Good Friday.  
The sacrament of baptism is administered upon request.

Missionaries

Navy Chann-Chhay & Ly Chhay – Resonate Global Mission (Cambodia)  
Rev. Huascar de la Cruz – ReFrame Ministries (Mexico)  
Scott and Marcia Geurink – Resonate Global Mission (Michigan)  
John and Kim Gryglewicz – Resonate Global Mission (Haiti)  
Steve and Kim Holtrop – Resonate Global Mission (Nicaragua)  
Rev. Dr. Mike Johnson – Ascending Leaders (Texas)  
Ricardo Tranquini – My Father’s House Christian Community (Fennville, MI)  
Sovann Neth – World Renew (Cambodia)



Morning Order of Worship  
**December 24, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.**

## REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	Luke 1:67-75
*Opening Song of Worship	<i>Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)</i>
*God's Greeting	
*Song of Praise	<i>Crown Him (Christmas)</i>
Children's Message - We light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love	

## APPROACHING THE LORD

God's Will for Our Lives	Isaiah 59:1-20
Prayer of Confession	
Words of Assurance	Isaiah 60:1-2
*Hymn of Assurance	<i>O Little Town (The Glory of Christmas)</i>
Congregational Prayer	
Offerings for Oakland CRC Ministries / Growing Hope Globally	

## LISTENING TO THE LORD

Ministry of Music *Mary, Did You Know?*  
 Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 (page 1588); Luke 2:8-20 (page 1591)  
 Message: ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***  
 Prayer of Application  
 \*Hymn of Application  
 Lift Up Your Hearts #80, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

## LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

\*God's Parting Blessing  
\*Doxology  
\*Postlude

### Worship Participants

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande  
Worship Team

*\*Please stand, if able*

## Message Outline

Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:8-20 - ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

## Introduction - A history of the song

Truth #1 - Christ Is \_\_\_\_\_

*“Hark! The herald angels sing, ‘Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!’ Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic hosts proclaim, ‘Christ is born in Bethlehem!’”*

Truth #2 - Christ Is \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_

*“Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin’s womb.”*

Truth #3 - Christ Is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

*“Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.”*

Truth #4 - Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Believer \_\_\_\_\_ Life

*“Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die.”*

Truth #5 - Christ \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_

*“Born to raise the lost on earth, born to give them second birth.”*

Truth #6 - Christ Is to Be \_\_\_\_\_

*“Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Hark! The herald angels sing, ‘Glory to the newborn King!’”*

## Conclusion

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**December 24, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**

Prelude

Ministry of Music - *O Holy Night*

Welcome and Call to Worship - John 8:12

\*Opening Song of Worship

LUYH #76, vs. 1, 2 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*God's Greeting

**Lesson 1 - God Created Light**

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5 (Read by Dale Compagner)

Carol

LUYH #553, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *How Great Thou Art*

**Lesson 2 - Sin Dims the Light**

Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7 (Read by Isla Compagner)

Carol

LUYH #92, vs. 3 - *Joy to the World*

**Lesson 3 - God Gives a Promise of Light**

Scripture: Genesis 3:8-15 (Read by Kaylee DeJonge)

\*Carol

LUYH #82, vs. 1, 3 - *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Lesson 4 - The Promise of Light is Given Again**

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 (Read by Josh Groenheide)

Carol

LUYH #61, vs. 1, 6 - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Lesson 5 - Arise for the Light Has Come**

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-3 (Read by Melanie Groenheide)

\*Carol

WHM #146 - *Ring the Bells*

Congregational Prayer

**Lesson 6 - Prepare for the Light**

Scripture: John 1:1-9 (Read by Alyssa DeJonge)

Offerings for Pine Rest

Carol during the offering

WHM #131, vs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - *The First Noel*

**Lesson 7 - The Light Is Born**

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 (Read by Amber Vande Zande)

Ministry of Music - *Light of the Stable*

**Lesson 8 - The Light Is Celebrated**

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20 (Read by Pastor Mark)

Message: ***Silent Night! Holy Night!***

Prayer of Application

\*Carol

Screen, vs. 1, 2, 3 - *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

**Lesson 9 - The Light is Coming Again**

\*Scripture: Revelation 21:22-23 (Read by Pastor Mark)

\*Carols

WHM #137, vs. 1 - *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

WHM #135, vs. 1 - *Joy to the World*

WHM #129, vs 1 - *Away in a Manger*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

WHM #69, vs. 1, 4 - *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Rev. Mark Vande Zande

Organist: Julie Compagner

Pianist: Rose Kruithof

*\*Please stand, if able*

Message Outline

Luke 2:8-20

***Silent Night! Holy Night!***

Introduction - A history of the song

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*“Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!”*

4. \_\_\_\_\_

*“Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.”*

Conclusion



Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service  
Oakland Christian Reformed Church  
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