



*The Lord Tabernacled Among Us*

*Christmas Morning Worship*

December 25, 2024

Neland Avenue

Christian Reformed Church

*There's a place for you at Neland*

*We come together to celebrate the mystery of Christmas,  
to marvel at "the Word made flesh." God makes a Way  
where there is no way. God comes to know our humanity,  
from the inside out, so that in Jesus we might also know him.*

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (arr. Dickinson)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (arr. Cherwien)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Choir: "African Noel" (arr. Benjamin Harlan)

*Sing Noel, sing Noel, Noel, Noel.*

*Sing Noel, sing Noel, Noel, Noel.*

*Sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel!*

*Sing we all Noel, sing we all Noel!*

*Sing we Noel! Sing we Noel!*

\*Song of Praise: "Joy to the World"

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\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

### **CELEBRATING OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

Dance: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Pentatonix)

Presentation of the Christ Candle with a reading from Luke 2

Song: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

78:1,2,5

*Beginning with a solo; then all on verses 1,2,5*

*Solo: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,*

*and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,*

*and he shall be their God, he is Alpha and Omega,*

*the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.*

Children's Message and Christmas Ornament

Song: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

93:3

"Glory to God in the Highest"+

**Glory to God in the highest. Glory to God in the highest heaven.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all of good will! (2x)**

Christmas Prayer

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Scripture: John 1:1-18 (p.1646)

Exodus 29:44-46 (p.133), 40:34-38 (p.152)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Message: The Wonder of Wonders:

*The Lord Tabernacled Among Us*

\*Song of Response: "Once in Royal David's City" 87:1,2,3,4

Offering: Our offering envelopes and financial gifts for the General Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Mission Fund can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, or given electronically. Today we also offer our gifts for King Park Neighbors.

Musical Offering: "Christmas Medley" (arr. Gary Lanier)

\*Song of Praise: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" 80

*If you'd like to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus," you are invited to come forward during this hymn, or sing from your pews. Music is available in your pews.*

\*"Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world  
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,  
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign for ever and ever,  
For ever and ever, forever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
And Lord of lords,  
And He shall reign,  
And He shall reign forever and ever,  
King of kings, forever and ever,  
And Lord of lords,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And He shall reign forever and ever,  
King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
And He shall reign forever and ever,  
King of kings! and Lord of lords!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## \*God's Blessing

## \*Postlude

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

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### Service Participants:

Joel DeMoor, preacher; Cindy de Jong, liturgist

Dawn Hendriksen, Chris Snyder; service accompanists

Stan Pikaart; Christ Candle presenter

Neland Christmas Choir; Chris Snyder, director; Dawn Hendriksen, accompanist

Anna DeMoor, Janine DeMoor, Rebekah DeMoor, Annabelle DeVries,

Janae Frazier, Sarah Hendriksen, Gabi Mora, Elise Peters, Luna Phillip-Alvarado,

Annika Snyder, Kathryn Snyder, Elfriede Toman, Erich Toman, Josephine Toman,

Willow Zeilstra; dancers

Mark Evenhouse, Emily Groenenboom, Gabi Mora, Helen Simic;

brass/woodwind ensemble

Tressa Meyer, oboe; Sara Meyer, piano; musical offering

Jane and Duane Prins, Pat Westveer, Kathy and Loran Bakker; sanctuary decor

Micah DeMoor, Tim Hendriksen, Randy Hoekstra; audio visual team

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The banners today reflect our journey through the darkness and waiting of Advent - of wilderness wondering - to Christmas Day. The new burst of light celebrates that the tabernacle of God and God's presence in the pillar of cloud and fire are now with us, in Christ the Lord.

### ***Advent/Christmas 2024: Wilderness Wonders***

Dec. 1     Deliverance: A Way Where There is No Way    *Exodus 13:17-14:31*

Dec. 8     Provision: Bread from Heaven    *Exodus 16*

Dec. 15    Covenant: Held Fast in Faith    *Exodus 17*

Dec. 22    Presence: Preparing for the Holy One    *Exodus 19*

**Dec. 25    The Wonder of Wonders: The Lord Tabernacled Among Us**  
***John 1:1-18 / Exodus 29:44-46, 40:34-38***