

December 19, 2021 • 9:30 AM

Prelude
In dulci jubilo – Manz, Dupré, Wood

Opening

Welcome

O Come, All Ye Faithful - #76:1,3,4

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Song: *Come, Lord Jesus*

Confession and Assurance

Choir - *Just a Mother with a Baby* - Wilson

What Child is This? - #95

Thanks

Offerings: General Fund and
Anthony & Sara Sytsma/Resonate Global

Congregational Prayer

God's Word

Children's Message

*Children are invited forward and then are welcome to go worship in
Greenhouse on the lower level.*

Text: Luke 2:1-7 pg. 1459

Message: "God's Christmas Display: *Courage*"

The Lord's Supper

Sending

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice - #98

God's Blessing

Postlude

Derek Polischuk – Pianist and Worship Ensemble Director
Laurie Harkema – Organist and Choir Director
Kathleen Prince – Accompanist
Meredith Prince – Soloist
Veronica Polischuk – Advent Candle Lighter
Dave VanderHaagen – Reader
Matt Rottman – Offering Announcement
Pastor Brent Wassink - Message

TODAY

Today marks the 50th anniversary of our pipe organ. It was used for the first time at a service on December 19, 1971. Our service this morning includes two pieces of music that were also sung on that day - the carol, *O Come, All Ye Faithful* and the choir piece, *Just a Mother with a Baby*.

Nursery: OPEN 9:15-11:45 AM for children ages 0-4

Giving Envelopes & 2022 Pictorial Directories are available in the Gathering Hall.

Coffee Time: following the worship service in the Gym.

Greenhouse: meets during the service in Room 3 on the lower level. Children (ages 5 and up) are dismissed after the Children's Blessing.

Children's Ministry: see the Children's page of our website for multi age Sunday School lessons and more.

Nativity Play Rehearsals: 10:45-11:30 AM in the Quad. Please let Carla know if your kids want to participate, parents are welcome to help and participate as well.

Ignite middle school students will meet with Carla and the children in the Sanctuary for a Nativity play rehearsal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45-11:30 AM

Youth Sunday School: HC (Heidelberg Catechism) and Me (grades 9-12) - Ignite Room

Bethel Series New Testament: led by Mary Ann Harkema in Fellowship Hall

Sermon Discussion Group: Led by Dave Ruark, meets in the Gym.

THIS WEEK

Men's Sunrise Bible Study: Wed. 6:45 AM - Meeting Room

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 PM in the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Family Christmas Eve Service: Friday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 PM

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service: Friday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 PM

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS and PRAYERS

Let's pray for Randy Piebenga, who is now in ICU on a ventilator.

Continued prayers are appreciated for Henry Boyer, Oakley Kwekel, Lucille Kuiper, Jane Outslay, Dave Poquette, Christina Simpson, Margie Stephenson, and Lynn Stewart.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When do you feel vulnerable? What do you do about it?
2. Do any more recent leaders remind you of Augustus? Explain.
3. Do you think of God as vulnerable to pain? Explain.
4. Does it make a difference to know God is courageous? Discuss.
5. Are you/we earning any "glorious" wrinkles? How might we?

NIGERIA GIFT CATALOG

This is the last week for Nigeria Gift Catalog donations. This is a good way to give in someone's name this Christmas. Offerings are taken throughout the year for Beacon of Hope Initiative in Nigeria. The money is for several projects to help people improve their lives. These projects are School Fees for orphaned and vulnerable children, Microloans to start businesses, HIV test kits, Prevention Education manuals, and Trauma Healing facilitator training. The gift catalog form provides an opportunity to give specifically to one or more of these projects. To give in this way, please fill out the form and enclose it in an envelope with your contribution and deposit it in the offering box or mail it to the church. The Missions Committee will provide Beacon of Hope Initiative with a list of how much was designated for each project. Thank you for your generous support as always.

God's Christmas Display: *Courage*

Luke 2:1-7

Caesar Augustus:

1. the most _____ man of his day

2. but, _____ human

With Jesus' birth, God made himself vulnerable.

1. Jesus was _____ human.

2. He was vulnerable to _____.

Christmas shows God is _____.

1. It takes courage to _____ to be vulnerable.

2. Why? God's courage springs from _____.

3. In Jesus, God's courage is still _____.