

# WORSHIP *at home*

BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, December 6, 2020

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

'Prepare the way,' the prophets call,  
'make ready the highways for God.'

### How we long to walk down the sidewalks in God's kingdom of peace!

Prepare your hearts,  
for God's realm opens up a new day.

### We yearn for the time when the wolf and lamb will live together in harmony.

Prepare the way,  
God promises a new day when adversaries will lay  
down their arms.

### We dream of a world transformed by God's love.

May the God of hope fill your hearts with all joy  
and peace.

### We rejoice for God's Spirit is in our midst!

### Opening Prayer:

God of hope, we come to you in the midst of a  
world fraught with troubles. Although the darkness  
is powerful, open our eyes, Lord, to the light of  
your presence. Give us faith to stand against the  
voices of division and violence. Through your Spirit  
remake us into hope-filled disciples, discovering  
lives attune to your wonder, and sparking in others  
a desire to know you more. In the name of the  
One who comes to us, we pray, Amen.

### Opening Praise: "Imagine"

### God's Greeting

Song: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

### Advent reading:

We light these candles as a sign of the coming  
light of Christ. Advent means coming.  
We are preparing for the full coming of God's  
kingdom: The nations shall beat their swords into  
plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

[lighting of Advent candle concluded with:]

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### Advent Song: "This is Jesus"

Baptism: Derik Wilting (2<sup>nd</sup> service)

Children's Blessing: [Children's Video](#)

Offering: *Bethel Budget & World Renew*

### Prayer for Illumination

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Message: "Christmas Hope"

### Song of Response:

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

### Congregational Prayer

### Parting Blessing

Closing Praise: "Prepare the Way"

## Online Update

Tune into our livestream service,  
Sunday at 10am

[Direct link to service](#)

through our Facebook page,

[\(click here for the link\)](#)

You can also watch it later on Facebook,  
through our [website](#), or on

[RightNow Media](#)