

New Era CRC ~ Sunday ~ January 3, 2021

Welcome to all who are worshiping with us today!

As we gather together in response to our Lord's call to worship, may we hear His Word with gladness, respond with hearts of love and gratitude, and go forth from this place with renewed commitment to serve Him every day.

SCHEDULE

We enter another new year seeking God's blessing. In his sermon of Beatitudes Jesus shares the key to experiencing real blessings and lasting joy. A new life with Christ involves acknowledging being poor in spirit and **today** the reality of grief and mourning. Why do we mourn? And, how can we be blessed in it?

If you are at home and would like to join us in worship via live stream click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJnzI7vpo5Hr9u3dxOULcA> after 9:20AM and you should be able to watch the service live. You should also be able to watch the service at a later time by clicking on the same link.

6:00PM: EVENING WORSHIP GATHERING

No evening gathering planned today. We will meet again next week, January 10.

WEDNESDAY: 7:00PM - Council Meeting - Newly installed and outgoing council members are asked to attend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Todd Goodrich has returned home following surgery and is doing very well.
Shirley Van Drie is no longer receiving treatments for cancer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want to express our sympathy to the family and loved ones of Ben Malda. Ben went to his eternal home on Monday. Services will be held Sunday afternoon at Harris Funeral Home with family only.

Sound and Video team is in need of more members. Anyone interested in learning to operate our system please contact Scott Meyers. 231-578-3695 or SCOTT@meyerschevrolet.com

Anyone who is having difficulty viewing our service on Youtube please contact Scott Meyers.

Thanks to everyone who remembered us throughout the year. There were cards to brighten our day. Cards to express sympathy for the passing of our sis Dee and cards for the shut-in. We appreciate all of them. One card had this verse in it: "Today I asked God to shower you with His abundance so don't worry. If you see a few storm clouds overhead they're probably just showers of blessings!" And blessings they were!
Dave and Rose Brace

Thank - you to everyone that shared the joy of Christmas with us through cards, gifts, and Christmas greetings. May the coming of Jesus into your lives bring lasting joy in the coming year. Thank You! Pastor Greg and Kay

Deacon Report -12-25-2020 - Christmas - Total Offering \$3,985.00

General Fund - \$3,960.00 Personal Care Pantry - \$25.00

12-27-2020 - Total Offering \$4,643.00 General Fund - \$4,643.00

Offering Schedule for January 2021

Jan. 3 - General Fund Jan. 10 - Love INC Jan.17 - General Fund

Jan. 24 - GEMS National Jan. 31 - Cadets National

Morning Worship ~ Pastor Greg Dyk

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

Prelude

God Calls Us Into Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Opening Song: PsH#354:1, 4,5

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

*God Greets Us

*Song of Praise: PsH#345:1, 2, 3

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Installation of Elders and Deacons

To Give Thanks

Congregational Prayer

Song: ***"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"***

It Came upon the midnight clear, That glorious son of old,
From Angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heav'n's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their king,
And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

To Listen to His Word

"The Pathway to Blessings"

Scripture - Matthew 5:1-12 Text: vs. 4 Pg.1501

Message - "Mourning Light"

Prayer

*Song: PsH#346:1, 2, 3 ***"Once in Royal David's City"***

To Go Out and Serve

*God's Blessing

*Sending Song: PsH#337:1

"Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come"

