

Welcome To Worship



Sunday January 5th, 2025



**PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVITATION TO REST**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Friends, How did you get here to this place and the end of a year?

Left side of the room: **I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.**

Right side of the room: **I ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than me.**

Left side of the room: **I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step.**

Right side of the room: **I ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.**

All: I was carried along through days I did not control.

Leader: Tell me again. How did you get to this place and the end of the year?

All: I am here by God's grace and love's pull.

Leader: Than "Happy New Year" and "welcome home" to God's house.

And let us worship our gracious God together.

GATHERING HYMN

#401

Gather Us In

KYRIE

(Our confession is also our act of love for the God who already covers us in grace.)

*I Love You Lord And I Lift My Voice To Worship You
Oh My Soul, Rejoice...*

CONFESSION of Need (Responsive)

Friends, one of the gifts of confession is it allows us to begin again, as we name the places of where we fall short and need God. It is there that we receive God's grace and start again. This prayer is an act of trust and a willingness to join the God who is making all things new. So, let us pray and begin again, again.

God of new beginnings,

**We admit that we often follow the well-worn path,
simply because others have been there before.**

**Sometimes this is holy and humble,
but there are days when a new path needs to be tread.**

On those new-beginning days, O God, give us the courage to follow your star.

Give us the courage to go home by another way.

**Give us the courage to kick up some dust and walk in a new direction
for the sake of justice, love, and neighbor.**

For when you are doing a new thing, we want to have the courage to follow.

With hope in our hearts we wander, we travel.

Amen.

KYRIE

*Take Joy My King In What You Hear
May it be a sweet, sweet song In Your Ear.*

SILENCE for confession and resting In God's grace.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (responsive)

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

Regardless of the path we travel,

of how lost we may get,

or the twists and turns along the way, we do not walk alone.

We are loved.

We are forgiven.

We have every chance to begin again. Thanks be to God for a love like that!

Hallelujah and Amen!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**
Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

God of starlight,
Like the Magi, we want to pick up the hems of our robes and follow you.
Like the Magi, we want to kick up dust with our feet and make a joyful noise following your guiding stars.
Unfortunately, the stars can be hard to see from here.
Your still, small voice can be hard to hear from here.
So we ask you to guide us as clearly as you guided them.
Draw our attention to your Word.
Reveal what it is you want us to hear today.
With hearts full of hope we pray,
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1..... Isaiah 60: 1-6
READING 2..... Matthew 2:1-12
Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON.....Rev. Gregory Isaacson

SILENCE FOR CONTEMPLATION

CONTEMPLATION HYMN: #515 I Come With Joy (Vs 1, 3, 4)

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)



Communion:

- Invitation
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People
- Prayer



BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

#151

We Three Kings (vs 1,2, 5)

DISMISSAL (Responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE



A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Next Sunday- January 5th

10:45 am	Worship
11:45 am	Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters.....Marlys Mjoen & Lynne Mullins

Organist.....George French

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Sandy Perkins

Communion Serving & Prep.....Merrie Nelson & Gordie Terpstra

Tuesday January 7th

6:00pm – Area Woman’s Chorus

Thursday January 9th

1:00pm- Book Study

Next Sunday- January 12th

10:45 am	Worship
11:45 am	Coffee Fellowship

Ushers & Greeters.....Jon & Merrie Nelson

Organist.....Hazel Mendez

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Marsha Odom

Special Announcements!

If you purchased poinsettia's for the Christmas Eve service, please pick up your plant(s) before Sunday, January 12th. Thank you and Happy New Year!!!





Care and Share
of Crookston
Presents

Open Hearts, Open Doors

Dinner & Silent Auction
Saturday, February 1st, 2025

CROOKSTON INN

5:00 p.m. - Social Hour
6:00 p.m. - Dinner
7:00 p.m. - Silent Auction
& Games

BUFFET:
Barbecue Ribs
Creamy Chicken with
Garlic & Spinach
With Sides

All proceeds will go
towards a Walk In Freezer
for the New Hope Food Shelf

\$50 *per ticket*

TICKETS:

Available to purchase at American Federal Bank, Care and Share or any
Care and Share Board Member. For Questions call 218-281-2644