



# COMMUNITY

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

*Him We Proclaim.*

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whoever will come--  
this church opens wide her doors and offers  
her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## MORNING WORSHIP - 10AM

Pastor Cruse leading and preaching in worship

### Prelude

#### Preparatory Thought:

*Immortal honors rest on Jesus' head; My God, my portion, and my Living Bread. In Him I live, upon Him cast my care; He saves from death, destruction, and despair.*

*He is my Refuge in each deep distress; The Lord my strength and glorious righteousness. Through floods and flames He leads me safely on, and daily makes His sovereign goodness known.*

*My every need He richly will supply; nor will His mercy ever let me die; In Him there dwells a treasure all divine, and matchless grace has made that treasure mine.*

*O that my soul could love and praise Him more, His beauties trace, His majesty adore; Live near His heart, upon His bosom lean; Obey His voice, and all His will esteem.*  
-William Gadsby

### Welcome and Announcements

#### CELEBRATING GOD'S GLORY

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 18:2-3

\* Invocation

Minister: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**People: Who made heaven and earth!** (Psalm 124:8)

Minister: Let us pray...

\* God's Greeting

\* Opening Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Psalm of Praise: *O Worship the King* (104)

#### CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Reading of God's Law

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Pardon: Lamentations 3:22-23

\*Standing if Possible

Acclamation of Praise: Lamentations 3:24-26

**"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

\* Hymn of Assurance: 245, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CELEBRATING GOD'S GOODNESS

Congregational Prayer

**Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

CELEBRATING GOD'S GUIDANCE

\* Hymn of Preparation: 502, *All for Jesus!*

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 26:1-33

**Sermon: *Deja Vu All Over Again*** | no. 29 in series

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: 243, *How Firm a Foundation*

\* Benediction

\* Closing Doxology: *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

**All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation;  
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills;  
To God all praise and glory!**

# SERMON NOTES

## SERMON HELPS - AM SERVICE

Parents, be sure to discuss these questions at home with our young worshippers.

1. What is the title and Bible text of the sermon?
2. What are the main points of the sermon?
  1. B \_\_\_\_\_
  2. B \_\_\_\_\_
  3. B \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why does God make us wait for things?
4. What kind of attitude should the doctrine of election produce in us?
5. List some differences between Jacob and Esau.
6. Is the Bible primarily a collection of stories teaching us how to be good? Why or why not?

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FAMINE	J	C	R	N	R	I	P	G	V	D
LAUGHING	O	I	B	E	H	Z	O	O	M	D
PHICOL	U	H	G	G	B	I	Y	M	T	U
PRESENT	R	P	U	P	R	E	S	E	N	T
ISAAC	N	A	X	Q	I	G	K	E	E	D
REBEKAH	L	E	N	I	M	A	F	A	R	K
SOJOURN	G	X	I	S	A	A	C	X	H	P
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## EVENING WORSHIP - 6PM

Mr. Eric Cuer de Andrade exhorting, Pastor Cruse leading in worship

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

"This is a general principle to the godly Christian life: Jesus Christ is everything."

- Derek Thomas

Welcome & Announcements

\* Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:28-31

\* Invocation

\* God's Greeting

\* Opening Doxology: Gloria Patri (572)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise: 224, *Immortal, Invisible*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 144

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (851)

Congregational Prayer

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Designated for our Hub-Spokes missionaries

\* Hymn of Preparation: 524, *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:14-16

**Sermon: *The Christian's Three "I Am"s***

\* Hymn of Response: 291, *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

\* Benediction

\* Closing Doxology: *Benediction*

**May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.  
Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord,  
and possess in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.**

\*Standing if Possible

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Do you have item of prayer or praise you would like to share with our church family via the bulletin? If so, send them to Pastor Jonathan at [jcruse@kalamazoocpc.org](mailto:jcruse@kalamazoocpc.org), or fill out the prayer card found in the pew rack.

## Our Church

- The weekly pulpit ministry: that Christ would be proclaimed as our only comfort in life and in death. For the leadership of CPC: that they may be granted humility, wisdom, and love in the task given to them. Our witness to the community: that we might bring more people in who do not know Christ, and be a light in this dark world. The effectiveness and growth of our regular ministries (prayer group, Bible studies, Sunday School, etc).
- For our families: for strong marriages, wisdom in parenting, peace in the home, growth in holiness.
- That the Lord would richly bless our "So Long Summer" neighborhood social, and bring us as a church closer together as we work together in reaching our neighbors.
- Continue to pray for Erin Ackley and Benjamin Post as they plan and prepare for their wedding on January 5th.
- Please continue to keep Mato Murai in your prayers as she is with her family in Japan.
- Ask that the Lord would provide for the entire Nadeau family as Doug recently lost his job. Praise that Barb has recently found a new job.
- That God would raise up in our congregation volunteers and support for Kids' Hope, and strengthen the volunteers as they go through training.
- Our sister Fran Mejeur, for comfort and clarity in her declining health.
- Expectant mother Hannah Vershoof.
- For our students who will be heading back to school in the weeks ahead.

## The Wider Church

- Bethel Reformed OPC, Fremont, MI. Pastor Vern Picknally (Olena) Praises: new visitors over the summer months. For a recent birth and another baby on the way. New couples in the process of joining. We are thankful for the presence of Pastor Terry Thole and wife. We thank God for the opportunity to sing His praise from the new Trinity Psalter Hymnal. Petitions: The Farmers in our community and church continue to pray for rain. One of our deacons and his wife are moving to Wisconsin. Pray for God's blessing on the start of new educational season beginning on September 9th.
- For our missionary families: The Westervelds in Quebec, the Hopps in Haiti, the Johnsons in Thailand, the Jeromins in South America, and the Boris family in Kazakhstan.
- Praise God that Reformation OPC has begun official worship services as a church plant of our presbytery. Pray for Reformation OPC's involvement in Calvin College's Annual Church Info Fair on Thursday, September 6th: that they might make contact with new students
- For our Christian brothers and sisters facing persecution around the world: Eritrea, North Korea, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, China, India, Pakistan, Myanmar, Nigeria, and many other countries.

## The World

- Pray for those affected by Hurricane Lane in the Pacific.
- The Indian state of Kerala has been severely damaged by flooding in the past few weeks. Pray for safety for the hundreds of thousands who are without shelter.
- Pray for those suffering from the devastating wildfires in Southern California.
- Pray for all of those suffering from oppression, poverty, and injustice.
- Our President and all elected officials.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to our visitors! We are so pleased to have you with us and hope you are refreshed and encouraged by the good news of the gospel.
- It's been one year since we started our Sunday School series "What's Happening When We Worship?" **After fellowship time today** there will be a brief refresher on the course. This should be a helpful recap as we look to implement some of the things we have previously studied and discussed.
- **Tonight we welcome to the pulpit Mr. Eric Cuer de Andrade**, a graduate of Westminster Seminary California, current student at PRTS, and intern at Harvest OPC.
- Sunday School for all ages resumes the third Sunday in September.
- Nursery: Might you be interested in helping staff our nursery? Are you in need of a break from being on the nursery rotation? In either case, please **see Hannah Verschoof as she creates a new schedule for the upcoming ministry calendar year: hannahv314@gmail.com**
- We need your help! Please plan to join us for a few hours **Saturday morning September 8th, 9AM**, as we go door-to-door to invite our neighbors to our social. Come for as little or as long as you can, but lunch will be provided!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our "So Long Summer" neighborhood social is quickly approaching on Friday evening, **September 14th**. We would love for you all to participate in this event to get to know our neighbors better!

### LORD'S DAY

10:00 A.M.      Morning Worship  
 11:15 A.M.      Coffeetime  
 6:00 P.M.      Evening Worship

### AUG BIRTHDAYS & ANNIV.

6 Dale & Jan Collison	19 Reuben Verschoof
10 Perry & Jennifer Westerman	30 Charles Ybema
12 Madi Collison	
13 Renee Bil	
16 Pastor & Kerri Ann Cruse	
17 Chip Ybema	

	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16
Nursery AM:	Kelly Y. & Cecille	Cheryl P. & Elizabeth	Ronnie C. & Carien	Renee B. & Mark
Nursery PM:	Jen T	Olivia V.	Kelly Y.	Bethany P.
Coffee Time:	Ackley	Alphenaar	Fellowship Meal	Bekius

### Session Members

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