



# 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.*

**December 2nd, 2018**

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## MORNING WORSHIP - 10AM

*Pastor Cruise leading and preaching in worship*

### Prelude

#### Preparatory Thought:

"I believe the greatest impediment to the advancement of the gospel in our time is the attempt of the church of Jesus Christ to do the work of God apart from the truth and the power of the Spirit of God." - Arturo Azurdia

### Welcome and Announcements

#### GOD CALLS US

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-2

\* 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

\* The 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: 216, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (103)

#### GOD CLEANSSES US

### Reading of God's Law

### Silent Prayer followed by Corporate Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.**

\*Standing if Possible

Declaration of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:24

Acclamation of Praise: Psalm 103:10-12

**"He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."**

\* Hymn of Assurance: 507, *Thy Mercy Lord, Is What I Need*

GOD CONSECRATES US

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

*We are accepting gifts designated for "Thank Offering" to support the denomination's foreign missions, home missions, and Christian education endeavors.*

\* Hymn of Preparation: 324, *Thou Who Wast Rich*

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 38

**Sermon: *Grace Abounding*** | no. 40 in series

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: 452, *Rock of Ages*

GOD COMMISSIONS US

\* Benediction

\* Dismissal and Postlude

# SERMON NOTES

## SERMON HELPS - AM SERVICE

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

1. What is the title and Bible text of the sermon?
2. What are the main points of the sermon?  
Judah's D \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamar's D \_\_\_\_\_  
God's D \_\_\_\_\_
3. In which direction does Judah head at the beginning of the chapter?
4. What happens to Er and Onan?
5. What does Judah say that shows his confession and repentance in this story?
6. Martin Luther said Genesis 38 should keep the church from despair. How does it do that?

FIRSTBORN	H	I	X	N	J	F	P	P	X	R
GOAT	J	A	O	B	F	N	R	O	F	A
JUDAH	W	U	D	A	Y	E	F	S	I	M
PREGNANT	Y	I	T	U	G	B	P	U	R	A
SIGNET	Q	S	F	N	J	S	T	C	S	T
STAFF	I	V	A	E	A	T	M	K	T	N
TAMAR	X	N	T	E	N	G	I	S	B	Z
TWINS	T	W	I	N	S	O	Z	O	O	U
WIFE	Y	U	P	N	K	A	Q	E	R	L
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## **EVENING WORSHIP - 6PM**

*Rev. Van Dyke leading and preaching in worship*

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

"Legalism lacks the supreme sense of worship. It obeys but it does not adore."  
-Geerhardus Vos

Welcome & Announcements

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 27:4

\* Invocation

\* God's Greeting

\* 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: 303, *All Praise to You, Eternal Lord*

\* Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (852)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

Corresponding Psalm: 8A, *O Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth*

Congregational Prayer

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

\* Hymn of Preparation: 244, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46

**Sermon: *Be Still and KNOW***

\* Hymn of Response: 532, *Be Still, My Soul*

\* Benediction & Dismissal

# 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.
- Pray for the Lord's comfort for Tim Bero at the recent loss of his brother, Jim
- Elisabeth Schumaker is asking for prayer for her cousin, Lee Kelley, admitted to the hospital in Memphis, TN, for bacterial meningitis. Continue to keep her dad in your prayers as well, as he undergoes chemotherapy.
- Praise God for Doug Nadeau's new job! Ask that the Lord will watch over him and his family as he has to be away in Gary, Indiana for two and a half weeks training.
- For Ben Post's and Erin Ackley's engagement.
- For Perry Westerman's brother, Rick, who was recently diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.
- That God would strengthen our volunteers for Kid's Hope as they go into Woodward Elementary School and form relationships.
- Our sister Fran Mejeur, shut-in and declining with dementia.

## The Wider Church

- Harvest OPC, Wyoming, MI. Pastor Dale Van Dyke (Joanne).
- Church planters Bill and Sessie Welzein in Key West, Florida.
- 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.
- 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

- For our brothers and sisters in California displaced and in danger from the recent wild fires.
- For the caravan of South American migrants, now facing conflict in Tijuana.
- For civility in our country's political discourse, and that justice and truth would win out in our political and governmental systems.
- Our President and all other 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.
- We will be participating in a pulpit exchange with Harvest OPC in Grand Rapids in the evening service. We thank Pastor Dale Van Dyke for bringing God's Word to us.
- Women: A **bridal shower** for Erin Ackley is being held at the church on Monday, December 3rd at 7pm. Erin is registered at Target and Amazon. Please see Renee Bil with any questions. rdanielleb@gmail.com
- **Sermon on the Mount Bible Study** is this Thursday, Dec. 6th at the MacQuarrie's: 3430 Wedgwood Drive, Portage. Join us!
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday December 8th at the church--830AM! Peter Kilner will lead us in a devotional discussion. Guys of all ages are welcome!
- **Member Reception:** On December 9th we are pleased to welcome into membership the Nadeau family (Doug, Barb, Caleb, and Benjamin) and Amber Gille with her children Eleanor and Suni.
- **Congregational Meeting:** Our annual congregational and corporation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th, at 7PM! All members are expected to attend if able as we hear year-end reports and vote on the 2019 budget.
- **Kid's Hope:** Would you consider mentoring a young student at Woodward Elementary for one hour a week? Or would you consider committing yourself as a prayer partner for one of our mentors? We are looking for volunteers for the new year. See Jennifer Westerman with questions.
- **Will you commit to inviting a friend, co-worker, neighbor, or relative someone to our Christmas fellowship meal on December 9th?** This will kick off our advent series "Home for Christmas." We will explore how only the gospel fulfills our deepest longings for home. Every year thousands of un-churched people will be open to accepting an invitation to worship around Christmas. **Please use the insert as an invitation card.**
- Save the dates for the following Christmas events:
  - Caroling at Park Village Pines: Wednesday, December 19th, 6:30-7:30PM.
  - Church Christmas party: Friday, December 21st, 6PM.
  - Lessons and Carols Worship Service: Christmas Eve, 7PM.

### LORD'S DAY

10:00 A.M.      Morning Worship  
 11:15 A.M.      Coffeetime  
 11:30 A.M.      Sunday School  
 6:00 P.M.      Evening Worship

### DEC. BIRTHDAYS

2 Bethany Post  
 2 Meulenberg Anniversary  
 8 Grant Bekius  
 16 Berry Anniversary  
 18 Melissa Bekius  
 30 Shumaker Anniversary

	12/2/18	12/9/18	12/16/18	12/23
Nursery AM:	Ronnie C. & Carien	Renee B.	Sarah G. & Cecile	Hannah V.
Nursery PM:	Bethany P.	Michal M.	Mary A.	Cheryl P.
Coffee Time:	Marcotte	A-G: Side Item H-M: Main Dish & Clean Up N-Z: Dessert	McElvain	Meulenberg

### Session Members

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