



# 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:

*"This is God's way: you are not called to buy, but to beg; not to be strong in yourself, but in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Remember, the growth of a believer is not like a mushroom, but like an oak, which increases slowly indeed but surely. Many suns, showers, and frosts, pass upon it before it comes to perfection. And in winter, when it seems dead, it is gathering strength at the root. Be humble, watchful, and diligent in the means, and endeavor to look through all, and fix your eye upon Jesus, and all shall be well." - John Newton*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### GOD CALLS US

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 121

\* 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: 379, *Come Christians Join to Sing*

#### GOD CLEANSSES US

### Reading of God's Law

### Silent Prayer followed by Corporate Confession

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. We ask this through our only mediator and advocate Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Standing if Possible

Declaration of Pardon: Romans 10:9-10

Acclamation of Praise: Romans 10:11-13

**"For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"**

\* Hymn of Assurance: 525, *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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

\* Hymn of Preparation: Insert, *Now Blessed Be Jehovah God*

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 46:31-47:31

Sermon: **Blessings for Beggars** | no. 48 in series

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: 429, *Come Thou Fount*

GOD COMMISSIONS US

\* Benediction

\* Dismissal and Postlude

## Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

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Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.  
Ps. 72:18

Capo: 1 ♯ Unison

(A) (G) (D)

1. Now bless - ed be the Lord our God, the  
2. And bless - ed be his glo - rious name to  
3. His wide do - min - ion shall ex - tend from  
4. Yea, all the kings shall bow to him, his

(A) (E) (A) (F#m)

God of Is - ra - el, for he a - lone does  
all e - ter - ni - ty; the whole earth let his  
sea to ut - most sea, and un - to earth's re -  
rule all na - tions hail; he will re - gard the

(E) (E<sup>7</sup>) (A) (D) (C#m) (E<sup>7</sup>) (A) 7

won - drous works in glo - ry that ex - cel.  
glo - ry fill. A - men, so let it be.  
mot - est bounds his peace - ful rule shall be.  
poor man's cry when oth - er help - ers fail.

Psalm 72:8, 11, 12, 18, 19  
Scottish Psalter, 1650  
Mod.

McKEE C.M.  
Spiritual  
Arr. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

## 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?  
Temporary Blessings for \_\_\_\_\_  
Eternal Blessings for \_\_\_\_\_
3. What do you think you are entitled to?
4. What does every sin deserve?
5. What are ways God blessed Pharaoh and Egypt?
6. How does Jacob show that his hope is in the world to come?

BROTHER  
FAMINE  
FRUITFUL  
GOSHEN  
GRAIN  
LAND  
MONEY  
PHARAOH  
PROMISE  
SOJOURN

L N A P D J G R A D  
U W I N H F L C R A  
F P A A H A N G Y Y  
T L C P R R R B E N  
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S X W S X E D O K A  
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## **EVENING WORSHIP - 6PM**

*Pastor Cruse leading and preaching in worship*

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

*"Sin could not die unless Christ died." - Elisha Coles*

Welcome & Announcements

\* Call to Worship: John 4:23-24

\* 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: 279, *O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord*

\* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (851)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 21

Corresponding Psalm: 21B, *O Lord, in Your Great Strength*

Congregational Prayer

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

\* Hymn of Preparation: 326, *My Song Is Love Unknown*

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:40-47

Sermon: **Mostly Dead?** | no. 50 in series

\* Hymn of Response: 351, *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

\* Benediction & Dismissal

\*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 members and member families: for God's protection over them, for good health, for growth in every spiritual grace.
- Pray for Suni Dench, that he would have a smooth recovery from his recent eye surgery.
- Pray for Peter Kilner's upcoming travels: Shanghai and Hong Kong! The Kilner's also request prayer for Robyn and her extended family, as her aunt passed away from cancer this past week.
- For Jan's father recovery from a fracture in his femur, as well as for Jim and Gayle's daughter, Rena, who recently had a seizure and is being monitored by doctors.
- Pray for the McElvain family, as they have recently accepted a new foster placement (Joanna 4 years old, Rorigo 2 years old). Pray for Jojo and Rigo to settle quickly and peacefully in their home, and for the Lord to give them the strength, wisdom, and love needed to care for them in the months ahead.
- Pray for the Lord's provision for those facing financial difficulties. Pray for those who are unemployed or those who are underemployed.
- Praise God for the opportunity we have to bring Markus Jeromin on as a Minister of Outreach. Pray for the Jeromins: that the Lord would provide for them in this time of transition back to the states.
- Pray for Dee, a resident at Park Village Pines who has expressed interest to Pastor Bero of professing faith in Jesus Christ!
- 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

- Spencer Mills OPC, Pastor Alan Flowers (Lisa). Praises: two new deacons. Prayer: for health issues with some members. That the Lord would bless their upcoming mailers by sending them many visitors. That the congregation would exude the love of Christ for those both in and out of His church.
- Pray for pastor Wang Yi and his house church, Early Rain, arrested by the Chinese authorities. May the Gospel go forth even amidst persecution.
- Mark and Jeni Richline, serving as foreign missionaries in Uruguay.
- For our missionary families: Westervelds (Quebec), the Hopps (Haiti), the Johnsons (Thailand), and the Jeromins and Hills (Uruguay).
- For the Boris family serving 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 a change to take place in the recent discussions and legislations passed regarding abortion and protecting newborns.
- 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.
- Next Sunday we celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper** in the morning service. Communicant members of Bible-believing churches are welcome to partake of this meal.
- Ladies: Community Coffee meets this Wednesday, March 6th, at 10am at Walnut and Park Cafe!
- Sermon on the Mount **Bible Study meets this Thursday**, March 7th, at 7pm, at the Taylors (1521 Reycraft Drive).
- **Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, March 9th at 8:30am.** Nate Meulenberg will be giving the devotional. Please join us!
- **Our Faith and Life Conference is Saturday, March 30th, from 9AM til 2PM.** The conference is entirely free of charge and comes with a Chik-fil-a lunch. **Register at [kalamazoopc.org/faithandlife](http://kalamazoopc.org/faithandlife)!**
- You are invited to attend Reformed Heritage Christian School's (RHCS) annual **Spring Banquet on Thursday, March 14** at Second Christian Reformed Church, 3015 Nichols Road. Punchbowl will begin at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. At 7:30 PM, Professor Ron Cammenga will be our guest speaker. Please join us by making your reservation for dinner at [refhcs.org/springbanquet](http://refhcs.org/springbanquet) or by calling the school office at 383-0505 no later than Wednesday, March 6. A free will offering will be taken.
- **"Hope and Help for the Depressed."** Join Grace Fellowship OPC for a seminar on depression led by Dr. David Murray, author of *Christians Get Depressed, Too*. Friday, March 22nd, from 7-9 at Howard Miller Library Banquet Room: 14 S Church Street, Zeeland.
- **Baby Bottle Coin Drive:** Baby Bottles are available downstairs for those who would like to participate in a coin drive for Alternatives Pregnancy Center. Michal McElvain will be collecting the bottles in the spring.

LORD'S DAY		MARCH BIRTHDAYS	
10:00 A.M.	Morning Worship	5 Elizabeth McElvain	14 Hannah Verschoof
11:15 A.M.	Coffeetime	8 Fran Mejeur	17 Mia Collison
11:30 A.M.	Sunday School	11 Peter Kilner	21 Perry Westerman
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship	12 Doug Nadeau	22 Nadeau (anniv.)
		14 Seth Verschoof	27 Cecile Ybema

	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24
Nursery AM:	Kelly Y. & Bethany P.	Michal M. & Jen T.	Liz S. & Mary A.	Cheryl P. & Sue M.
Coffee Time:	Alphenaar	Fellowship Meal	Bekius	Bero

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