



# 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 Cruise leading and preaching in worship*

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

*"The good news is a lot better than the idea that God wants to make you happy, healthy, and wealthy. Rather, God came into this world to rescue us by being stricken, smitten, and afflicted."*  
- Michael Brown

Welcome and Announcements

### GOD CALLS US

\* Call to Worship: Hebrews 1:1-4

\* 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.**

\* Hymn of Praise: 281, *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

### 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.**

Declaration of Pardon: Psalm 130:3-4

Acclamation of Praise: Psalm 130:7-8

**“O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”**

\* Psalm of Assurance: 130A, *Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry!*

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

\* Psalm of Preparation: 80B, *Great Shepherd Who Leadest Thy People*

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 48

Sermon: **Learning How Grace Works** | no. 49 in series

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: 338, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

Words of Institution for the Lord’s Supper

Exhortation

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Distribution of Elements

*Gluten-free bread is provided in the center cup. Grape juice is provided in the outer ring for those who conscientiously abstain from wine.*

Supper Hymn: 350, *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

*A diaconal offering is taken up during this time.*

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?
  1. Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ Ephraim and Manasseh
  2. Jacob \_\_\_\_\_ Ephraim and Manasseh
3. How do we know Jacob is adopting his grandsons in this scene?
4. What does this adoption teach us about our status before God?
5. Why does Jacob cross his hands and put his right hand on Ephraim? Why does this displease Joseph?
6. We have seen that grace is a tough concept to learn. What must we do to teach ourselves grace?

BLESSING	S	M	C	S	X	F	G	S	O	I
EGYPT	E	P	H	R	A	I	M	F	C	C
EPHRAIM	H	N	A	Z	Z	R	F	G	Q	J
FIRSTBORN	N	B	H	E	S	S	A	N	A	M
HAND	J	A	U	H	P	T	K	I	E	S
JACOB	D	L	T	R	U	B	Y	S	G	N
MANASSEH	R	N	I	I	Z	O	B	S	Y	O
NATIONS	O	N	A	P	O	R	D	E	P	S
OFFSPRING	G	A	P	H	B	N	H	L	T	L
SONS	B	O	C	A	J	G	S	B	W	Z



## EVENING WORSHIP - 6PM

*Mr. Bob Jackson leading and Pastor Cruse preaching in worship*

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

*"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins...  
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead." 1 Corinthians 15:17, 20*

Welcome & Announcements

\* Call to Worship: Col 3:1-4

\* 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: 367, *Up from the Grave He Arose*

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Corresponding Psalm: 23C, *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Congregational Prayer

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

\* Hymn of Preparation: 357, *The Day of Resurrection*

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: **Surprise Ending** | no. 51 in series

\* Hymn of Response: 360, *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

\* 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.
- For those who have ongoing health concerns.
- For Jan Collison as she travels to visit her parents this week.
- Please continue to pray for Jojo and Rigo as they settle in the McElvain home, and for the Lord to give the whole family strength and love as they care for these little ones.
- For our upcoming Faith and Life Conference: for a good turnout and an edifying time with like-minded believers (and Lord-willing some seekers!) in the area.
- 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

- New City Fellowship, Grand Rapids. Mika Edmonson (Christina)
- Pray for pastor Wang Yi and his house church, Early Rain, arrested by the Chinese authorities. May the Gospel go forth even amidst persecution.
- David Crum, regional home missionary for the Presbytery of Southern California.
- 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 those in Alabama recovering from the recent tornado disasters.
- 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.
- 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. Everyone is invited downstairs after the service to join us for a fellowship luncheon!
- Women's Bible study meets this Tuesday at the church at 7PM!
- Next Sunday in the PM service we have the pleasure of **welcoming Steve and Sharon Conolly into membership** by reaffirmation of faith.
- **Attention teens** (and parents): hangout downstairs with Pastor Cruse immediately after the evening service next week (the 17th). There will be pizza, games, and a discussion on priorities--make this event one and bring a friend!
- **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 [kalamazooopc.org/faithandlife](http://kalamazooopc.org/faithandlife)!**
- If you are able to provide a dessert for the conference, please see Liz Schumaker!
- Alternatives Live & Silent Auction is next Friday, March 22! There are lots of great items up for bid this year (ask Michal if you'd like to see the list!), and it's always a lively evening, so come out to Westwood CRC for some fun and to support Alternatives! Doors open at 6:00PM, tickets are \$5 (includes dinner), Silent Auction begins at 6:00PM, Live Auction begins at 7:30PM.
- **"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 7-9PM at Howard Miller Library Banquet Room: 14 S Church Street, Zeeland.
- **Save the date:** Simonetta Carr speaking on "Mental Illness and the Church" at Immanuel Fellowship, May 1st at 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

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5 Elizabeth McElvain	14 Hannah Verschoof
8 Fran Mejeur	17 Mia Collison
11 Peter Kilner	21 Perry Westerman
12 Doug Nadeau	22 Nadeau (anniv.)
14 Seth Verschoof	27 Cecile Ybema

	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
Nursery AM:	Michal M. & Jen T.	Liz S. & Mary A.	Cheryl P. & Sue M.	Sarah G. & Ronnie C.
Coffee Time:	Fellowship Meal	Bekius	Bero & Butcher	Bil

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