



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 & preaching in worship

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

Do we love the holiness of the Word? The Word is preached to beat down sin and advance holiness. Many love the Word preached only for its eloquence and notion. They come to a sermon as to a performance or as to a garden to pick flowers, but not to have their lusts subdued or their hearts bettered. Can you bless God that 'the sword of the Spirit' has divided between you and your lusts? This is indeed a sign of grace and shows that you are a lover of the Word. - Thomas Watson

Welcome and Announcements

GOD CALLS US

* Call to Worship: Psalm 63:1-4

* 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: 230, *Holy, Holy, Holy*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Reading of God's Law

Silent Prayer followed by Corporate Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together, saying...

People: Most gracious and merciful God, who is of purer eyes than to look upon sin, but who has promised mercy and forgiveness to all who confess and forsake their sin, we come before you with a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many transgressions of your holy and just laws, in thought, word, and deed. We appeal to you for you take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, you desire that none should perish, you long that all should turn from their evil ways and live. Have mercy upon us and forgive the sins of all who turn to you this day, forsaking the way of pride and bowing humbly before the cross of Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-7

Acclamation of Praise: Ephesians 2:8-9

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

* Psalm of Assurance: 32B, *How Blest Is He Whose Trespass*

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

Designate "Spring Offering" in memo line if you wish to give to this cause

* Hymn of Preparation: 270, *At the Name of Jesus*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:1-4

Sermon: **Sharing the Savior** | no. 1 in series

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: 446, *Be Thou My Vision*

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?
We _____
You _____
3. What is one of the main purposes John wrote his first epistle?
4. How is the opening of 1 John similar to the opening of The Gospel of John?
5. In what way is sharing supremely a Christian virtue?
6. How can we share in the fellowship of the Father and the Son?
7. What will make John's joy complete?

COMPLETE	C O M P L E T E M A
FELLOWSHIP	M W O Y O J R R A A
HEARD	Q T E S T I F Y N N
JOY	F E L L O W S H I P
LIFE	M I A L C O R P F S
MANIFEST	D E H C U O T L E E
PROCLAIM	M U W E G C I V S E
SEEN	I K D J A F Z R T N
TESTIFY	Z G I D E R O U A E
TOUCHED	D H E H M L D H J H



EVENING WORSHIP - 6PM

Rev. Steve Igo leading and preaching in worship

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

The real attitude of sin in the heart towards God is that of being without God; it is pride, the worship of myself, that is the great atheistic fact in human life.

-Oswald Chambers

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship: Psalm 22:22-23

* 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.**

* Psalm of Praise: 22C, *Amid the Thronging Worshipers*

* Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (851)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

Corresponding Psalm: 29A, *Now Unto the Lord*

Congregational Prayer

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Designated for our Hub-Spokes Missionaries

* Hymn of Preparation: 364, *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:16-34

Sermon: **Paul at Mars Hill**

* Hymn of Response: 161, *The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended*

* 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@kalamazoopc.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.
- Please ask God to strengthen the McElvain family & to work in the hearts of Jojo and Rigo.
- Pray for the Lord's provision for those facing financial difficulties. Pray for those who are unemployed or those who are underemployed.
- Pray for Doug Nadeau as he is traveling on the road at difficult hours and away from his family.
- Pray for those who are in the midst of a move: Hayden Butcher, the Schumakers, & the Kilners.
- Praise God that the Jeromins have accepted our offer for Markus to come and serve as our Minister of Outreach, and that the Lord has provided a minivan for them! Pray for them as they transition back to the states, serve at the Boardwalk Chapel in the summer, and look for additional work here in the fall.
- 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

- Meadow Springs Community OPC, Kentwood, MI, Pastor Gerald Neumair (Barbara) Praises: For two Easter outreaches and for 2 men who were recently converted through Pastor Jerry's counseling at the Biblical Counseling Center. Prayer: For future visits from those who were touched by our invites and hospitality, for an upcoming Parenting Conference by Paul Tripp, for the salvation of unsaved loved ones, the restoration of prodigal members and repentance of those caught up in sin, for a new restart on our women's ministry that will accommodate schedules of working women and mothers of small children.
- 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 Stumpff, administrator for the OPC Loan Fund & the Committee on Ministerial Care
- For our missionary families: Westervelds (Quebec), the Hopps (Haiti), the Johnsons (Thailand), and the Hills (Uruguay).
- 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.
- Pray for the church in Nigeria, where several hundred believers have been martyred in the last few weeks by militant Muslims.
- The Christian community in Sri Lanka, where nearly 400 were killed and many hundreds more injured on Easter.

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 Gospel!
- Join us for a special seminar on **“Mental Illness and the Church”** by Simonetta Carr, author of *Broken Pieces and the God Who Mends Them: Schizophrenia from a Mother’s Eyes*, at Immanuel Fellowship, **this Wednesday night 7PM.**
- **Sermon on the Mount Bible Study** meets this Thursday, May 2nd at 7pm at Jackie Vedders, where we will be discussing the most popular verse in 21st century main-stream Christianity: “Judge not, lest you be judged!”
- The Presbytery Spring Offering this year will go to support the Metamora church update their siding and steeple. **We will accept gifts today.** If you would like to give to this cause, mark “Spring Offering” in the memo line of your check (still make the check out to our church), which you should then place in the offering.
- **Pulpit exchange:** this evening we welcome Rev. Steve Igo, pastor of Cedar Church in Jenison, to preach the Word for us!
- There will be a deacon’s meeting today.
- Grace Fellowship OPC in Zeeland, MI, is hosting a Young Adults Game Night & Hymn Sing – May 10 from 6:00-9:00pm at The Bridge Youth Center: 210 E Main Ave, Zeeland, MI 49464. Pizza will be provided. This event is for post-high school unmarried young adults. Sign up is encouraged (www.harvestopc.org/events). If you have any questions, please email Pastor Mike Schout at pastor@gracefellowshipopc.com.
- Reformed Heritage Christian School is having their annual flower sale fundraiser each Saturday in May from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The sale is located at the corner of Nichols and Ravine Roads. There will be a variety of hanging baskets, potted flowers, flats of flowers, and more.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

8 Hannah Yoo	22 Murai (anniv.)
11 Michelle Berry	26 Taylor (anniv.)
18 Noah Taylor	30 Jonathan Cruse
19 Gayle Post	
22 Mato Murai	

	4/28	5/5	5/12	5/19
Nursery AM:	Mary A. & Sue M.	Cheryl P. & Melissa B.	Ronnie C. & Renee B.	Sarah G. & Olivia V.
Coffee Time:	Jackson	Kilner	MacQuarrie	Fellowship Meal

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