



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 Thoughts:

"I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find thy mind in thy Word, of neglect to seek thee in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations. But I bless thee that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ; go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them." - The Valley of Vision

Welcome and Announcements

GOD CALLS US

* Call to Worship: Psalm 98

* 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: 98C, *Sing a New Song*

GOD CLEANSSES US

Reading of God's Law

Prayer of Confession

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

Lord God, we humbly plead with you to forgive us of our many sins and failures. Blot them out. Wash away each guilty stain in the blood of Jesus who died for our forgiveness. Remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west. Cast them into the depths of the sea and remember them no more. Put them behind your back, treat us just as if we had never sinned on account of the atoning death of Christ in our place. And having forgiven us, sanctify us through and through, remove our desire to sin, take from us that spirit of rebellion which is our great weakness, and replace it with a spirit of glad and willing surrender to all your perfect will. Cause us to go from here and sin no more, to go forward in faith from strength to strength, persevering in godliness and holiness, and not growing weary in well doing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Pardon: Col 1:13-14

Acclamation of Praise: Col 1:17-18

“And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

* Hymn of Assurance: 277, *Before the Throne of God Above*

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, *Our Advocate*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:2

Sermon: *Our Advocate* | no. 3 in series

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response: 275, *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

Words of Institution for the Lord’s Supper

Exhortation

Minster: 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: 274, *Jesus, My Great High Priest* (Tune: DARWALL)

A diaconal offering is taken up during this time.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

* Benediction

* Dismissal and Postlude

Our Advocate

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 John 2:1b

1. Be - fore the dread - ful Judge - ment Throne of holi - i - ness and pow'r
 2. Yet hope re - mains, for near the Throne an Ad - vo - cate now stands.
 3. The pen - al - ty re - served for them by Him is full - y paid.
 4. No long - er strick - en still by fear, nor dread - ing pun - ish - ment,

A ter - ri - fy - ing scene is shown of sin - ners' fate - ful hour.
 He lives the pre - cious ones to own whose names are on His hands.
 No long - er can their debt con - demn; a - tone - ment has been made.
 The ran - somed raise their heads to hear the ver - dict: "in - no - cent!"

For there the Law re - veals their guilt and all will fall in shame,
 Be - fore the sen - tence comes to bear He stays the Judge Di - vine,
 He takes their fil - thy, tat - tered clothes and gives them His own dress,
 To those He has de - fend - ed well as - sur - ance full is giv'n

Ar - rayed in on - ly rags of filth with no - thing good to claim.
 And makes His strong pe - ti - tion there, and calls the guilt - y "Mine."
 And with this spot - less robe be - stows His per - fect right - eous - ness.
 That since He knew their hor - rid Hell, they all will know His Heav'n.

Jonathan Landry Cruse, 2015

KINGSFOLD C.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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. Christ's A _____
 2. Christ's R _____
 3. Christ's P _____
3. Fill in the threefold argument Paul makes in 1:6-2:2
Damaging Lie #1 _____ and Comforting Truth #1 _____
Damaging Lie #2 _____ and Comforting Truth #2 _____
Damaging Lie #3 _____ and Comforting Truth #3 _____
4. What is an advocate?
5. Where else do we find the term "advocate" in the Bible? Hint: it may be translated as "Helper" or "Comforter"
6. Why does it matter that Jesus Christ is a "righteous" advocate?
7. What does "propitiation" mean?

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EVENING WORSHIP - 6PM

Mr. Bob Jackson leading, Pastor Jonathan Cruse preaching in worship

Prelude

Preparatory Thought:

"The Lord, in condemning and prohibiting all fictitious worship, requires us to give obedience only to his own voice, for such is our folly, that when we are left at liberty, all we are able to do is go astray." - John Calvin

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship: Psalm 66

* Invocation

* God's Greeting

* Opening Doxology: Gloria Patri (572)

**Glorify 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: 165, *To Your Temple I Repair*

* Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (851)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31

Corresponding Psalm: 31B, *In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust (vv.1-5)*

Congregational Prayer

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

* Hymn of Preparation: 169, *Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth*

* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Sermon: With Reverence and Awe | no. 7 in series

* Psalm of Response: 216, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (103)*

* 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, 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.
- Our friend, Betsy Thorsen, has strep throat. Pray for a quick recovery!
- 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 Marcottes, and the Kilners.
- Pray for Dee, a resident at Park Village Pines who has expressed interest to Pastor Bero of professing faith in Jesus Christ!
- Pray for our upcoming Music Camp -- for volunteers and a good group of campers!
- That God would strengthen our volunteers for Kid's Hope as they go into Woodward Elementary School and form relationships.
- Our shut-in sister Fran Mejeur.

The Wider Church

- Providence OPC, Manistee, MI, Pastor Michael Kooy (Susan).
- Pray for Rev. Zach Keele, the Earnest family, and the entire congregation at Escondido OPC.
- 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 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 the victims, and their families, of the shooting at the STEM school in Denver, UNC, and Chabad of Poway.
- 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!
- Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All communicant members who are seeking to live for Christ and to die to sin are welcome to this Table.
- **There is no Sunday School or Fellowship Meal this week.** Fellowship meal is postponed to next Sunday.
- Our final **Sermon on the Mount Bible Study** meets this Thursday at 7pm at Jackie Veddar's house (1603 Nazareth Road). Please join us!
- **Our final Men's Breakfast before the summer break is this Saturday at 830AM. All men are invited!**
- Pray for safe travels for the Cruses as they head to denominational headquarters in Philadelphia for a packed schedule of meetings and interviews Tuesday and Wednesday with various committees and ministry leaders. This is largely an aspect of Kerri Ann's new position as Director of Media for the OPC.
- **Thursday, June 13th we will be heading to watch the Growlers take on their rivals the Battle Creek Bombers.** Tailgate opens at 5:30, with lawn games access to all-you-can-eat food and drinks until first pitch at 7. Email Pastor Cruse or sign up downstairs to get your tickets reserved.
- Redeemer OPC's 5k Trail Run & Pancake Breakfast on May 18th at 8am. All money raised will go to cover expenses for short-term missions. Register at rundeemer.com.
- Alternatives is having their annual Walk for Life event on Sat, June 8th, at Gracespring Bible Church. It's a family friendly event that is a 3 mile walk with games and activities after the event. Sign up online at alternativescc.org/walkforlife.html and select "Community Presbyterian Church" as your team. For more info please talk to Michal.
- Hope Church (910 Jenks) is hosting Summer Farmer's Markets on June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13 from 5-8 p.m. Swing by to shop from local vendors, listen to some live music, and have some fun with your family! If you are interested in becoming a vendor for the events, it's FREE! Just contact the church office (office@hoperca.org) to let them know!
- **Music Camp is July 15-20.** We need volunteers and campers! Please reach out to Rhonda if you can help this summer: rlmcdaniel3@yahoo.com.

LORD'S DAY

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Mark McElvain | 29 Jennifer Westerman |
| 4 Verschoof (anniv.) | 31 Marcotte (anniv.) |
| 14 Nora Marcotte | |
| 17 McElvain (anniv.) | |
| 19 MacQuarrie (anniv.) | |
| 27 Ybema (anniv.) | |

| | 5/12 | 5/19 | 5/26 | 6/2 |
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| Nursery AM: | Ronnie C. & Renee B. | Sarah G. & Olivia V. | Kelly Y. & Bethany P. | Liz S. & Jen T. |
| Coffee Time: | MacQuarrie | A-G: Main Dish & Clean Up H-M: Dessert N-Z: Side item | Marcotte | McElvain |

Session Members

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