



# COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*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.*

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

None Like Him

*1 Samuel 10*

## **EVENING WORSHIP**

God's Building

*1 Corinthians 3:9–23*

**January 14th, 2024**

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Rev. Jonathan Landry Cruse, Pastor



## MORNING WORSHIP – 10AM

Pastor Cruse leading and preaching in worship.

*“If we glorify God, he will glorify our souls forever. By raising God’s glory, we increase our own.”*  
–Thomas Watson

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### God Calls Us into His Presence

*The word “church” literally means “called out ones.” In our very name, we acknowledge that our relationship with God is constituted by His call of us. Worship rightly begins with a Divine initiative. But recognizing we are too weak to worship God the way He deserves, we respond to His call in a prayer for the help of His Spirit (the invocation), to which God answers with the assurance of a warm welcome into His presence (the greeting).*

\* Call to Worship: Philippians 2:9–11

\* Invocation

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: Who made heaven and earth!**

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 heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise: 374, *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!*

### God Cleanses Us by His Law and Gospel

*God’s Word instructs us in holy living. We come to it now with humility as it reveals our sin, but also in hope as it reveals our Savior, the Word incarnate. Our corporate prayer of confession is followed by a bold declaration that we need not fear God’s condemnation because Christ has taken it in our place.*

Call to Confession: Isaiah 1:16–17 (p. 566)

Silent Prayer followed by Corporate Confession

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

**People: 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.**

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 1:18 (p. 566)

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving: 278, *Nothing but the Blood of Jesus*

\* The Apostles’ Creed (p. 851)

### God Accepts Our Prayers and Gifts

*All of the Christian life is to be devoted to God. We demonstrate*

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**

*that by giving our hearts to Him in prayer, and our monies to Him in the offering. As our Father, He loves to hear our prayers. As our King, He well deserves our gifts.*

**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 Tithes and Offering

### God Speaks To Us by His Word

*The Bible tells us that it is through the “foolishness of preaching” that God saves sinners. So we eagerly come to hear from Him and receive His grace through the Scripture reading and sermon.*

\* Psalm of Preparation: 51C, *God Be Merciful to Me* (vv. 1–6)

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 10 (p. 232)

Sermon: **None Like Him** | no. 13 in series

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: 283, *Fairest Lord Jesus*

### God Communes with Us in the Lord’s Supper

*This sacrament has been called the Eucharist, which literally means “good grace.” It is a means of God’s grace to us, where by the Spirit and through faith, we are joined with the Lord in heaven and feast upon Him for our soul’s nourishment.*

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. White grape juice is provided in the center ring for those who conscientiously abstain from wine.*

Supper Psalm: 23B, *The Lord’s My Shepherd*

*Benevolent Offering. Please remain seated while offering is taken.*

### God Commissions Us to Serve Him

*The benediction (“good word”) is God’s placement of His name upon us, securing our identity in His love and promise.*

\* Benediction

\* Dismissal and Postlude

*While gathered worship has ended, service to Christ continues: let us go forth in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord!*

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For those who do not profess to be Christian, or have yet to publicly confess Christ before the church, we encourage you to spend the Lord’s Supper in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ.

**For those seeking truth:** Lord, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**For those yet to publicly confess Christ:** Lord, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and trust you as my savior. Amen.

**For those struggling against sin:** Lord, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

# SERMON NOTES

What is the Bible text and title of the sermon?

What are the main points?

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## OUR CONGREGATION

- **Weekly pulpit ministry:** That the Word of God would be preached in power and with zeal, both law and gospel, so that the hearers would be convicted of their sin and misery, but comforted by the merits of Christ and thus live in the joy of this comfort by the Spirit.
- **Elders and Deacons:** For God to strengthen and uphold them through his word daily. For unity and wisdom from the Holy Spirit to carry out their responsibilities at home, work, and church as they care for and provide oversight to Christ's Bride. That God would give them servant hearts. That God would raise up more men to serve.
- **Our witness to the community:** That we would cultivate a culture of joy and gratitude for salvation and exhibit an eagerness to serve one another, counting the interest's of others more important than our own. That our hearts would break over the lost condition of those in our neighborhood and we would be moved to love and serve those whom God has providentially placed in our lives.
- **Our new building:** Praise the Lord for answered prayers in giving us a new space to call home. Pray that He would keep us faithful to our mission of spreading the good news and living for His glory. Thank the Lord for the many people that helped with the move!
- **Our regular ministries:** that through the church's ministries the body of Christ would be joined and held together as its members use their particular gifts God has given them, such that when each part is working properly, the body grows and builds itself up in love.
- For Ben Tiemeyer's dad, who was hospitalized this past week with a collapsed lung.
- For Pastor Cruse who has a busy month ahead with his Doctoral work and for Kerri Ann and the children, too.
- For Hannah Vander Band's missionary trip to Uganda. For safety and physical health of all on the team; that the Lord would prepare the hearts of the team members, giving spiritual growth and sanctification through their training; and that the Lord would use this trip to greatly impact all on the team.

- For the Facility Care Committee as they seek to steward our new building and work to make improvements.
- For our pregnant mothers: Rachel Finney, Heather Vlietstra, and Megan Meulenberg.
- For ongoing health needs in the church: Tim Bero, Brayden Bodfish, John DeVries, and John Wonser.

## THE WIDER CHURCH

- New City Fellowship, Grand Rapids, MI. Pastor Tony Myles (Tanya)
- For the missionary families we support through the Hub-Spokes program: the Hopps in Mbale (Uganda), the Johnsons in Thailand, and the Quebec project in Canada.
- Matt & Christine Ezzell (Wake Co., NC). Pray that the Lord will bless Zion OPC's outreach in the community.
- Stephen Pribble, senior technical associate for OPC.org.
- Associate missionaries Christopher & Chloe Verdick (Nakaale, Uganda). Pray for perseverance and unity for the whole team.
- Yearlong intern David (Hope) Garrett at Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Franklin Square, NY.
- Associate missionary Leah Hopp (Nakaale, Uganda). Pray for physical and spiritual fruit from the outreach of the Community Health Team.
- Home Missions associate general secretary Al Tricarico.

## THE WORLD

- Pray that 2024 would be a year of revival in our world: that the gospel would go out to all peoples and all nations, producing a harvest of righteousness.



## EVENING WORSHIP – 6 PM

Mr. Tom Vander Band leading and Pastor Cruse preaching in worship

*“Do you realize that it is only in the gospel of Jesus Christ that you get the verdict before the performance?” –Tim Keller*

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\* Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:18–24

\* Invocation

\* God’s Greeting

\* The Gloria Patri

**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: 29B, *Now Unto Jehovah*

\* Confession of Faith: The Westminster Shorter Catechism 2–3 (p. 968)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 87 (p. 494)

Corresponding Psalm: 87A, *Zion Founded on the Mountains*

Congregational Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering

\* Hymn of Preparation: 402, *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

\* Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9–23 (p. 953)

Sermon: **God’s Building** | no. 9 in series

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: 404, *The Church’s One Foundation*

\* Benediction & Dismissal

*While gathered worship has ended, service to Christ continues: let us go forth in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord!*

## **SERMON NOTES**

**What is the Bible text and title of the sermon?**

**What are the main points?**



## TODAY'S SERVANTS

Greeter: Fred V

Nursery AM: Melissa B, Marlene V, Elizabeth M

Nursery PM: Cheryl V, Erin P

A/V: R. Vlietstra

Coffee Prep: Lyndsey V

Fellowship Lunch:

A–L, Sides & Desserts; M–Z, Main Dish

Piano: AM, Jane P | PM, Kelly Y

Communion, AM: Westerman

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVANTS

Greeter: Hamming

Nursery AM: Liz S, Julie H, Caroline H

Nursery PM: Megan M, Michal M

A/V: O'Brien

Coffee Prep: Olivia V

Hospitality: Bekius, Bero

Piano: AM, Michal M | PM, Cassie M

## WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Women's Morning Bible Study | Resumes Feb

Women's Bible Study | 2nd & 4th Tue, 7pm

Men's Bible Study | Resumes Feb

Dead Theologians Society | 2nd Wed, 7pm

Prayer Meeting | 4th Wed, 6:30pm

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

(thru 12/31/23)

YTD Actual: \$230,046

YTD Budgeted: \$215,000

Diaconal Fund: \$13,300

Building Fund: \$ 229,230

## SESSION

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## WELCOME

We are delighted to have you worship with us! We pray that you experience the grace of God through the preaching of the gospel and the fellowship of His people. Below you will find some helpful information about our schedule and facility. To learn more about our church and what we believe, please speak with one of us, or you can always visit our website!

Nursery is available during both services in the room across from the welcome center in the foyer. A nursing mothers area is available in a private room down the hall from the welcome center. Bathrooms are located just outside the fellowship hall by the offices or at the end of the hall off the welcome center.

After worship you are invited to enjoy coffee and light refreshments in the fellowship hall. Sunday school will resume January 21st.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This morning** we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Join us after the service for our Fellowship Meal.
  - **Ladies Evening Bible Study** resumes THIS Tuesday, January 16th at 7pm. We will be meeting in the library, which is located near the south entrance by the portico.
  - **Ladies Game Night is THIS Friday, January 19th, 7–9pm.** We are excited to invite you all to our annual women's game night! Please bring your favorite game. Contact Sarah Gunst or Jennifer Westerman.
  - **Sunday School resumes next Sunday, January 21st!** Watch the bulletin for more information on classroom locations or speak with Nate Meulenberg if you have any questions.
- **We are urgently in need of more nursery workers!** With the many new families, babies, and the upcoming maternity leave for many of our mothers who help in the nursery we need more help. If you would be willing to help in any way please speak with Megan Novak.
- **We are planning an Inquirer's class in February** led by Pastor Cruse. Sign up today! The class is for those interested in learning more about our church and the Christian faith, those desiring to profess their faith, and those who want to join. E-mail Tami at: [admin@kalamazoopc.org](mailto:admin@kalamazoopc.org) to register.
  - **Is your preschooler ready to come and explore God's great big world?** Please join us for Preschool Preview at Reformed Heritage Christian School (700 N. Fletcher, Kalamazoo) on Thursday, February 8th from 10–11:30AM. Come and explore the classroom, meet the teachers, enjoy a snack, and make a craft! Please RSVP for you and your child by contacting the school office at 269-383-0505 or [office@refhcs.org](mailto:office@refhcs.org), or sign up online at <https://refhcs.org/preschool/>